



NEWSLETTER

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Board Meetings: Fourth Monday of each month. Round Table Pizza, Coddington, 7:00 PM. Anyone may attend to listen or speak to the board. The board welcomes all participation.

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President's Message

An excerpt from "A Historical Overview of American Soccer History - The College Era, and Rules Consolidation, 1862-1875"

"Collegiate play resumed on a regular basis after the Civil War. Rules varied widely among different schools and communities; Princeton played with 25 players, some people even played a game with innings, with a victory going to the first team to score a fixed number of goals (a la volleyball). In 1866, Beadle & Company of New York published a set of rules for both Association Football (soccer) and the "Handling game" (Rugby). The first intercollegiate game using rules resembling modern game was played on November 7, 1869 in New Brunswick, NJ between Princeton and Rutgers (Rutgers won 6-4). This game used the London Football Association's 1863 rules which called for, among other things, 25 players, a field 110 meters x 70 meters, a 24 foot wide goal, movement of the ball allowed with all parts of the body (including hands, ball could be batted or held, but not carried or thrown). First team to

score 6 points won. Interestingly, this same game is also generally recognized as the first GRIDIRON FOOTBALL game as well.

Soccer was also taken up at this time by Yale, Columbia and Cornell, and reintroduced to Harvard in 1871 in a hybrid form known as the Boston Game, a version which also allowed the throwing and carrying of the ball. At this time, football was still played by a number of different and conflicting rules. In 1873, inspired by the English Football Association's rules unification, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, and Rutgers met in New York to draw up a uniform set of rules based on the London 1863 rules. They established 20 players on a team, a field measuring 400 feet x 250 feet, 25-foot wide goal, 6 goals to win, and a point scored by passing the goal past the goal posts. Carrying the ball was prohibited. Shortly after the first game under these rules, a Yale victory over Princeton, an English team, the Eton Players visited New Haven and played Yale, to whom they lost 1-2, in the first Anglo-American

international match. Yale was persuaded to adopt the English custom of 11 players to a side, and subsequently argued for its universal adoption, which was generally achieved by 1880.

Meanwhile, Harvard had become more interested in the Rugby form of the game, and looked for competition against similarly oriented teams. When they happened upon McGill University of Montreal, who had also adopted those rules, the two teams played the first intercollegiate rugby match in 1874. The second of these games was played with an oval ball under English Rugby Association rules, and marks the evolution of soccer into the modern gridiron game. A fateful event which would forever change the fortunes of American soccer took place in 1875 when Yale Harvard and bridged the game gap to play a match under special concessionary rules, which included both goals and tries (later touchdowns), and a 15 man roster. Harvard won 4 goals to none and 4 tries to none. Yale reassessed their position after this humiliation, and decided to adopt the Rugby code. Princeton, (who had watched the game as observers) were impressed enough to follow suit. In 1876, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia formed the Intercollegiate Football Association using Rugby rules. Stevens, Wesleyan and Penn soon followed, and the end of 1876 had signed the death knell signed for collegiate soccer in the US.”

Fast-forward to our present day and age and our own Northwest Oaks Youth Soccer Club is just getting our season started. Class III or Development soccer teams have been practicing all summer and will begin tournaments in August. Class IV or Recreational soccer teams have just been formed and will begin practice in August. The board has been working hard to ensure your children will have another outstanding soccer season this year. We continue to be committed to continuously improving the soccer experience for the youth of the Northwest Oaks Soccer Club. This is an organization composed solely of volunteers who donate their time to ensure that your child has the opportunity to carry on the tradition of playing soccer in the United States that started back in 1609.

Remember this is your club, and your child’s ability to continue to enjoy the benefits of youth soccer depends entirely on your support in

one form or another. This year we’ve reminded the coaches to keep in mind the following: The coach sets the tone for the team – The team looks up to the coach to provide leadership for the team. Treat all officials, opposing teams, players and parents with respect.

- Ultimately they are responsible for the behavior on their sidelines – This includes parents, players and coaching staff.
- Goalpost safety is everyone’s concern (especially coaches) – Coaches will check before each game to ensure the goalposts are tied down and instruct their players never to hang from the goalposts or try to tip them over. This can lead to serious injury or death.
- Picking up trash after your game – Coaches will check the field after each game picking up trash left behind after the game. This will ensure our ability to get field permits next year.

Soccer is a great sport with a long history in our country and I look forward to seeing you out on the field in 2004!

Uniform doesn’t fit? Missing part or all of your uniform?

If you didn’t get a uniform that fits, we’re sorry...but don’t worry, we’ll make it right on Uniform Exchange Day! Bring your child and current uniform to Schaefer School on the morning of Saturday, August 28 (9:00am to noon) and we will do our best set you up with the uniform you need. We can’t give you a particular number, but we should be able to get you a uniform that fits. We hope you don’t need to, but if you do, come on down!

Protest and Appeals

The proper procedure, for any protests or appeals. For any unforeseen concerns, which might occur. Please contact, Bob Anderson at 526.3804

Let the games begin

The first day of league games will begin August 28, for all recreational players. Schedule to be out by mid to late August.

Coaches notes:

Reminder, you need to carry your player registration forms to EVERY practice, game or any CYSA sanctioned event for consent for medical purposes.
(Treatment of minors)

Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!

Did you know North West Oaks is ran solely by dedicated parents who give their time to ensure our kids are having a fun, valuable soccer experience. We are in dire need of more of these individuals. Some of our teams are larger this year due to lack of coaches. We are currently in need of a few parents to help with the equipment exchange on August 28th and on Picture day September 19th. We will also be looking for people to volunteer for board positions and coaches for next year. Any commitment you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Please call our hot line at 526-3804.

The children thank you.

Picture Day & Raffle Tickets

Mark your calendars. September 19 will be our club wide picture day. **Place TBA**
Remember those raffle tickets you got at registration. We'll bring them to picture day. There will be a box at the T- shirt table drop them into the box. You might get lucky.

City Cup Oct 9 &10

City Cup will be held October 9th and 10th. This is a tournament that is for U10's and up. You should of received a application in your coaches packet.

The deadline for getting your application is September 10th at 5:00 pm.

There will be no applications accepted with a postmark date of August 20th.

The fee for this tournament is \$130.00, and the Northwest Oaks will reimburse any coach that participates \$65.00 (half the entry fee).

If you have any questions or need an application please give Kathy Herron a call at 545-7608.

Good Luck Teams