

GFSC/CAPS Fall Season Recap Newsletter

Greater Flemington Soccer Club

December 2021



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Happy New Year & Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we'd like to wish you a safe and healthy new year! We would also like to thank you for your support as we navigated another Fall Season during a pandemic.



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. The CAPS season started with a win for **2011B CAPS Ajax** who took home the trophy at the Lou Ramos Tournament in their first tournament as a CAPS team!

In October, the **2008B Atletico** and **2010B Blackburn** teams had strong showings at the EDP Fall Cup. In November, the **2011B Ajax** and **2007B Monaco** finished in 1st Place in the EDP Fall Classic. In December, our **2005B Arsenal** team had a strong showing at the Super Y National Championships in FL. In addition to winning tournaments, our **2011B Ajax** also finished 1st in their flight with a 7-1 record! The **2008G Courage** finished 3rd in their flight. Congratulations to all of our teams for their hard work this season!

CAPS also had multiple players selected for the **Olympic Development Program (ODP)** in partnership with NJ Youth Soccer Association.

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, Outgoing CAPS Premier Administrator



2011B CAPS Ajax



2007B CAPS Monaco

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GFSC Travel

Our GFSC Travel teams have enjoyed competing in the Mid-NJ Youth Soccer League this Fall, and we had three teams that were undefeated in league play! Our **2013G Shooting Stars** were 9-0 in their league bracket and also were the winners of the Highlands Cup tournament! The **2012B Galaxy** were also undefeated with a 9-0 record, and our **2013B Rockets** were 6-0-3.

Congratulations to the **2005B Rangers** who finished 4th in their tough U19 bracket! The **2008B Rage** and **2010G Fire** both had great seasons, finishing 3rd in their brackets. The **2010B Lightning** finished their season strong with a thrilling tie, and you can see from the picture below that they had a great time! Our youngest team, the **2014B Thunder** enjoyed practicing their new skills at small-sided weekend games.



2013G Shooting Stars

I would like to **thank all of our volunteer team managers; we so APPRECIATE the time and dedication you have put into your teams this season.** The Travel Program would not be possible without your support!

Beth Hain, Outgoing Travel Administrator & Current Treasurer



2011B Lightning

GFSC Rec Soccer

The 2021 Fall season welcomed **Carlos Rivera, our new Director of Coaching** for our GFSC Rec and Travel programs. This season focused on taking it back to the basics and ensuring kids were learning the fundamentals of soccer to support them as they grow. The U4, U6 and U8 leagues were trained by our very own U18 Rangers players! Overall, we had 369 kids participating, ranging in age from 2 to 18. **A big Thank You to the parents for continuing to help ensure we could play safely in the ongoing pandemic world!** 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, Outgoing Director of Recreation & Vice President

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Director of Coaching (DOC) Updates

Parents and Players,

Wishing all happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous new year!



I'm proud of all teams and coaches for their individual and team accomplishments given the many circumstances experienced during the season. This effort, shows the character and aptitude required to be successful in life.

I'm looking forward to a new year full of opportunities to continue working hard and improving player's technical and tactical skills.

Thank you to our players, team managers, parents and coaches for your dedication this season!

Coach Carlos Rivera

Director of Coaching, GFSC Travel & Rec

Parents and Players,

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



It has been a great year for CAPS, and our young athletes continue to develop their technical and tactical skills, their physical attributes and strong mentality.

I am very pleased with the improvements that teams made across the Fall 2021 season.

Teams have become more competitive as the season has gone on, which has been very pleasing to see. 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 this season!

Coach Jono Furlong

Director of Coaching, CAPS Premier

A Note from Our Outgoing President, Steve Fecho

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the GFSC Board of Directors for their tireless effort and their commitment to our community. I would also like to thank my wife, Jennifer, for accepting my many nights and weekends devoted to making the Club the best it could be. As Board President the last 4 years and Rec Director 5 years previously, it has given me great joy to see the program grow despite the many headwinds we experienced the last 18 months. All of this would not have been possible without your resilience, understanding and belief in our Club.

I would encourage everyone to get involved in our community; all organizations benefit by people getting involved, sharing ideas and building bridges. Thank you for your unwavering support. Lastly, I would like to wish Jeff Perron and the newly elected Board members continued success building the Club to sustain another 45 years. - Steve

A Note from the Board of Directors

We sincerely thank Steve for his 9 years of service to GFSC/CAPS and Ira Rosenheim for his 4 years as VP. We are grateful for your steadfast leadership. – GFSC BOD

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A Note from Our Incoming President, Jeff Perron

I would like to **congratulate Steve Fecho on his great stewardship** while serving as president of GFSC/CAPS. Steve guided the program through one of the toughest periods of time that we have experienced. COVID certainly provided tremendous challenges, yet Steve, and the GFSC Board under his leadership, were able to navigate the Club through this pandemic. Steve leaves his position with the Club in great shape, and, moving forward, our goal is to continue to provide opportunity for everyone who wants to play the beautiful game - from the premier-level CAPS teams, to our competitive Travel teams, to our tremendous Rec program for all ages.

My request to all parents in the Club is to get involved. As a non-profit organization, we depend on volunteers to help run every aspect of our program. Please reach out to any of our Board Members, Coaches, or Team Managers to find out how you can help. I look forward to working with everyone in our Club to build on the foundation and achievements that those before us have accomplished. - *Jeff*

2022 Board of Directors

Position	Board Member
President	Jeff Perron
Vice President	Erin Henitz
Director of Finance	Brian O'Connor
Treasurer	Beth Hain
Secretary	Help Wanted
CAPS Premier Administrator	Daniel Ramsey
Travel Administrator	Hugo Monteiro
Director, Recreation	Help Wanted
Director of Equipment	Help Wanted
Director of Fields	Peter Failla
Director of Marketing/Communications	Tracy Ely
Director of Schedules/Referees	Rob Fusi
Director of Special Events/Fundraising	Help Wanted
Registrar	Jared Swart
At Large Board Member	Mike Hill
At Large Board Member	Ira Rosenheim
At Large Board Member	Bryan Kraker

Recognition

Thank you to **Steve Fecho, Tara Kraatz, Evelyn Artache, Barry Levine, and Jim Warden** for their years of service on the BOD and welcome to our new members (in bold)!

Help Wanted

Are you **skilled in web design**? We're looking for someone to help update our [GFSC](#) and [CAPS](#) websites. Please contact [Tracy Ely](#) for details.

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A Few Photos from Rec



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