

March 2024



OFF THE PITCH

Chatham United Soccer Newsletter

Chatham, NJ

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As a volunteer-led organization, Chatham United always relies on our parents to keep the Club running smoothly. We are actively filling a few key roles to help round out our organization.

- Fields & Equipment Director
- Co-Webmaster
- Social Media Director

Please consider joining us, and see Page 4 for additional details.



BE SURE TO PENCIL US IN...

Please note the following important dates. More details to follow soon!

- 2016+ Travel Tryout Registration, Opens March 15 (see link on pg4)
- 2015+ Birth Year Spring Travel practices begin: Week of March 18
- 2016 & 2017 Birth Year Spring Academy tentatively begins: Week of March 18 (may be later due to town restrictions)
- 2024/25 Season Travel Tryouts for 2016+ Birth Years: Week of April 15
- Registration for 2024/25 Academy/Rec/Top Soccer/Jr Academy: Late Spring
- Pre-Season Camp for 2017+ birth years: August 19-22



SHOP TILL YOU DROP(KICK)

Show your team spirit, support Chatham United, and order your Spring spiritwear today!

ONE WEEK ONLY! Shop closes March 21st at midnight.

[LINK TO ORDER](#)

Also, be on the lookout for an email from your PM about ordering extra practice jerseys.

A TALK WITH TOLKIN

Chatham United recently sat down with JMi Tolkin for a brief interview. John Michael "JMi" Tolkin is a Chatham native, Chatham United alumnus, and an American professional soccer player who plays as a left-back for the New York Red Bulls and the United States national team. Talk about some homegrown talent!!

Raised in Chatham Borough, he attended Chatham High School, Tolkin joined the New York Red Bulls Academy in 2015. During the 2019 USL Championship season he appeared for New York Red Bulls. He made his professional debut on July 10, 2019, coming on as a second half substitute in a 4-3 victory over Bethlehem Steel. During the match he recorded his first professional assist on Tom Barlow's equalizer in the 82nd minute. And the rest, folks, is history.... Tolkin has continued to make his mark in the MLS and has always made our town proud! (continued on pg 2)



A TALK WITH TOLKIN (CONT'D)

An interview with JMi Tolkin; Chatham Resident, Professional Soccer Player, and Former CU Ringer



What was your favorite memory of playing for Chatham United?

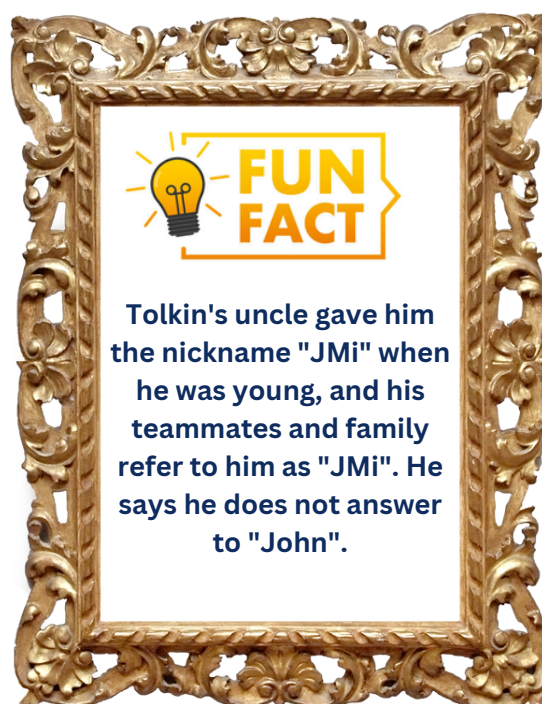
I have so many memories from Chatham United that I can't just boil it down to one! But some of the amazing ones would easily be the annual Halloween Tournament we played in. My team would always spray paint our hair, maybe some face paint and just eat candy and play soccer. Another amazing one is after every game you would exchange a patch resembling your team's logo with the other team. By the end of the year I'd have a whole catalogue of other teams' patches. I still have them to this day. My last one that stands out would be after games all the parents would do a tunnel for the players and we'd run through it, it was extra special after a win and just a really exciting tradition.

What's your best advice for younger players?

My best advice for young players is always be humble/modest, work as hard as you can everyday and as you start to grow up do not compare yourself to other players because it'll only bring you down or stunt your growth. I found these things most important to me and I'm sure they resonate with a lot of other players. If you can try to do all of those to the best of your ability everyday, you'll already be ahead of the crowd!

What are you most looking forward to this season?

2024 is a huge year personally for me. Especially because the 2024 Olympics are coming this summer, so that's what I'm working towards! It would definitely be a dream come true if I am able to go.



Tolkin's uncle gave him the nickname "JMi" when he was young, and his teammates and family refer to him as "JMi". He says he does not answer to "John".

VOICES FROM THE PITCH



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

Who's your favorite athlete?



"**Cristiano Ronaldo** because I like his celebration dance (siuuu)!"

-Connor Richards



"**Alex Morgan** because she can work hard, be successful and still have a kid. And she has great style!"

-Harper Gibbons



"**Stein Erksen**, an iconic Olympic skier."

-Marlow Cashin



"**Saquon Barkley**, because he is a good person and reminds me to work hard."

-Will Richards



"**Jack Hughes** on the Devils, because he tries hard, he's smart, skates fast and is a cool kid!!!"

-Claudia DeGaetano



Volunteer Positions with your name on it...

1) Field & Equipment Director: Do you have the best lawn on the block?

Do you love sports gear? Then this may be the job for you....

- Develop & lead volunteer team to ensure consistent field readiness (grass evaluation, lining, etc)
- Manage club equipment; ensure all equipment is available and in good working condition (goals, nets, flags, etc)
- Liaise with town DPW to request field maintenance as needed



2) co-Webmaster: Assist with TeamSnap administration. This is a two year (or more, if you can't get enough) commitment.

- Coordinate with the Director of Coaching to setup TeamSnap and Registration for Camps and Training programs
- Manage payments, withdrawals, transfers, and reporting in TeamSnap
- Help parents with TeamSnap support
- Assist with setting up the following season



3) Social Media Director: Can you make a reel? Can you bring mundane messages to life? Can you make a 10 year old soccer team IG-famous?

- Liaise with Board + Marketing team to communicate key messages & branding across CU social media platforms
- Manage & leverage current high school Social Media Intern (aka: someone who will definitely know all the ins/outs of the latest in Social!)
- Develop calendar and content while managing social accounts



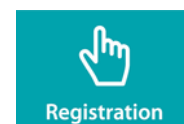
Reach out to chathamunitedreg@gmail.com if one of these sounds like the job for you!

2024-25 Travel Tryouts

Registration Opens March 15th!!

Open to Chatham Girls & Boys born 2010 to 2016

[LINK TO REGISTER FOR TRAVEL TRYOUTS](#)



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SUMMER CAMPS



Chatham Girls Soccer Camp: This camp is for girls in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham High School varsity head coach.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thurs), Rain Date = July 19th
- **Time:** 5-8pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$250
- **Director:** Anthony Correale, Chatham High School Girls Varsity Head Coach
- **Contact Info:** acsoccertraining2016@gmail.com

Chatham Boys Soccer Camp: This camp is for boys in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham High School varsity head coach.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thurs)
- **Time:** 8:30am -12:30pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$300
- **Director:** Mark Maka, Chatham High School Boys Varsity Head Coach
- **Contact Info:** info@chathamsportscamps.com



“T.WO Touch Soccer” Camp: This camp is for players in grades 4-12 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham United Director of Coaching, Tom Worthington.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** August 5th-8th & August 12th-15th (Monday-Thursday)
- **Time:** 9am - 12pm
- **Location:** Mountain Park, Basking Ridge
- **Cost:** \$250 for 1 week (or \$450 for 2 weeks)
- **Director:** Tom Worthington, Chatham United Director of Coaching
- **Contact Info:** info@twotouchsoccer.com, 908-285-3358



Chatham Sports Camp - Girls Soccer: This camp is for girls in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by Gary Adair, the former CHS varsity girls soccer head coach and a current Physical Education & Health teacher at CHS.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** June 24 - 27 (Mon-Thurs), Rain Date = June 28th
- **Time:** 8:30-12:30pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$300
- **Director:** Gary Adair
- **Contact Info:** gadair@chatham-nj.org

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