

GFSC/CAPS Fall Season Recap Newsletter

Greater Flemington Soccer Club

December 2020



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Happy Holidays & Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we'd like to wish you a safe and healthy holiday season! We would also like to thank you for your support as we navigated an unprecedented Fall Season. The GFSC and CAPS families set great examples for our opponents by following our COVID-19 guidelines.



CAPS Premier

CAPS Premier Soccer had **a solid season this Fall**. The CAPS program was started to offer premier-level players in our area the opportunity to play locally at a competitive level that encourages player development. Our CAPS teams finished with a collective winning record this Fall. In October, we had **7 CAPS Premier teams ranked in the Top 25 in the State!**

The CAPS season started with **tournament win for the 2010B CAPS Blackburn** (picture on right) who took home the trophy at the STA Cup in Morris County. This was their first tournament as a CAPS team!

In October, the **2008G CAPS Courage won the EDP Fall Cup** after going 4-0 in the tournament (picture on right).

CAPS also had **7 players selected for the Olympic Development Program (ODP)** in partnership with NJ Youth Soccer Association. **Coach Ashley Denti** was also selected to coach the 07 Girls ODP Team. Congratulations to those players and Coach Ashley named to ODP!

We want to say a **huge THANK YOU** to our volunteer team managers and parent coaches for your time and dedication to our teams this season. The CAPS Program would not be possible without your support!

Tara Kraatz, CAPS Premier Administrator



2010B CAPS Blackburn



2008G CAPS Courage

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GFSC Travel

The 9 GFSC Travel teams showed their determination this Fall as they transitioned to a new level of competition in the EDP League. We had a few newly formed teams who were learning how to play together, and each team was focused on development. Kudos to all teams for working hard each week, keep it up!

Congratulations to the **2006B Titans** who finished 4th in their North Jersey Championship II flight (pictured on right). The **2011B Revolution** also finished strong in their EDP Futures Central Red flight with a winning record.

Several of our teams found success at the Columbus Cup Tournament with the **2009B Rage** taking home the trophy as tournament winners (pictured on right) for their age group and both the **2011B Lightning** and the **2012B Galaxy** recording their first wins of the season in October at the tournament.

The **2010G Spirit** finished strong with a 3-0 win over the #1 team in the division. The **2005B Rangers** came in 4th place at the EDP Fall Cup.

We'd like to let our volunteer team managers and parent coaches know how **THANKFUL** we are for your time and dedication to our teams this season. The Travel Program would not be possible without your support!

Beth Hain, Interim Travel Administrator

GFSC Rec Soccer

The Rec Program operated in a different model this Fall due to COVID-19, focusing on trainer-led drills and scrimmages with players from the GFSC community. Overall, we had 230 kids participating, ranging in age from 2 to 18. **A big Thank You to the parents** for helping ensure we could play safely! The kids improved their skills and had fun through our "Play – Practice – Play" model. We will share more information about our Spring Rec Program soon.

Erin Henitz, Director of Recreation



2006B Titans, 4th in their flight



2009B Rage, Winners, Columbus Cup Tournament

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Retirement Recognition – Joe Raborn

Congratulations and Thank You to Joe Raborn, who is retiring from GFSC after 24 years of service to GFSC! Joe, our current Director of Schedules/Referees, is our longest standing board member and a former president of the Club. After many years of saying he was going to retire, Joe claims this is finally it!

In honor of Joe's deep commitment to the Club and our community, the Board has recognized Joe with a **plaque in his honor at the Referee Bench on Field 1 at Clover Hill.**

Joe, we will miss your experience, expertise and light-heartedness at our Board Meetings! We wish you the best in your retirement!

The Board of Directors



Joe (right) and his son Matt refereeing at a GFSC Festival

Director of Coaching (DOC) Update from Coach Jono

Parents and Players,

Firstly, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying a little downtime from soccer.

It has been fantastic to be back out on the fields to watch our young athletes continue to develop their technical and tactical skills, their physical attributes and strong mentality. During the Fall season we implemented a season plan that involved **more high intensity practices and more transition-based drills**. These types of practices teach the players to play under high pressure and most importantly it teaches them the importance of working at an intense speed. If we can get our players outworking the opposition and showing a hunger to win the ball back, more positive results will follow. It has been a pleasing start.

I am very pleased with the improvements that teams made across the Fall 2020 season.

Teams have become more and more competitive as the season has gone on, which has been very pleasing to see. I will be assessing the fighting for the 2021 Spring season to ensure that all teams are placed in a competitive division. Congratulations to all our teams that won their league or a tournament during the Fall season!

A big thank you to all the players, parents, trainers and team managers for all your hard work and understanding this season! Happy Holidays!

Coach Jono Furlong, GFSC/CAPS Premier Director of Coaching



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A Note from Our President, Steve Fecho

Hello GFSC/CAPS Families,

Each season our players, coaches and parents display their resiliency no matter what comes our way: weather events, league changes, registration system changes, field availability and now a pandemic. Based on our long history of rising to a challenge and your willingness to be flexible, we felt confident to bring some semblance of a season to our Club, and you did not disappoint. Without your support and understanding this would not have been possible.

Like most youth sports programs in the Greater Flemington area, GFSC is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization. We do not receive any taxpayer dollars for anything we do, including the operations of all our programs or the maintenance of our home at Clover Hill Park. **We depend on volunteers like you** to help run these programs for our community. Please consider volunteering for one of vacancies including Travel Administrator. **We need your help!** Without volunteers, we will not be able to continue to deliver the high-quality programs you've come to expect. Please contact [Ira Rosenheim](#) or [Tracy Ely](#) for more information. -SF

Board of Directors

Congratulations to **Erin Henitz, Director of Recreation** and **Rob Fusi, Director of Schedules/Referees** who are joining the Board and will serve 2-year terms.

Position	Board Member
President	Steve Fecho
Vice President	Ira Rosenheim
Director of Finance	Brian O'Connor
Treasurer	Beth Hain
Secretary	Jim Warden
CAPS Premier Administrator	Tara Kraatz
Travel Administrator	Help Wanted
Director, Recreation	Erin Henitz
Director of Equipment	Barry Levine
Director of Fields	Peter Failla
Director of Marketing/Communications	Tracy Ely
Director of Schedules/Referees	Rob Fusi
Director of Special Events/Fundraising	Evelyn Artache
Registrar	Jared Swart
At Large Board Member	VACANT
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Club News

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Our Mission

Greater Flemington Soccer Club, GFSC, is the largest independent soccer club in Central New Jersey. As a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization, our mission is to promote and foster the game of soccer to all.