# **Crossfire Premier Newsletter**

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Crossfire alumni, welcome to our new newsletter, which will inform you of the current goings-on at the club! Our newsletter will be quarterly and will be sent to you via email. Even though your son/daughter has graduated, we want to continue our relationship by keeping you involved in the exciting developments at Crossfire!

## 2018 Auction

One of the biggest nights of the year is our auction. This year we hosted a masquerade theme and it was the best one yet! The silent auction begun proceedings, which was followed by the live auction. Some of our auction items included: signed Neymar and Maradona jerseys, trips to Hawaii and Alaska, as well as a 4 game soccer trip to England. The band finished off a memorable evening. Thank you to everyone that was involved!



# **Development Academy**

Our academy teams continue to impress domestically and overseas as our teams have recently competed from California all the way to Madrid, Spain.





BU-14 DA at Oceanside



BU-14 DA in Madrid, Spain



BU-13 DA in SoCal

### **Individual Achievements**

Congratulations to Maia Tabion, GU-16/17 DA, who won the CONCACAF Girls' U-15 Championship in Florida! The U.S. Under-15 Girls' National Team beat Mexico 3-0 after the game went to overtime.





Christian Soto-Rincon and Wesley Frankel on the U-18/19 DA team recently travelled to Europe to have trials with Norwegian first-division club, Stabæk Fotball. Christian and Wesley could also head to Belgium in the coming months to trial with Club Brugge, one of the most decorated clubs in Belgian soccer!

Earlier this summer, four XF players were called up to represent the U.S. national team at three different levels. *Korede Osundina, Declan McGlynn, Sally Menti and Zoe Burns.* 



Congratulations to Malakai Ogunsemore, BU-10 who was on trial at Borussia Monchengladbach and Borussia Dortmund this fall. Borussia Monchengladbach and Dortmund are two of the biggest clubs in Germany and Europe.

# **XF NCAA Participants**

Congratulations to the 31 former XF players who competed across 3 divisions in this year's NCAA women's tournament. There were 17 who played in Div. 1, 6 in Div. 2, and 8 in Div 3.

We had 19 former XF players who competed in the NCAA men's tournament. There were 11 in Div. 1, 1 in Div 2 and 7 in Div. 3.

### **XF To Fund Regionals**

Winning a Washington State Cup championship is a significant achievement, so Crossfire wants to reward those teams for their effort and dedication by funding travel to Boise for regionals! XF is committed to ensure every player has the opportunity to compete at the highest level available.

#### XF Gives Back!

'Tis the season of giving and Crossfire did just that 600 times! 138 pairs of boots, 56 balls, 154 jerseys and many more items were donated to an underprivileged community in Jamaica with considerable help from Anabel Moore, G03A. Crossfire and Anabel plan to make this an annual event to help improve Waterhouse Football Club and many surrounding communities. Anabel stated, "Football has transformed my life; nothing brings me more joy than seeing more children able to play and fall in love with the game.



# XF Upcoming News!

There is so much to be excited about at XF as we head into the new year!

#### **Trips**

We have 4 girls and 5 boys teams going to elite competitions in Europe between now and June 2019, including the B05-A trip to England and G06-ECNL to Amsterdam and Paris.

#### **AS Roma**

Our official partners, AS Roma have asked for six younger XF boys to train with their age groups at Trigoria in January. We have a great relationship with Roma and we are excited for our players to experience unique opportunities by training with some of the best players and coaches in Europe.

#### More European partnerships!

We have signed talent development deals in three countries in Europe, all first division teams: Neth- erlands (SBV Excelsior), Belgium (Club Brugge), and Norway (Stabæk Fotball). This opens up further opportunities for XF players to play abroad at the professional level.

#### **XF NPSL!**

We have recently been granted an NPSL franchise! Starting this spring, we will have a first team playing in the 3/4 tier of American professional soccer. More details to follow!

#### **NEW International Tournament!**

There will be big news coming soon about a new tournament at 60 Acres next August, put on by Crossfire and our international partner, Academy Trips. 48 top international and American U-14 Academies will be playing over three days, including world powers such as PSG and Chelsea!

Did we miss something? Email **michael.teiman@crossfiresoccer.org** with XF news!

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