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OFF THE PITCH

Chatham United Soccer Newsletter

Chatham, NJ

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STA FALL KICK OFF TOURNAMENT

On August 26-27th players from the Blast, Menace, Riverhounds, Knights, Pride, Storm, Wolves & Lions played in the STA Fall Kick off Tourney. Among the wins and losses, the teams focused on teamwork and resilience, and had a lot of fun. They played like champs and are excited about the season ahead!

HI-HO, HI-HO IT'S OFF TO CAMP WE GO

The new practice jerseys were distributed and a sea of blue washed onto the fields of Chatham for the pre-season camp! Over 200 kids participated, and by all accounts, it was an awesome start to the season!

15 MINUTES OF FAME!

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the article about Chatham United Soccer in the latest issue of Chatham Living Magazine!

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR DOC AS THE NEW SEASON KICKS OFF

"As a new season begins I am reminded of the excitement I first had when I was a player. Seeing teammates, friends and coaches who I hadn't seen for months and talking about what we did during the Summer. Sharing stories and having laughs together, picking up right where we left off. The anticipation of our first tournament together as a team and beginning another challenging league season.

As a coach my mind now wanders to all of the preparation that we do to allow our players to develop and flourish. As a Director of Coaching I am extremely cognizant of the efforts of all of our behind the scenes volunteers who make the club run. Whilst most people are away in the Summer enjoying time with their families, our volunteers are tirelessly working to make sure our Fall Season is well organised. Whether it's ordering uniforms, creating field/game schedules, gaining access to better fields, buying equipment, running our Rec program, our TOPSoccer program, dealing with club finances and all of the tasks our parent managers and coaches take on board. It takes a lot of people for a Club to run smoothly and I am thankful for all of you who help.

I am excited and eager to see our Club continue to grow and develop into something the town can truly be proud to be a part of. Good luck to all of you this Fall Season. Work hard. Enjoy the process and I'll see you all on the fields."



Tom Worthington,
Director of Coaching
(DOC)

CAPTAINS CORNER

An interview with CHS Girls Team Captains, Leigha Matter & Emma Regan



Player Profiles

Both Captains started their soccer careers with Chatham United in Kindergarten and are now captaining the CHS Girls Soccer team. Last year, the team earned both State & County champ titles, which the girls are hoping to repeat this season.

Leigha (#18) plays midfield, sometimes covering center-mid. She loves to practice foot skills and take people on 1:1. Soccer has always been her favorite sport and she's planning to continue her career in college.

Emma (#4) plays center back and loves defensive tackling and playing balls up the field.

What was your favorite memory of playing for Chatham United?

Emma: Definitely playing in the Halloween tournament! I remember dressing as pirates one year. It was always the best weekend of the season.

Leigha: My favorite CU memory was playing against Summit at the WAS field just before school started. It was such an intense game. We were tied 4-4 with 30 seconds left and we scored to win! And then to top it all off, the ice cream truck came. It was an awesome day for our team!

What's your best advice for younger players?

Emma: It's ok to make mistakes. It's so important not to let yourself self feel down, but instead take mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve.

Leigha: Try to get touches on the ball every day. Even if it's as simple as kicking around a futsal ball in my room. I try to have my foot on the ball for 10 minutes every day. This will help you to get more comfortable with ball.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

Emma & Leigha: We really want to end our high school careers on a high note. Our team's slogan this year is "Never Enough" because we want to make this last season the best one yet. Our team's goal is to win all of our County games (as we've done in prior years) and go as far as we can in the State tournament.



Dates to Note for Chatham High School Soccer

9/22, 5pm @Cougar Field: Girls Varsity Cougar Day game

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10/4, 4pm @Haas: Girls Varsity Senior Day game

Link to [Chatham High School Sports Schedules](#)

VOICES FROM THE PITCH



Hard hitting questions, answered by your favorite players.....

What was your favorite part of summer vacation?



"Beating a 9 year old at tennis in France!"
-Beau Chappell



"Seeing fish and swimming at the beach in Florida!"
-Camila Brockmeyer



"Playing basketball with my cousins in the Bahamas!"
-Jackson Lee

"Ohhh that's a tough one! My friend visited from Ohio and we just hung out playing football manager and eating junk food all day!"
-Coach Donny



"I travelled to Italy with my family!" - Kathryn Brommer (left)
"Going to Kiawah with my family" - Sophia Levato (right)

"Going to the pool!"
-Charlotte Magee