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Welcome to the NorthStar News, the staff and coaches of the NorthStar Club, hope that each player and parent takes the time to read this informative news-letter.

Thank-you, Coaches

Calendar of Events

March 23, NorthStar
Banquet, 5:30 - 8:00pm.

June – 23rd, 24th, 25th,
26th, NorthStar tryout
dates. Time to be
announced.

June – 27th, 28th, 29th,
Robbie Tournament,
Toronto, Canada.

July – 7th, 8th, 9th,
Northstar Camp,
times to be
announced.

ODP Tryouts,
Aug. 2-3, 2003

Who are we, really?

*by Darrell C. Rogers
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NorthStar Soccer wears many hats and has many associations and affiliations. Thought I'd take a minute and help everyone understand who we really are!

You know NorthStar's mission is to use soccer as a vehicle to teach the life lessons associated with the pursuit of excellence. In order to do this AND play in sanctioned games, leagues and tournaments we must have an official status within the main governing body of soccer in the US: the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

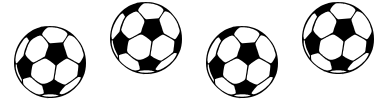
We are affiliated with USSF through two different means.

First, we are a division of Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer (TBAYS), which is a member league of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), which in turn is a member state of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), which is a board member of USSF.

I know – we're way down on that complex food chain. As a matter of fact, neither USYSA nor MSYSA even recognizes NorthStar Soccer as having any official status other than as teams registered by a league – our official league is TBAYS.

Of course, two of our five current teams (NS85 and NS90) are not registered by TBAYS; instead they are "sponsored" by TBAYS into the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), which registers them. Oh, just for fun, MSPSP does not recognize clubs like NorthStar as official entities either – they only recognize leagues. Which is one of many good reasons we will continue to remain a division of TBAYS – every team in MSPSP must be sponsored by an official MSYSA league..

Kind of wondering why you started reading this? Hang on, it gets even more exciting!



In the 2002/03 soccer year our other three teams (NS89, NS87 and NS86) play in the Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA), which is based in Grand Rapids. Those teams are registered by both TBAYS and GVSA.

Got it? Well, you had to know we weren't going to keep it that simple. Remember way back before all the abbreviations I said we used TWO different means of affiliation with USSF? What you read above is the first way.

Actually, our second affiliation is much less complex. NorthStar Soccer is registered, as an official soccer club, with US Club Soccer (USCS). US Club Soccer is directly affiliated, as a board member, with USSF. It is the only organization mentioned so far that actually recognizes NorthStar Soccer as it's own entity. As such, we can play in US Club events and even sponsor leagues and tournaments. For example, NS89 participated in the first ever USCS U14 girl's national championship tournament this fall.

This is why all NorthStar players have two players pass cards and two rosters: One from US Club Soccer and one from TBAYS or MSPSP. (Incidentally, we were the 17th club to register with US Club Soccer – making us a charter member!)

Hope this helps everyone understand who we are, at least officially, in the soccer world.

Don't worry, the question of who we are in the more important world of your daughters' lives receives much, much more of our thought, attention, devotion, and time than the silly but necessary stuff explained above. (I know – I used the term "explained" a little liberally.)

NorthStar Legacy



NorthStar was started in 1995 with two teams - a U16 team (NorthStar 80) and a U14 team (NorthStar 82). The players from these two teams have graduated from high school and have moved onto the challenges of College and adulthood. The NorthStar 83 and NorthStar 84 teams followed these teams. Combined, these teams have been premiere league champions twice and runners-up twice. Read on to see what has become of some of these great soccer players?



Alicia Grambeau-NS84, Harbor Springs, is playing for Ohio Wesleyan where she was the second leading scorer for the Div III National Champions.

Lauren Gentry-NS82, Traverse City (TC), a junior at Albion College, was named first team All-MIAA.

Kalie Schwarz-NS83, Elk Rapids, plays attacker for Aquinas College and was named an NAIA All-American her freshman year.

Nicky Davenport-NS82, Leland, left her award-winning youth soccer career and has pursued many other interests at Michigan State.

Tricia Plum-NS80, TC, is a four-year letter winner at GVSU where she graduates this year with a nursing degree.

Mary Masck-NS82, TC, was named to the All-Big Ten Academic Team; she plays center defender at Purdue University's rationally ranked team and will play this summer for the Carolina Twisters of the W-League.

Anna Hagel-NS84, Gaylord, was invited to join the MSU team and hopes to be a factor in the Big Ten next year.

Tracy Gunderson-NS83, Petoskey, has played on the field as well as in goal for Aquinas; she is looking to transfer to a Div II program in Colorado.

Gretchen Ford-NS84, Harbor Springs, played in goal this fall for Olivet.

Erica Hocking-NS82, TC, was a freshman standout in goal, earning first team all-league honors at IUPUI (Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis).

Sarah Foltz and **Sarah Pennington**-NS84, Petoskey, play at Aquinas where they have learned about the hard work and great rewards associated with college soccer!

Kristen Anderson-NS83, formerly of Traverse City and now Cadillac, is a member of Michigan's National Champion club team



Sally Koop-NS82, Elk Rapids, is a three-year starter for the University of Detroit/Mercy.

Brittany Sheets-NS82, TC, is captain and a player/coach of Western Michigan University's successful club team.

Emily Rogers-NS82, TC, was named Most Valuable Offensive player for the third year in a row at Ferris State University. Emily will be joining Mary Masck this summer and playing for the Carolina Twisters.

Jen Gaylor-NS83, Roscommon, joined Emily Rogers at FSU and is the second all-time leading scorer behind Emily.

Jenny Weber-NS83, Gaylord, is a star on Cornell University's RUGBY team and was recently invited to tryout for the Women's National Rugby team.

Kelly Vorenkamp-NS80, Petoskey, played at Ohio Wesleyan and was part of creating that Div III soccer dynasty.

Aryn McCready-NS82, TC, played two years at Aquinas and has returned to TC and assists with the NorthStar 85 team and plans to continue both her college soccer and coaching career.

Jill Pardini-NS84, TC, is a center midfielder at the University of Iowa (Big Ten) and hopes to do battle with Mary Masck or Purdue and Anna Hagel of MSU for the Big Ten Championship next year.

Jane Rynbrandt-NS84, Petoskey, plays for Whitman College and has commented that her classes are interesting and even *fun* at times.

Kami Lucius-NS84, TC, is attending NMC and is still being courted to play college soccer in Indiana.

Dani Raiche-NS83, Petoskey, played her freshman year at Grand Valley State University and had a tough time adjusting to the coaching style but stayed with it and survived the season.

Hanna Johnson-NS82, TC, was a standout central midfielder for IUPUI for two seasons. She recently transferred to MSU and is coaching VERY young soccer players.

Sara Hansemann-NS82, TC, attends the University of Michigan and was a member of the men's crew team her freshman year where she was awarded Best Coxswain for her prowess at steering the boat!

This year will be no exception, either, as the graduating class of 2003 goes on to play for NCAA Div II, III, and I levels and NAIA teams.

"There is nothing wrong with the other fellow being better than you are as long as you did everything you possibly could to prepare yourself for competition. That is all you have control over. That is all you should concern your self with. It may be that the other fellow's level of competency is simply higher than yours. That doesn't make you a loser."
- John Wooden from *Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and off the court.*



"I believe in the benefits of a competitive atmosphere. As a coach, I'm trying to invite everyone else into it. Some players won't come along. If they don't come along in one way, I try to convince them to come along in another way. The classical way for them to come along is the competition itself. Most athletes don't want to see their names on the bottom of our lists. But another way is to convince them of their own potential and let them know that others who became great started exactly where they are now. Being competitive is a decision, not a talent. And we're trying to convince players to make that decision to compete."
Anson Dorrance from: *The Vision of a Champion*

