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### **New York Elite Alleycats FC Newsletter**

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To our New York Elite Alleycats FC Families and Staff,

We are mid-way through the soccer season, and while the snow has been falling, our teams have not slowed down. They are training and traveling to tournaments, playing inside and, yes, outside. Our younger teams wrapped up their fall league play in the Northeast Academy League, EDP and CDYSL leagues, and our older teams hit the road running as soon as they returned from school ball with a succession of tournaments along the east coast.

Our club has grown in numbers, strength and recognition. In the course of just one year, our Youth Academy has grown in size, and our high school-age teams have been accepted to the nation's top showcase tournaments: Jefferson Cup, Bethesda Premier Cup, EDP tournaments, SUSA, and many others. Our teams continue to challenge themselves and come out stronger with each event.

We thank you, the parents, for your continued support of your athlete. For driving your son to practice, to tournaments, for cheering him and his teammates on when they do well and when they have tough days. And thank you, coaches, for keeping the boys' development on track and always aiming high. In this newsletter you will find updates, photos, and links to revisit video reels from the fall and winter seasons. We hope you enjoy seeing the teams' accomplishments.

Communication is essential to our club. Please continue to reach out to your son's coach, to me, Jon Bain, and Deb Rouse, with any club questions. May the spring season be successful, not too wet, and healthy!

Allison Reichman Director of Communications

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> League Membership









## **Athlete Match partners with NYEAFC**

If you missed the club's Athlete Match Zoom training session, it is still available to watch via YouTube.

Click the link below to watch the overview of the program with Shane Rineer from Athlete Match as it covers the inner workings of what the program can do for your college-bound player.

Athlete Match Zoom Meeting

Athlete Match Help Topics:

Creating Reels

College Information

Profile Set up

Did you know your Athlete Match account includes step-by-step courses to help advance your journey to collegiate soccer opportunities? Enter the coupon code you received in the registration email to access the course.



## **College Symposium 2023**

The club hosted its annual College Soccer Symposium on February 13, 2023 at Shenendehowa High School. Coach Adam Clinton, Head Coach of RPI Men's Soccer, and Coach Steve Wieczorek, Head Coach of The College of Saint Rose Men's Soccer, along with Coach Jon Bain discussed how to best navigate recruitment communication, attending ID camps, and creating an effective soccer profile and highlight reel. Please feel free to reach out to your team coach, DOC Jon Bain or Coaches Clinton and Wieczorek with any further college recruiting questions you may have. They can be reached through PlayMetrics.





## **Club News**

#### **Spring League Schedule and Results**

Search for your favorite NYEAFC team to see their spring league results at the links below:

- ★ <u>CDYSL</u>
- ★ Northeast Academy League
- ★ <u>EDP</u>

#### **Tryout Dates**

Mark your calendars! NYEAFC tryouts for the 2023-2024 season will be held on **Monday June 19**, **Wednesday June 21**, and **Monday June 26**, 2023. Times and field locations for each age group are forthcoming.

#### **The Communications Team and Club Coordinators**

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$\star$	Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator	•	OPEN, see Allison Reichman
*	Community Service Coordinator:		OPEN, see Allison Reichman

#### 2022-2023 NYEAFC Coaching Assignments

See the NYEAFC 2022-2023 Coaching Staff page for a detailed background for each coach						
2004/05 NAL - John Knight	EDP - Mark Green	Assistant Mike Tymeson				
2006 NAL - Jon Bain	EDP - Miguel Hoyos	Assistant Bob Crandall				
2007 NAL - Matt Esposito	Esposito EDP - Steve Wieczorek					
2008 NAL - Adam Clinton	EDP - Paul Dunham	Assistant Jack Catanzarita				
2009 NAL - Sims Maqubela	EDP - Derlis Zayas	Assistant Matt Esposito				
2010 NAL - Dan Lindemann						
2011 NAL - John Mabee	EDP - Eric Larkin	CDYSL - Nick Martin				
2012 Paul Reynoso, Derlis Zay	Assistant Miguel Hoyos					
2013 Juan Carlos Garcia, Dave Bonzerato, Iddrisu Abdallah						
2014 Tyler Denton						
2015/2016 Tyler Denton						
Goalkeeper Coaches: Ryan Edson and Paul Dunham						
Please send questions to Director of Coaching Jon Bain (jbain7@nycap.rr.com)						

# Fall and Spring League Schedules

Northeast Academy League					
NYEAFC U12 Blue	NYEAFC U13				
NYEAFC U15	NYEAFC U16				
NYEAFC U19					
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NYEAFC U15	NYEAFC U16				
NYEAFC U19					
CDISL League					
NYEAFC U9	<u>NYEAFC U10</u> <u>NYEAFC U10 Blue</u>				
NYEAFC U12 Blue NYEAFC U12 White	**At the time of publication, not all schedules were available.**				
	NYEAFC U12 Blue NYEAFC U12 White NYEAFC U15 NYEAFC U19 EDP League NYEAFC U15 NYEAFC U19 DYSL League NYEAFC U19				









# In the News

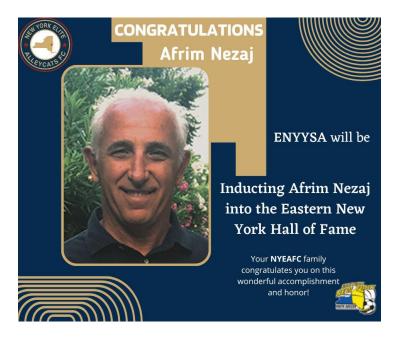


Congratulations to Ryan Farr of Saratoga Springs for being named <u>Times Union Boys'</u> <u>Large-School Soccer Athlete of the Year!</u>



Afrim Nezaj inducted into the Eastern New York Hall of Fame

John Knight named the Eastern New York Boys Competitive Coach of the Year



CONGRATULATIONS

For being named 2022 Boys Competitive Coach of the Year

Your NYEAFC Family congratulates you on this ENYYSA recognition and award.





## Fall 2022 Section 2 All Stars

The club would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their achievements during the high school season. Among the many listed below, we have eight Players of the Year, four All State athletes and a Coach of the Year. They contribute to the strength of our club and serve as role models for our developing players. Congratulations to all!

Patroon First Team: Gavin Haller, Senior Midfielder, Maple Hill (Co-MVP) Geddy Williams, Senior Midfielder, Coxsackie-Athens **Class AA Player of the Dillon Halvax**, Senior Midfielder, Maple Hill Year: Ryan Farr, Junior Luke Hoffman, Senior Keeper, Maple Hill Forward, Saratoga **Class AA Keeper of the Patroon Second Team: Year:** Ben VanValkenburg. Luke Barnhart, Senior Midfielder, Coxsackie-Athens Senior, Saratoga Frank Thomas, Senior Defender, Maple Hill **Class A Player of the Year:** First Team, Colonial: Brady Bell, Senior Forward, Dylan Sutton, Senior Defender, LaSalle Columbia, and Kofi Jack, **Colonial Second Team:** Senior Forward, Haroon Pasha, Junior Midfielder, Albany Academy Scotia-Glenville Foothills First Team: **Class B Player of the Year:** *Kofi Jack*, Senior Forward, Scotia-Glenville (MVP) Colin McNutt, Senior *Nate Marx*, Senior Midfielder, South High Midfielder, Mechanicville **Class C Player of the Year: Independent Schools All Stars:** Gavin Haller, Senior Ethan Quadrini, Sophomore, Loudonville Christian School Midfielder, Maple Hill Jack Bibighaus, Sophomore, Loudonville Christian School **Class C Keeper of the** Ben Hoffman, Sophomore, Loudonville Christian School Year: Luke Hoffman, Senior, **First Team Wasaren:** Maple Hill Josh Catanzarita, Junior Forward, Waterford (Overall MVP) **Class D Player of the Year:** Dylan Raucci, Senior Keeper, Mechanicville (Defensive MVP) Ethan Quadrini, Sophomore *Colin McNutt*, Senior Midfielder, Mechanicville (Offensive MVP) Midfielder, Loudonville Luke Micklas, Senior Defender, Mechanicville Christian Ben Rubinstein, Junior Forward, Stillwater Large School All State (Classes AA and A): Wasaren Second Team: Second Team, All State, Logan Sheehan, Freshman Midfielder, Waterford Scotia-Glenville Senior **Hudson Second Team:** Kofi Jack Sam Sunderland, Junior Midfielder, Canajoharie First Team, All State, Suburban Council All Stars Saratoga Junior Ryan Farr Suburban First Team Small School All State Ryan Farr, Saratoga Springs, Junior Forward, (MVP- Class AA) (Classes B, C, and D): Brady Bell, Senior Forward, Columbia, (MVP-Class A) Fourth Team, All State, Mechanicville Senior, Colin Mark Makhatadze, Senior Midfielder, Shen *McNutt* Lochlain Clarke, Senior Forward, Shen First Team, All State, Maple Owen Everett, Junior Midfielder, CBA Hill Senior, Gavin Haller Erik Najtellari, Junior Forward, CBA Suburban Second Team Ben Van Valkenburg, Jr. Keeper, Saratoga Springs (MVP-Keepers, Class AA) Marcello Michel, Junior Forward, Bethlehem NYEAFC Coach Ryan Edson Suburban Third Team: named Suburban Council Aidan Rosettie, Senior Midfielder, Saratoga Springs Girls Coach of the Year, Jackson Bennice, Junior Midfielder, Shen South Colonie Conor Brown, Senior Defender, Shen Declan Bain, Sophomore Midfielder, Ballston Spa Hunter Bulich, Junior Defender/Midfielder, CBA



## **Team Tournament Updates**



#### Northstars Cauldron Cup, October 2022



Congratulations to the 2013 Blue team for being Finalists in their bracket!



Congratulations to the 2013 Red team for being Finalists!

#### Afrims Candy Cup, October 2022





The U8 NYEAFC players took on the Candy Cup.

## **Afrim's Turkey Shootout, November 2022**



The U8 NYEAFC Boys enjoyed their time at the Turkey Shootout.



The 2013 Boys Red team were Finalists in the 2022 Turkey Shootout.



Congratulations to the U10 Blue team for being the Champions at the Afrims Turkey Shootout!





NYEAFC's 2012 NEAL White team were the Finalists of their Turkey Shootout tournament bracket.





NYEAFC boys for winning their tournament.



## **Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational, November 2022**



The 2010 NEAL team were the Champions at the JAB Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational.

#### Jim Slater Memorial Tournament, January 2023



The 2008 EDP team with Coach Dunham were the Jim Slater Champions! The team only gave up two goals in four matches.





Congratulations to the 2009 EDP team for taking 1st place at the Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational.

#### Black Rock Invitational, November 2022



The 2005 NYEAFC players weathered the snow at the Black Rock Invitational.

#### Mainline Friendlies, January 2023



The NYEAFC 2006 NEAL had a successful weekend at the Mainline Friendlies with two wins and a tie, beating Penn Fusion ECNL and PDA ECNL.

### Afrims MLK 9v9, January 2023



The 2009 NEAL team were Finalists in the U16 boys division of the MLK 9v9 tournament.



Congratulations to 2009 EDP for being the Finalists in the U14 Boys A division of the MLK 9v9 tournament!



Congratulations to Coach Martin's 2011's for being the Finalists in the U12 boys B division of the Holiday Tournament.



The 2011 NEAL team won the MLK 9v9 indoor classic, playing in the U14B division. The U12's took home the tournament on penalties kicks.



## Bethesda Premier Cup, November 2022



Our 2004 NL boys went 1-1-1 at the Bethesda Premier Cup and secured a 2nd place finish against strong competition.



Congratulations to the 2006 NEAL team who took 1st at the Bethesda Tournament!





Congratulations to the 2005 NEAL team for coming in 1st in their bracket!



Coach Clinton's 2008 NEAL team went 4-0 and were Champions of their U15 bracket at Bethesda.



#### SUSA, January 2023



Congratulations to the NYEAFC 2007 EDP team for taking 1st place in their bracket at the SUSA tournament in February. They walked away with 2 wins, 1 tie and a total shutout.

Afrims November Showcase, 2022



The 2007 EDP boys came in 2nd place for their bracket with 2 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw.

#### **Massapequa, December 2023**



The NYEAFC 2008 EDP team had a successful weekend, facing great competition and securing a second place finish in their bracket.



The NYEAFC 2007 EDP team had 2 wins and a draw, earning them 1st place in their bracket.

## **EDP Cup Fall Showcase, November 2022**



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Congratulations to the 2007 NEAL team for going 3-0 and taking 1st place in their bracket!



The 2006 EDP finished out a shortened weekend due to inclement weather with one one tie and a loss.

Follow us to see videos and more pictures!





Congratulations to the 2008 NEAL who took 1st place in their bracket at the EDP Fall Showcase!



The 2007 EDP team put up a good fight during the EDP Cup.



## Manhattan Kickoff, January 2023



The 2008 NEAL team took 1st place in their U15 bracket, going undefeated all weekend.



The 2005 NEAL team went 1-2-0 at the Manhattan Kickoff tournament, defeating Brentwood FC.



The 2006 EDP team faced the cold to take 2nd place in their bracket with 1 win, 1 loss and 1 tie against tough competition.



Our 2007 NEAL boys took 2nd place in their bracket at the Manhattan Kickoff.











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#### Team: U17 EDP HC, U11 AC

#### MEOUT WITH COACH

What is your coaching philosophy? Intensity, harmony on and off the field, and determination. Respect for the game itself and respect for the environment : coaches, players, parents and referees. I am a very goal oriented coach. I try to keep my teams motivated to achieve objectives, both individual and collective goals.

What do you love most about coaching? Everything. I grew up with the game, therefore coaching feels like I am at home, where I should be and function. It feels right.

Who is your favorite soccer player or club? I have many. Colombian National Team. Barcelona, Milan and Independiente Medellin from Colombia, from the city I am from originally. Also, any team where there is a Colombian playing.

What is your favorite aspect of soccer? The spirit of the game, itself. Soccer can be many things: dynamic, fun, unpredictable sometimes, constantly in motion, Also, I like the acquisition of life skills that players obtain by playing soccer. The game teaches things like concentration, resilience, discipline, determination, imagination, friendship, communication, problem solving and 100 other things.

Who was your favorite coach and why? Pep Guardiola and Carlo Ancelloti. Pep is all about hard work, structure, and organization. If try to follow those ideas. Carlo is that, too, but he also represents the old school, freedom without fear, creativity. Also, Ancelloti is well known for his human side, humble and friendly. Players like him. That's a great thing.



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Coaching Experience: SUNY Adirondack Men's Program Head Coach (present) ODP Coach, Region 1 North (2020-2022) Albany Rush Head Coach (2020-2021) GPS Albany Head Coach and Camp Director (2019-2020) Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club Head Coach U16-U19 (2016-2019) Personal Individual Soccer Trainer (2016-present) Club Deportivo Semillas De Vida Y Paz | Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia, Head Coach/Trainer (2013-2016)

#### Accomplishments:

ODP Champions 2021 Rush, 2005 Boys-U16 Afrims Fall Showcase 2021 Undefeated. 2005 Rush-U16 Rush NY Showcase 2021 Undefeated Rush 2005-U16 Mag Dog Showcase 2021 Undefeated Rush 2005-U16 Shore Cup Massachusetts 2021 Champion Rush 2005-U16

Empire Cup Finalists 2020 Rush 2005. Lost on PK's vs SDA Syracuse Academy

GPS NY Showcase 2019 Undefeated, GPS U15 Multiple Championships at SportsPlex with Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club, U10

Multiple Championships at Afrims with Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club U10, GPS 2005 and Rush 2005 CDYSL Champions Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club 2018, U15



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Team: U16 EDP

#### TIMEOUT WITH COACH

What is the life skill that is most important, both on and off the field? Accountability.

What is your favorite aspect of soccer? The unpredictability of the game.

Who is your favorite soccer player and/or team? Manchester United

What was/is your favorite post game meal? I love pizza after the game!

What was your most memorable game as a player? As a player, my freshman year playing for Fairfield at UVA; as a coach, Gulf South Conference Semi-final vs. Lee University in 2018. United Soccer Coaches- Premier Diploma & Advance National GK Diploma UEFA B (Pending Assessment) PhD. in Sport Management – Troy University

> **Playing Experience:** Fairfield University 2000-2004

#### Coaching Experience:

Current – New York Elite Alleycats FC 2007 EDP Team The College of St. Rose – Head Coach, 2022-present AFC Mobile (NPSL) – Head Coach, 2019-2022 Spring Hill College – Head Coach, 2015-2021 Oregon State – Assistant Coach, 2014 Duquesne University – Assistant Coach, 2013-2014 Siena College – Assistant Coach, 2008-2013 University of Bridgeport – Assistant Coach, 2006-2008 Fairfield University – GK Coach, 2004



# **NYEAFC** taking on the Fall Season:





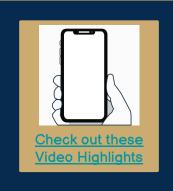




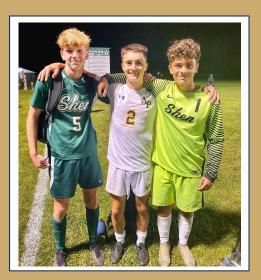














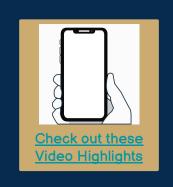






























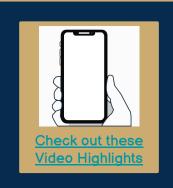
























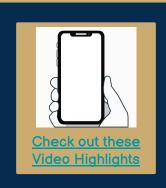




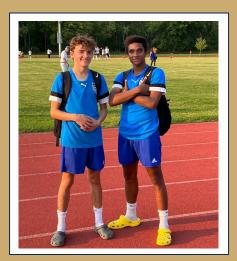










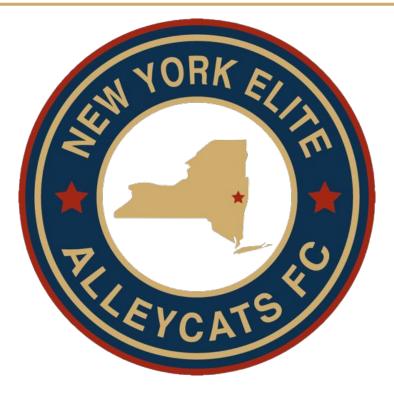






# Thank you players and coaches for an amazing start to the season!

# Good luck as we enter the Spring season!



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