

## NWIUFC 2006-2007 SEASON

### CONGRATULATIONS TO AMY CAROLLO, 92 GIRLS BLUE PLAYER!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO AMY CAROLLO, NWI UNITED FC 92 GIRLS BLUE TEAM MEMBER, FOR BEING SELECTED TO THE ODP REGION II TEAM. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS HONOR. SELECTION TO THIS PRESTIGIOUS TEAM IS DONE DURING REGION II ODP CAMP, ATTENDED BY ODP STATE TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE MIDWEST. IT IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR AMY TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND DEVELOP AS A PLAYER! CONGRATULATIONS AMY FOR YOUR GREAT EFFORT AND YOUR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!

### MORE GREAT NEWS!

#### NWI United 91's - U-16 Boys captures KISS Tournament Title

The U-16 Boys overcame the sweltering heat and fierce competition to win the 2007 Kalamazoo Invitational Soccer Showcase.

The team tied the Appleton Firestorm, WI, 1-1 in the opening game. They defeated the TKO Premier, MI, team 3-1 in the second game. And defeated the Galaxy Blue, IL, team 2-1 in the third game to advance to the finals. In the finals, the team rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win 4-3 over the Flying Kick, MI, team. The Flying Kick are the Champions of the Best of the Midwest Tournament having defeated the Chicago Magic 90/91 team (ranked 10th nationally) 2-1 in the finals.

The NWI United U-16 Boys ended their season with an impressive 17-4-3 overall record.

In addition to the victory by the U16 Boys, the U15 Girls White team finished as Finalists in the U15 Girls Challenge Cup. They won their semi-final v. Tippco 4-3 and lost the final to Greenfield Strikers 5-3 with only 10 players-2 of which were injured.

Congratulations to both of these teams!

### IT WAS A WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS!

THIS WEEKEND MANY NWI UNITED FC TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE NISL TOURNAMENT TO END THEIR SEASONS, AND OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN TOURNAMENTS ACROSS THE REGION. IT WAS A GREAT WAY TO END THE YEAR WITH SOME HARD FOUGHT VICTORIES AND 6 TEAMS COMING HOME WITH TROPHIES FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE U13 BOYS BLUE TEAM FOR WINNING THE CENTER GROVE COCA COLA CLASSIC WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 9TH & 10TH. THE TEAM WENT UNDEFEATED WITH A RECORD OF 3-0-1. GREAT TEAMWORK BY ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE TEAM LED TO IMPRESSIVE WINS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WAS PLAYED AGAINST JGSA FROM PEORIA, IL, AND CAME DOWN TO PKS AFTER 20 MINUTES OF OVERTIME PLAY. IT WAS A HOT DAY, BUT THE BOYS PUT FORTH THE EFFORT NEEDED TO COME AWAY WITH A HARD WON VICTORY. PLAYERS FOR THE BLUE TEAM THIS WEEKEND WERE NICK KUDYBA, CHRIS VASQUEZ, QUINN PARKS, TROY NAVE, TREY SORRELLS, BRENT HOWARD, ADAM DRABICK, ROB MCBRIDE, JOHN MORRIS, BERKLEY RAMSEY, PARKER STAHL, JIMMY BUCHANAN, HAYDEN FOGLE, JACOB VAN SCHOUWEN, AND SHAWN GOODFELLOW. THE TEAM WAS COACHED BY WALLY KUDYBA. IT WAS A FANTASTIC WAY TO END THE 2006-2007 YEAR AND START SUMMER!



THE U12 BOYS PLAYED HARD ALL SEASON IN THE NISL SILVER DIVISION AND TODAY CAME AWAY WITH THE BIG PRIZE... THE NISL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP! FINALLY, WHILE OUR YOUTH PROGRAM FOCUSES ON DEVELOPMENT, WE ALWAYS LOVE TO SEE GREAT VICTORIES FROM OUR YOUTH ACADEMY. OUR U9 BOYS PLAYED HARD THIS WEEKEND AND BECAME THE U9 NISL BOYS RUNNERS-UP IN THE NISL TOURNAMENT. GREAT JOB AND EFFORT BY ALL THE NWIUFC PLAYERS WHO SHOWED UP AND REPRESENTED TO THE AREA SUCH FANTASTIC AND UNITED TEAMS! WE ARE PROUD OF ALL 26 TEAMS REPRESENTING NWI UNITED FC THIS SPRING SEASON!

ALL OUR TEAMS FROM U9 THROUGH U15 SHOWED THEY HAD WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPETE. THE U14 BOYS WENT 5-1 THIS SPRING SEASON WITH THEIR ONLY LOSS COMING TO FWSC WHO THEY FACED IN SUNDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. IN THE FIRST GAME THEY DEFEATED JR IRISH 2-0; THE SECOND GAME BROUGHT AN OVERTIME VICTORY AGAINST WARSAW (2-1); AND FINALLY THEY DEFEATED THE FT WAYNE SPORT CLUB TEAM 3-1 TO WIN THE NISL TOURNAMENT FOR U14 BOYS! GREAT WORK AND EFFORT ON EVERYONE'S PART! WAY TO PLAY LIKE A TEAM AND WHAT A WAY TO HEAD INTO HIGH SCHOOL PLAY!

IN ADDITION TO THE WIN BY THE U14 BOYS, WE HAD 4 OTHER TEAMS EITHER WIN OR FINISH 2ND IN THEIR TOURNAMENT PLAY THIS PAST WEEKEND. THE U13 GIRLS (PICTURED HERE) WON NOT JUST THEIR NISL TOURNAMENT BUT ALSO THEIR LEAGUE PLAY GOING UNDEFEATED THIS SEASON. THE U12 GIRLS WHITE TEAM HAD A GREAT WIN IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TO WIN THE NISL TOURNAMENT.

### CONGRATULATIONS TEAMS!

Over the past month our club has seen several successes. Over state cup preliminary weekend we had 4 teams qualify for finals weekend by winning their brackets: U12 Girls Blue, U15 Girls Blue, U15 Girls White, U18 Boys Blue. We also had 5 teams finish 2nd in their bracket, just missing the chance to advance to next weekend's play: U13 GIRLS TEAM, U14 BOYS TEAM, U15 BOYS BLUE TEAM, U16 BOYS BLUE TEAM, U17 GIRLS BLUE TEAM.

Over this Memorial Day weekend, we had teams participating in tournaments across 3 states. While I don't have any results from the Best of the Midwest Tournament. I do have these outstanding results courtesy of our Girls Program Director, John Marovich:

The U-19 girls (NWI United FC 89 Girls) won the Warrior Cup this weekend in Dayton, Ohio in the Top Division going 5-0 and out scoring the opposition 21 to 2.

The U-17 girls (NWI United FC 90 Girls) Blue won the Queen City Classic this weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio in the Top Division going 4-1 out scoring the opposition 14-4 and avenging the only loss of the weekend in the final 2-1.

In addition to these girls' victories, our U13 Boys White team had a very successful weekend in the Jr Irish tournament, going 3-1 and playing in the semi-final match on Monday. Also, the U11 Boys Blue team went 3-1, but unfortunately did not advance to Monday's play.

So, just to recap: NWI United FC will now be represented by 5 teams in State or Challenge Cup finals: U12 Girls Blue (C), U15 Girls Blue (S), U15 Girls White (C), U18 Boys Blue (S), U18/19 Girls (S). We also have the Warrior Cup top division champions - U18/19 Girls. We have the Queen City Classic top division champions - U17 Girls Blue. We have the Jr Irish semifinalists - U13 Boys White. We also have several teams who will win or finish 2nd in their NISL divisions. We have teams who will win or finish 2nd in their ISL leagues. We also have very successful teams competing in the MRL.

What does all this mean? It means that no other local club can compete with our victories. When you have the best directors and provide the best trainers... the results will come. Congratulations to these teams and all the rest for your hard work this season!

### \*\*\* CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ODP STATE TEAM PLAYERS! \*\*\*

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING NWI UNITED FC PLAYERS FOR BEING SELECTED TO THEIR STATE ODP TEAMS:

91 BOYS: TREVOR SPANGENBERG (U16 BOYS)

92 BOYS: JACOB TASHER (U15 BOYS BLUE), ALTERNATE - GEORGE BUKUR (U15 BOYS BLUE)

93 BOYS: EVAN COUDRIET (U14 BOYS), MAC GREEN (U14 BOYS), TREY SORRELLS (U13 BOYS BLUE)

94 BOYS: JOHNATHAN BUTLER (U12 BOYS)

92 GIRLS: TARA ELLIS (U15 GIRLS BLUE), KAREN LIDDELL (U15 GIRLS BLUE), COURTNEY PONSLEER (U15 GIRLS BLUE),

LAUREN SEAWRIGHT (U15 GIRLS BLUE), SARAH SKERTIC (U15 GIRLS BLUE), KARA WEBB (U15 GIRLS BLUE)

93 GIRLS: CARLY BERMES (U15 GIRLS BLUE), AMY CAROLLO (U15 GIRLS BLUE), KELSEY SHOEMAKER (U13 GIRLS)

94 GIRLS: RACHEL MARCZEWSKI (U13 GIRLS), SARAH RIVICH (U13 GIRLS), ANNIE SKERTIC (U12 GIRLS BLUE), ALTERNATE - ABI SMALL (U13 GIRLS)

CONGRATULATIONS PLAYERS ON BEING SELECTED TO YOUR ODP TEAMS!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NWIUFC PLAYERS!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO BEN VASQUEZ (U16B), TREVOR SPANGENBERG (U16B), MIKE MALONEY (U16B), AND CHRISTOPHER VASQUEZ (U13B BLUE) FOR FINISHING SECOND IN THE NATIONAL 3V3 TOURNAMENT IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS ALSO GO OUT TO THEIR COACH, JOHN SPANGENBERG (TREVOR'S DAD). THEIR TEAM "THE GERMANS" COMPETED WITH ANOTHER NORTHWEST INDIANA PLAYER EARLY IN FEBRUARY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION. THEIR SECOND PLACE VICTORY CAME AFTER A WINNING SHOOTOUT. GREAT JOB BOYS! WAY TO REPRESENT NORTHWEST INDIANA!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U11 BOYS WHITE TEAM!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO OUR U11 BOYS WHITE TEAM FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT WEEKEND! IN THE SOCCTOBERFEST IN ZIONSVILLE, THE U11 BOYS WHITE TEAM PLAYED THEIR HEARTS OUT AND CAME AWAY WITH A WELL DESERVED SUCCESS STORY. IT WAS AMAZING TO WATCH AND AN OUTSTANDING END TO THIS FALL SEASON JOURNEY. EACH AND EVERY PLAYER DID THEIR BEST TO WORK AS A TEAM AND EARN A MUCH DESERVED SECOND PLACE. THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PARENTS, THE GUIDANCE OF THE COACHES, AND THE ENTHUSIASM OF ALL THE PLAYERS MADE THIS WEEKEND A JOY REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U9 BOYS FOR 2ND PLACE NISL TOURNAMENT FINISH!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT THE U9 BOYS IN A TERRIFIC END TO THEIR EXCELLENT SEASON. THE BOYS PLAYED THEIR HEARTS OUT AND LOST IN OVERTIME IN THE FINALS (2-3). THIS GROUP OF BOYS CAME A LONG WAY THIS SEASON, GETTING BETTER WITH EACH GAME. WAY TO GO U9 BOYS!

## **CONGRATULATIONS U11 GIRLS FOR A 2ND PLACE FINISH!**

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO OUR U11 GIRLS TEAM FOR FINISHING 2ND IN THE U11-U12 GIRLS AGE GROUP FOR NISL THIS FALL. THIS TEAM WENT 5-1 DURING REGULAR SEASON PLAY WITH THE ONLY LOSS COMING TO A U12 TEAM. THE TEAM PLAYED EXTREMELY WELL TOGETHER ALL SEASON AND DID A GREAT JOB AGAINST THEIR U12 COMPETITION IN THE FINAL GAME OF THE NISL TOURNAMENT. GREAT WORK TO FINISH SECOND IN THE NISL TOURNAMENT!

## **CONGRATULATIONS U11 GIRLS!**

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO OUR U11 GIRLS TEAM FOR GREAT TOURNAMENT PLAY AT THE HALLOWEEN CLASSIC! THE GIRLS PLAYED AWESOME AND ENDED THE TOURNAMENT WITH A 2-1-1 RECORD PLACING THIRD OVERALL. GREAT JOB GIRLS... WAY TO BE UNITED AS A TEAM!

## **CONGRATULATIONS U13 BOYS BLUE AND U14 BOYS TEAMS!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U13 BOYS BLUE TEAM FOR BEING FINALISTS IN THE TOP DIVISION OF THE PIKEFEST TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND! CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE U14 BOYS TEAM FOR MAKING IT TO THE SEMI FINAL GAME OF THEIR DIVISION! GOOD JOB TO THE U11 BOYS BLUE TEAM AND THE U13 GIRLS FOR PROVIDING TOUGH COMPETITION IN THEIR BRACKETS!

## **CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR UNITED PLAYERS!**

AT NWIUFC, OUR FOCUS, ESPECIALLY IN THE YOUTH, IS DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT ALL THIS DEVELOPMENT LEADS TO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SPOTLIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS YOU READ ABOUT EVERY DAY IN THE NEWSPAPER. WHETHER IT IS A BOY FROM CHESTERTON OR A GIRL FROM VALPO, OUR PLAYERS ARE LISTED DAILY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR TEAMS. THE LEVEL OF PLAY ACROSS THE BOARD FROM SMALLER SCHOOLS TO THE LARGER SCHOOLS HAS INCREASED DUE TO PROPER DEVELOPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DAC ENDED ITS SEASON WITH A TOUGH GAME BETWEEN UNDEFEATED CHESTERTON AND CHALLENGER MICHIGAN CITY. MICHIGAN CITY SCORED IN OVERTIME TO WIN, AND ALL THE PAPERS WROTE ABOUT THE GOAL THAT PUT MICHIGAN CITY AHEAD: "GOAL SCORED IN THE FINAL SECONDS OF THE FIRST OVERTIME TO GIVE MICHIGAN CITY A 1-0 WIN OVER CHESTERTON. JUNIOR MATT KNIOLA (UNITED 89) FED THE BALL INTO THE BOX WHERE SENIOR JOHN FETTIG (UNITED 89) GOT A HEAD ON IT AND SENIOR RILEY BYRNES (UNITED 89) REDIRECTED THE BALL INTO THE BOX." THE POINT IS NOT THAT MICHIGAN CITY BEAT CHESTERTON, BUT THAT THREE PLAYERS INVOLVED IN SCORING THAT WINNING GOAL ALL PLAYED ON THE U17 BOYS BLUE TEAM LAST SPRING. THE SAME THING CAN BE SAID ABOUT CHESTERTON'S VICTORIES OVER LAKE CENTRAL AND PORTAGE, PORTAGES VICTORIES OVER ALMOST EVERYONE, AND SO MANY OTHER SCHOOLS' SUCCESSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: KANKAKEE VALLEY, GRIFFITH, MUNSTER, BOONE GROVE, GAVIT, LAKE CENTRAL, VALPO, AND CROWN POINT. WITH PROPER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, GOING TO THE RIGHT TOURNAMENTS AND SHOWCASES, OUR SENIOR PLAYERS HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE ON THEIR TEAMS AND IN THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION REGION WIDE.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING UNITED BOYS (2006 SPRING SEASON) FOR BEING NAMED TO THE 2006 DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS FIRST TEAM: JORDAN LEWIS (CHESTERTON), MARK BABCOCK (CHESTERTON), JOEY DOMENICO (MUNSTER), CASEY BOWMAN (LAKE CENTRAL), BROOKS BERMES (PORTAGE), JEFF JELINEK (MERRILLVILLE), AND ALEX MANNEN (CHESTERTON). CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE UNITED BOYS (2006 SPRING SEASON) FOR BEING NAMED TO THE 2006 DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS SECOND TEAM: RICKY GARVEY (CHESTERTON) AND KEVIN ISAAC (PORTAGE). THESE HONORS WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR RESUMES.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS AND COACH FOR LAC HONORS: BLACK DIVISION FIRST TEAM - JOEY DOMENICO, LEO GIANNAKIS, PETER BROUSALIS; BLUE DIVISION FIRST TEAM - JOSH BLACKWOOD, BUDDY STOERMANN; BLUE DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION - AARON STOERMANN; COACH OF THE YEAR - JIM PRASOPOULOS.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS FOR DAC HONORS: JORDAN LEWIS, MARK BABCOCK, RICKY GARVEY, CASEY BOWMAN, MILAN MARINKOVICH, JEFF JELINEK, DAMIAN MARCINIAK, BROOKS BERMES, KEVIN ISAAC, BRETT GORDEN, MIKE DISNEY, RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, PETER KALMBACH. A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO BOYS MVP: JORDAN LEWIS.

IN ADDITION TO THESE BOYS AND SO MANY OTHERS WHO MADE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR TEAMS THIS SEASON, OUR U14 GIRLS TEAM FROM LAST YEAR HAD ALL 2006-2007 FRESHMAN MAKE THEIR VARSITY TEAM THIS YEAR. MOST UNITED PLAYERS STARTED, AND SEVERAL WERE THEIR TEAM'S NUMBER ONE OR NUMBER TWO SCORER (TARA ELLIS - PORTAGE).

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THESE GIRLS FOR LAC HONORS: BLUE DIVISION FIRST TEAM - BRIDIE JURASEVICH; BLACK DIVISION FIRST TEAM - SAMMI HOLMES, SHELLIE SAWA, KELLI PARKS; BLACK DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION - SARA MCINERNEY.

**CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THESE PLAYERS FOR DAC HONORS: ELAINE SCHNABEL, KATHLEEN SPEARS, RACHEL EBERLY, ALLISON HARVEY, BRIANNA WHITSITT, KACEY LOUDERMILK, TARA ELLIS, MOLLY O'BRIEN, RUTH ZEMKE, MEGHAN DENNY.**

**IN ADDITION, CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS FOR DISTRICT HONORS: FIRST TEAM - RUTH ZEMKE, ELAINE SCHNABEL, KACEY LOUDERMILK; SECOND TEAM - MOLLY O'BRIEN, TARA ELLIS.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SENIOR PLAYERS! THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON OF SOCCER FOR ALL YOUR SCHOOLS!**