



# SPORTS QUEST

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### Summer Camps 2005

The 2005 Summer Camp schedule is well on its way to completion! Camps will be held Houston wide and once again, hope to attract around 1000 campers between June 6 and August 5. For an up to date camp itinerary, check out the Summer Camp Schedule now posted on the Sports Quest web-site.

### Coaching Clinics

Sports Quest conducted TEN clinics in 2004 for children aged 5-11 years. These were held at Rosehill Christian School, St. Francis Episcopal Day School and Chapelwood United Methodist Church. In addition, Sports Quest also provided coach and parent education clinics at Chapelwood United Methodist Church and Second Baptist Church.



### Birthday Parties

A number of birthday parties were provided by Sports Quest. These took place at the West Houston Indoor Soccer Center. The "Birthday Boy" received a Sports Quest soccer ball, T-Shirt and other surprises, while his friends each received a "goody bag" to remember their day!

### Prison Ministry

Sports Quest visited Beaumont's Federal Correctional Institution with the Westside Quest men's soccer team who compete in the HFA Premier Division (Houston Football Association). The first game (April 30) was against inmates at the Medium Security Prison. The game was watched by around 1500 inmates! It was a terrific day of ministry as we shared God's love not only with the players, but also with the 1500 spectators. On Friday September 17, the team again traveled to Beaumont, this time for 2 games in the same day. Our first opponents were from the camp institution (white collar offenders) while our second was from the Low Security Institution. Again, a sizeable crowd turned out to watch both games, and although Quest lost the second game 2-1, the day proved to be highly successful from a ministry and evangelistic standpoint. We were able to hand out Bibles and tracts to each inmate player, and appreciated the opportunity to share a message on "God's amazing Grace".



Mike Williams (coach of Westside STARS U.15 girls) also attended the prison game in September. He did an outstanding job as

referee and even got some playing time before he was taken down by an inmate and could play no further part in the proceedings!

### School Training

Sports Quest has continued to develop its relationship with Cypress Community Christian School (CCCS). Team training is currently being conducted for the middle school boys and girls teams, as well as the high school team.

### Community Recognition

In April, Sports Quest received a donation check from Coca-Cola for its contribution to youth soccer in the Houston Community. The check was presented to Sports Quest during the awards ceremony at the Copa Coca-Cola held at Cullen Park.



### The British Are Coming!

On March 28, a team of English soccer players (U.18 boys) will be visiting Houston to train with Sports Quest during the day, and then compete against Westside and other area teams in the evenings. Several Westside parents have agreed to host the boys, and this promises to be a memorable event not only for the English boys, but also for the families and players involved at Westside Soccer Club. Further details will be made available closer to the arrival date.

## Westside Soccer Club News...

*2004 proved to be an exceptional year for the Westside teams trained by Sports Quest! Here are some of the successes recorded by the teams...*

### **U.11 boys coached by Daniel Salamone and trained by Kevin Dove**

Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in State Finals

First place in the Quail Valley Friendship Tournament

Runners up in the District Championships

### **U.12 boys coached by Randy Shipman and trained by Matt Miller**

Runners up in the Houston Easter Invitational Tournament

Runners up in the Angleton Halloween Shootout

Qualified for District Playoffs

### **U.15 boys coached by Paul Robey and trained by Matt Miller and Kevin Dove**

Qualified for District Playoffs

### **U.16 boys (Super 2) coached by Earl Thomas and trained by Matt Miller and Kevin Dove**

Runners up in the Houston Labor Day Cup

Qualified for District Playoffs

### **U.17 boys coached by Tracy Fraser and trained by Matt Miller**

HYSA District runners up

Third place in South Texas Cup

### **U.18 boys coached by Jeff Ralston and trained by Matt Miller and Kevin Dove**

State Champions

First place in the Houston Labor Day Cup

First place in HYSA District



### **U.12 girls (Division 1) coached by Curtis Young and trained by Mark Miller**

Runners up in the Houston Easter Invitational Tournament

### **U.13 girls coached by Paige Coleman and trained by Kevin Dove**

Runners up in HYSA

### **U.13 girls (Super 2) coached by Scott Ledoux and trained by Matt Miller**

Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in State Finals



### **U.15 girls (Super 2) coached by Will McCrocklin and trained by Mark Miller**

First place in Brenham Bluebonnet Invitational Tournament

Runners up in Houston Labor Day Cup

### **U.15 girls (Division 1) coached by Mike Williams and trained by Jim Spence and Matt Miller**

First place in Cy-Fair Valentines Tournament

Runners up in Challenge Presidents Day Invitational Tournament

Runners up in Houston Easter Invitational Tournament

Runners up in EDDOA Presidents Cup

Third place in EDDOA State Cup

### **U.16 girls coached by Mark Brody and trained by Mark Miller**

HYSA District Champions (spring)

State Champions South Texas Cup (spring)

HYSA District Champions (fall)

State Champions (fall)

### **U.17 girls coached by Rob Schmidt and trained by Kevin Dove**

Runners up in Sylvan Beach Tournament

Runners up in Houston Labor Day Cup



### **U.18 girls coached by Fred Smalley and trained by Jim Spence and Kevin Dove**

First place in the Houston Easter Invitational Tournament

**Sports Quest extends a special thanks to all the Westside coaches mentioned above, as well as to coaches Paul Ziegenbein, Wade Hilty and Mike Zacharias for their outstanding contribution to youth soccer within Westside Soccer Club in 2004!**

## Westside Soccer Club News Continued...

### Tactics And Skills Training Program

Sports Quest trained 114 players aged 7-10 years in the highly successful Tactics And Skills Training Program. This Program is designed to prepare players for future competition and focuses on individual player development, as well as small-group tactics and team related issues (such as width in attack, depth in defense etc). The primary goal is to promote technical excellence leading to team excellence at the future competitive levels of play. Running alongside this goal is the major emphasis on fun and enjoyment for all players involved in the Program. ***There is great potential for forming a number of outstanding teams at the U.11 age group for the fall 2005 season. As Westside Soccer club continues to attract talented young players from the Bear Creek, Cy-fair and Memorial areas, the future looks bright and healthy for years to come!***

### Goalkeeper Training

Sports Quest once again provided FREE goalie training throughout the spring and fall seasons. These sessions have proved invaluable in developing confidence and superior technique amongst the Club keepers.

### Personal Training

One of our fastest growing programs! Many players have realized the advantages of working one on one with a personal trainer. Sessions are geared towards improving technique through repetitive and challenging exercises; key factors in the accelerated learning environment that this program provides.



### Quest For Character

The "Quest For Character" remains a constant motivator to the Sports Quest staff. Soccer is seen as a tremendous platform to teach young people the importance of good and Godly character. The fall season's theme has been "Wisdom...A study in Proverbs" and has addressed key issues such as "Listening to, and honoring parents; remaining humble during times of success; minding our speech; being diligent at all times and in all endeavors; being teachable; being trustworthy; choosing our friends carefully; being patient; being honest and being dependable. Each week a new Scripture verse has been posted on the Sports Quest web-site that goes along with the wisdom theme. In addition, each training session has concluded with a challenge to players not only to memorize the weekly Scripture, but also to apply it to their lives. In other words, not just to "talk the talk", but also to "walk the walk"!

***"Building character on and off the field" is not only the Sports Quest motto, it is also an essential ingredient of the Sports Quest training method and philosophy.***



*I want to take a moment to thank all of you at Sports Quest! Mark has done a great job with the team and has the girls attention which is an amazing feat...and many of the girls have had the opportunity to be trained by Matt and Kevin as well. A few with Jim. Sports Quest is a class act! So to the point it's been a great experience and will continue as we move towards EDS2 now that Div. II is done. The girls could not be in better hands!*

**Coach Mark Brody U.16-Girls**

## Staff News...

**Jim Spence** successfully completed his National Youth Coaching License in January. He will be a STYSA instructor for two Youth Modules scheduled for February 2005.

**Matt Miller** and his wife Marissa celebrated the birth of their first child, Emma on March 28. He also acquired his National Youth Coaching License in January.

**Kevin Dove** successfully completed his USSF "B" License in Florida and will also be taking his National Youth Coaching License in January 2005. Kevin has been a full-time staff member for 2 years.

**Mark Miller** became a full-time staff member in January 2004 and successfully completed his USSF "B" License in Florida. Mark will be taking his National Youth Coaching License in January 2005.

Matt, Mark, Kevin and Jim received their Level 1 Goalkeeping Certification in February 2004 and will each be traveling to Austin in February 2005 to participate in the Level 2 License.

**Debbie Spence** became a full-time staff member in September 2004. Her official title is "Office Manager" and her duties include office admin., book-keeping, scheduling, etc. etc!

The Sports Quest part-time staff played a major role in the success of the Tactics And Skills Training Program, ensuring that the player to trainer ratio was kept to a minimum (approx. 1:8). These were **Josh Dolan, Bethany Gardner and Chad Williamson**, and each brought terrific enthusiasm to the sessions in which they were involved.

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## Did You Know...

➤ Sports Quest attended **219** games during the fall season and **110** games in the spring 2004 (teams aged U.9 – U.11). **This amounts to a total of 329 games attended by Sports Quest trainers in 2004!**

➤ The Sports Quest web-site has an entire page dedicated to recognizing the achievements of teams within Westside Soccer Club. This can be found at [www.sportsquesttraining.com](http://www.sportsquesttraining.com) (under "Team Achievements")

➤ Sports Quest has trained **SEVEN** State Championship winning teams over the past couple of years. Westside Soccer Club and Sports Quest continue to produce teams capable of competing at the highest levels.

➤ There are currently **TWO** Division 1 teams playing at Westside and trained by Sports Quest... U.15 girls coached by Mike Williams and U.12 girls coached by Curtis Young. There are **FIVE** teams playing at the Super Blue levels and **TEN** playing Division two. Westside Soccer Club and Sports Quest caters to all ages and abilities...

➤ The Olympic Development Program (ODP) is open to all the Westside players. Kellie Frank pictured opposite of the STARS (U.15 girls) has recently been selected for the ODP tryouts in the New Year. For further information on ODP, click onto the STYSA web-site located at [www.stxsoccer.org](http://www.stxsoccer.org).

➤ Several players trained by Sports Quest have received college scholarships in the past few years. These include Justin Potter, Katie Blaylock, Jared Williamson.

➤ Former camp staff member Josh Gardner was drafted by LA Galaxy of the MLS in 2004. His sister Bethany is currently a Sports Quest trainer in the Tactics and Skills training program. To read more about Josh, check out "Summer Camps" on the Sports Quest web-site.



**Thank you for the opportunity to serve the players, parents and coaches at Westside Soccer Club in 2004. We look forward with much optimism to working with you again in 2005...**