

Crossfire Premier Newsletter

June 2021



Welcome back! Our previous newsletter was released when games restarted, so we have a lot of successes in our team achievements section! Our 'Q&A with an XF alum' is with a recent College Cup winner!

New Season

Teams

It's that time of year again when one season ends and another one begins. Tryouts have ended so take a look at the coaching assignments for the 2021/22 season. **Boys | Girls**



ECNL Funding

We continue to support our ECNL teams by assisting with travel and accommodation. Read [more](#) here

College Soccer

Commitments

This year we had 32 Crossfire players commit to play College Soccer! We had 20 girls pledge to school such as Princeton, Brown, Notre Dame, UW, SU and many more. While 12 of the boys made moves to Brown, Santa Clara, UW and Portland.

All-Conference

For all the Crossfire players already in College, 12 achieved All-Conference this spring. The traditional fall season was moved to spring this year due to COVID. The NCAA tournament concluded earlier this month. Check out the final D1 brackets for **Boys | Girls**



Free Tacos!



Come join us for free tacos on **Friday, June 11th** at the 60 Acres Soccer Complex from **4:00-8:00pm**. Please bring a non-perishable food donation that XF will deliver to a local food bank.

Individual Achievements

National Team Call ups

Congratulations to four of our current players who earned call ups to the U.S Women's National team in recent weeks.

U-20

Zoe Burns, Maronne Suzuki, and Sally Menti

U-19

Maddie Mooney and Aly Akers

U-18

Maia Tabion

U-17

Sophie Zhang, Betty Velkova, Samantha Weiss

U-16

Giovanna Hansen



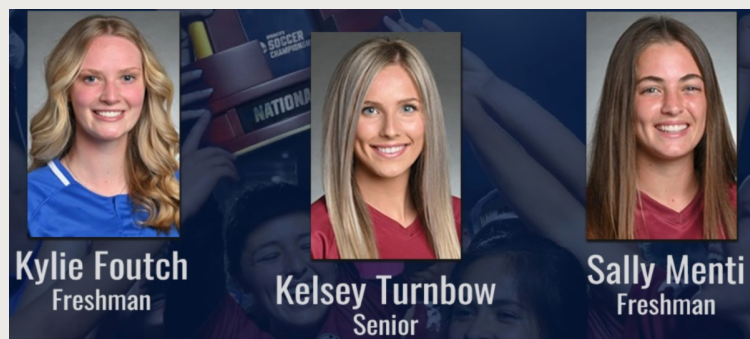
'AZ' Goes Pro



Huge congratulations to former XF Academy player and U-19 top scorer in our 2019-20 season, Aziel Jackson. AZ has signed a 2-year contract with Minnesota United FC, where he will join another former XF star in Hassani Dotson. Good luck in MLS, AZ!

College Cup

It was quite the tournament for former XF stars, Sally Menti, Kylie Foutch and Kelsey Turnbow who propelled Santa Clara to their second national title. Menti, the Freshmen played a pivotal role in helping Santa Clara win the College Cup. Sally scored the only goal against Clemson in the elite eight to send SC into the final four. Menti's importance didn't stop there. Sally also held her nerve in the final to score one of the penalties, which led to victory.



Kelsey Turnbow was just as influential. Turnbow scored the game winner in the semi final against North Carolina, the game's equalizing goal in the final versus Florida State and also converted her penalty in the shootout! Both Turnbow and Menti's excellence didn't go unnoticed. Turnbow



Outside of Santa Clara, UW's Ameera Hussien made All-PAC-12 First Team and All-Region Second Team. On UW's men's team, Charlie Ostrem earned a spot on the All-American Third Team.

was rewarded the offensive MVP of the tournament, while Menti made the All-Tournament Team.



Team Achievements

Dallas Winners

Congratulations to our girls U-19 ECNL on winning Dallas Cup! The final was played at Dallas FC's Toyota Stadium and also streamed live on ESPN3! Maia Tabion was named MVP for the Championship game in the 5-1 victory over FC Dallas.



Vegas Winners

Crossfire dominated Mayors Cup this year as 8 teams won their respective age group! Well done: B09, B07, G08, G07, G06, G05, G04, AND G02/03!



Manchester City Cup Winners

Congratulations to both B08 ECNL & B02/03 ECNL 1 on winning Man City Cup down in San Diego, CA. The B08's defeated Real So Cal 2-0, while the 02/03 took down DeAnza Force 3-1



XF Alum Q&A

Name: Sally Menti

XF Graduation Year: 2020

Years at XF: 6

Position: Center Midfield



Favorite Team: Manchester City

Favorite Player: Kevin De Bruyne

Greatest XF Memory: The Florida Showcase- a great time with the team

Best part about XF: How supportive all of the coaches are and just the community sense of it all

Future plans: Continue to play college soccer with Santa Clara

Number one advice to young XF players: Just enjoy the time you get with your teammates and learn as much as you can from your coaches before you can't anymore

Upcoming XF Events

Tournaments

Our summer tournaments are right around the corner! Get prepared for our big three events at the amazing 60 Acres soccer complex: **Proliance Summer Kickoff**, **Crossfire Challenge** and **Magic Toyota Cup**.

Camps

Check out our website for our upcoming **Summer Day Camps**. Crossfire will continue to provide safe and fun soccer environments for all!

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Keep up to date with Crossfire news as it happens on our Instagram page@[crossfire.premier](#) or Twitter @[crossfireprmr](#).

*Did we miss something? Which XF alum would you like to hear from next?
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