

11/18/2003

**U14 Athena Black Is On The Move!**

The U14 Athena Black team coached by Stafford Zeon finished the season in second place, earning a spot in the Athena A division next year. The team first started in the E division, working its way up the ranks to this hard-earned spot in the A division.

11/15/2003

**Concorde Fire Brings Back Wins From Raleigh Shootout**

Congratulations to the U15 Boys Concorde Fire Elite and the U17 Boys Concorde Fire Elite for their victories at the Raleigh Shootout, November 15-16, hosted by the Capital Area Soccer League (CASL). The U15 Elite won the Champions A bracket, and the U17 Elite won the Champions White division. Other teams representing Concorde-Fire at Raleigh included the U12 Boys, U13 South, U14 Elite, U16 Elite, U16 Black, U18 Elite and U18 Silver.

11/01/2003

**First Annual Casino Night and Auction Fundraiser A Huge Success**

On a picture perfect November night, our crowd of over 250 Club parents, friends and coaches enjoyed a delicious catered feast, complimentary bar, great music and a wonderful party. Our Casino was lively and professionally run. Our big "winner" amassed \$380,000, earning him the top Casino doorprize of exclusive Concorde Fire embroidered gear. The vast array of silent auction items overflowed on our tables, enticing one and all. From gift certificates to theme baskets to weekend trips to golf outings, there was something for every enthusiastic guest.

The Live Auction conducted by our Director of Coaching, Tony Annan, was very exciting. With items such as British Air tickets, a brand new golf car, a US Men's National Team jersey autographed by Brian McBride and Landon Donavon, Luxury suite for 24 for the Hawks, Airtran tickets and Lasik surgery there was lots of energy flowing during the bidding. Over 30 doorprizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders and gamblers. Concorde Fire gear, restaurant and store certificates, Nike backpacks, and silver jewelry were among the gifts distributed.

We would like to extend our THANKS to everyone who made the night possible and invite all of you to join us next year. This was an event not to be missed.

09/25/2003

**CONCORDE FIRE ANNOUNCES FIRST ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER EVENT TO BE HELD 11/01/2003**

On Saturday, November 1, 2003, this Concorde Fire Extravaganza will feature live and silent auctions, casino style gambling, live music, dancing, door prizes, food and drinks. Enjoy a night to remember, filled with fun and fantastic gifts. It will be a great opportunity for club members and friends to meet. For more information, click [here](#).

09/22/2003

**U15 CONCORDE FIRE BLACK WINS RBC LIBERTY INSURANCE SOCCER CLASSIC**



The Concorde Fire Black squad, led by coach Mike Swinney, took home the trophy from their visit to the RBC Liberty Insurance Soccer Classic 2003. In the process, the team shut out all opponents during the tournament. The U15 Concorde Fire Black is playing Classic II this year.

09/22/2003

**U18 CONCORDE FIRE SILVER REACHES RBC LIBERTY INSURANCE SOCCER CLASSIC 2003 FINALS**

The Georgia Juniors U18 Concorde Fire Silver '86 squad advanced to the finals of the U18 Men's division in the RBC Liberty Insurance Soccer Classic, losing in the finals 2-1 to the Oak Ridge Wildcats of Tennessee. The tournament included victories over the ETSF Falcons 2-0, DSC Crew 3-0 and a 2-2 tie with Team Mutiny.

A smothering defense led by Captains Nick Haggard and Daniel Husack featured stellar play by Tom Sprinkle and Alex Walendziak. Keeper Pete Taylor closed the door for the 1st two games assuring advancement to the finals. Pauli Wiesboeck, Logan Marett, Kojo Cole-Kesse and Tom Sprinkle had 2 goals each. Sprinkle's goal in the finals staked the Silver to a 1-0 lead 2 minutes into the match.

Midfielders Oliver Shaw, Stewart Dodge, Kyle Wright, David Garcia, Sam Arnold and Hyatt Baker were outstanding in controlling the tempo and possession throughout the tournament. Dodge had 2 great assists and Shaw dominated the middle. Baker's play was especially notable and included a header goal and an open shot both negated due to questionable "keeper interference" calls in the final match.

Marett suffered a minor concussion and a major black eye in the finals. Garcia, nursing a partially torn MCL, provided tremendous coverage following Marett's injury. For tournament scores go to <http://www.soccerclassic.com/18B.pdf>

The team is coached by Tony Fordham. In 2002, they finished 3rd in the U17 Classic I division, were finalists in the invitation-only Germantown GIT and have competed in numerous other tournaments including the select Tampa Bay Sun Bowl and Schwann's Super Cup, Aiken Soccer Cup, CASL Raleigh Shootout and the Atlanta Cup. For more information, go to <http://www.concordesilver86.com>.

06/17/2003

**CONCORDE FIRE TEAMS WIN BIG AT STATE CUP**

Concorde Fire teams have taken 5 out of 12 State Championships in the Georgia State Cup. With the U15 Boys Concorde Silver team who won the Region III Premier League last fall, we will be represented by the following six teams at the Region III Championships:

- \* U14 Boys Fire
- \* U15 Boys Fire
- \* U15 Boys Concorde Silver (Region III Premier League winners)
- \* U16 Boys Concorde Silver
- \* U17 Boys Fire
- \* U18 Girls Concorde Silver



In addition, the U15 Boys Concorde Silver and the U19 Girls Concorde Silver came in second in the finals. Congratulations to the teams that will represent the club and the state of Georgia at Region III Championships in Greensboro, NC beginning June 26th.

04/30/2003

**CONCORDE SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND ATLANTA FIRE FOOTBALL CLUB TO MERGE AND BECOME ATLANTA CONCORDE FIRE**

We are very excited to announce the merger of two of the metro area's finest soccer clubs. By joining Concorde with Atlanta Fire, our combined resources, coaches and players will create the finest soccer club in the state! Beginning with the Fall 2003 season, our teams will compete as Concorde Fire. Below are some highlights of the merger announcement:

- \* Training Locations. U13 and below teams will continue to train at their local fields in Dunwoody & Alpharetta to focus on development. Most U14 and above teams will also continue to train at their local fields. The top team in each gender at U14 and above will combine players and resources to form the most competitive team and will train at both locations.

- \* Tryouts. Tryouts for U13 and below will take place at local fields in Dunwoody and Alpharetta. Most U14 and above tryouts will also take place at their local fields. Tryouts for the top U14 and above teams will take place at both locations.

- \* Coaching. The coaching selection process that has been in place for both clubs will remain unchanged.

- \* Uniforms. We are excited to present brand new Concorde Fire uniforms for all our players. We will be using top-of-the-line Nike uniforms that will combine the colors of the two clubs.

- \* Nike Premier Club Status. Concorde Fire will be the premier soccer club in the state and will be recognized as such by Nike Soccer starting this fall. As one of only 30 Nike Premier Clubs (and the only one in Georgia), we will have exclusive access to Nike sponsored events, tournaments and coaching clinics with National Team coaches.

- \* Super Y League. Concorde Fire will be the only youth club in Georgia to have the exclusive Super Y League franchise in all age groups. This elite summer league has been granted Olympic Development Program (ODP) status.

- \* College Contact List. Concorde Fire coaches and administrators maintain the most comprehensive college contact list of any club in the state.

- \* Elite Tournament Participation. Because of our combined tournament contacts and on-field success, Concorde Fire will be participating in the most exclusive tournaments nationwide.

- \* European Tour Program. Because of Concorde Fire's extensive European contacts, our teams will be participating in competitive soccer tours against European professional youth programs.

04/28/2003

**TRYOUT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

Tryouts for Fall 2003 season Concorde Fire select teams will begin on May 27th. Pre-registration is not required. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the tryout time to register and to receive your tryout number and other information. To check your



age group eligibility, click here. For more information about tryouts in Alpharetta, call 770-619-2372, and in Dunwoody call 404-847-0096. There are no tryouts for recreation-level teams. Registration will begin May 19th for the Fall 2003 season.

03/28/2003

### **84 CONCORDE SILVER COLLEGE COMMITMENTS**

The '84 Concorde team has come a long way under Ken Kurilec's leadership over the past four years. The young ladies moved from the Third Division (C level), when Ken took over the team to having two State Cup semi-finalist appearances and one finalist effort. The team was invited to play in such great tournaments as the Houston Shoot-Out, WAGS, Score at the Shore and the Orange Classic. Ken also stressed character and academics and the results are very impressive with every player with a GPA above 3.75 and an average SAT score of 1252.

We would like to thank Ken for his efforts on the field and wearing out his cell phone with college coaches. We wish each student athlete great success on the field and in the classroom. GO CONCORDE!!

- \* Lee Ann Blalock — T.C.U.
- \* Amanda Elam — Georgia
- \* Lauren Eller — Catawba
- \* Danielle Goulet — Winthrop
- \* Jessica Griggs — Bucknell
- \* Kasie Groom — William & Mary
- \* Jessica Jordon — Lipscomb
- \* Erin Kniery — Troy State
- \* Katie Lanning — Brown (Crew)
- \* Anna Mapes — Virginia
- \* Erin Mazursky — Georgetown
- \* Lindsay Smith — Kennesaw
- \* Lucy Thompson — Colorado College
- \* Sharon Young — Samford

03/15/2003

### **Concorde Players Can Now Register Online**

Georgia Soccer is testing a new online registration system on their Web site, and they have selected Concorde Soccer Association to be among the first clubs to use the new system. Please note that Select players will need a team code and their player code. That information is available from your coach or team manager.

02/22/2003

### **Concorde Challenge Cup Web Site Comes Through**

Those of you who played or had players in the Concorde Challenge Cup 2003 remember the torrential rains that came the day and night before the tournament opened. With field closings and venue changes, the schedule quickly turned to mush. Our schedulers worked long and hard to come up with a workable revision. The webmaster posted the revised schedules by 5:30am so all could get to the latest information. While the phone lines were swamped, the Web site received over 6,000 hits that day. After the storms, we enjoyed some warm weather and great soccer.



Our thanks go out to the staff at PVI Productions, who maintains our Web site for a job well done.

01/25/2003

**Concorde's Own Stafford Zeon Selected As Coach Of The Year**

Georgia Soccer's Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, January 25. The crowd at the Westin Atlanta Airport enjoyed an evening of celebration as GSSA announced their annual award winners, including Concorde Soccer Association's own Stafford Zeon, the 2003 GYSA Atlanta Beat Girl's Coach Of The Year.

Zeon holds a National C Coaching license and is the head coach for two Concorde teams, the U13 Athena Silver and U13 Athena Black. In 2002, he brought the former Blackburn Comets (U12 Athena) to Concorde with a combined record of 58-29-11.

Stafford played four years of high school soccer at Sequoyah/Cross Keys in DeKalb County, GA. He received many awards for soccer including Best Offensive Player, Most Valuable Player & Coach's Award. He still holds the all-time scoring record for his high school. After high school Stafford played NCAA Division I soccer at Alabama A&M University and was second in scoring with 11 goals as a freshmen. He later transferred to Berry College and led his team in scoring with 14 goals. He was an All-American and All-South at Berry. Stafford played division 1 Amateur soccer in Georgia and captained 4 championship teams.

01/06/2003

**Registration Now Open for Sprouts and Recreational Soccer**

Concorde Soccer is now accepting registrations for the Spring 2003 season for U6 and U8 Sprouts and Recreational Soccer. Deadline is January 31, 2003. Sprouts season runs from March 2 through April 27, 2003.

