



# Hotspurs USA

*News and Events about the Hotspurs USA Soccer Family*

The Club Newsletter

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## League Play review

*It was a challenging season with the SDDA realignment creating some unbalances.*

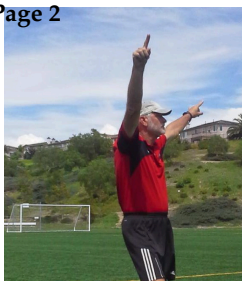
*But we had a lot of highlights! See a summary of the season.*

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## Catalyst Partnership

*Hotspurs USA and The Catalyst Training Center are partners for the 2014-2015 season.*

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## College ID Program

*Steve Lincoln will be the College ID Program Coordinator and this will be a*

*comprehensive approach true to our goal of long term athlete development*

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## 2014 Tournaments

*We are adding a tournament the "Hotspurs USA Cup" and we have a all new sets of tournament agreements that span through the summer.*

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## What's NEW this Season

*Every year I look to improve our program and offer more value to our families.*

This year has brought more coaching changes, mostly due to some teams that had the same coach for a few years. Let's start by introducing some new addition to the staff.

**Dave Ridenour:** CIF champion with West Hills girls a few years back, current Grossmont College Women Head Coach, Dave was with Hotspurs about 10 yrs ago, he then coached with CSC, Spirit and Poway. He will coach the GU13 Academy and the GU18 Academy.

**Chris Ridneour:** Also with Hotspurs years ago, Chris coached at CSC, took a long break and was at United last year. Chris will coach the GU9 Red team.

**Tony Fernandez:** At CSC for many years. Tony is one of the most gifted skills teachers in the region and will coach the BU8 Academy and the BU13 Academy.



**Courtney Cleaves:** For 8 years coach of the Steele Canyon High School Frosh team and helps her father with the Girls Varsity.

Also added: **Brian Gossett, Doug Barry, Richard Haemmerle, Elias Moreno, Mike Usher, Diego D'Agostino, Shawn McMahon**

I am very proud of a very strong coaching staff which I am sure will deliver a great 2014-2015 season.

## New Programs

We will have two new programs this year, but really we could say three. In fact last season was our first year with a comprehensive GK program, which started late with the hire of **Matt Robertson** (our GK

head coach). This year the goalkeepers will begin training right after tryouts and will be well ahead of schedule.

**Steve Lincoln** will head the College ID Program (see article on Page 3) which will also create a database of Hotspurs alumni.

**The Catalysts Training Center** will provide speed, strength and agility Friday clinics for our Academy teams and will also be working with our players at the Hotspurs Summer Camp.

## New Tournament

We will have a new tournament the "Hotspurs USA Cup" in the month of July.

The tournament will be instrumental in funding our coaching staff payroll, our new and existing programs, our financial aid budget, keeping our fees the lowest of all Premier Clubs by a wide margin.

I am very excited for this season and I am proud to see the Club moving steadily toward a standard of excellence.

Thank you all very much for your support, your work, your loyalty and your enthusiasm.

Paolo Landini



## League Play Review

*A quick look at our teams performance in League Play*

**GU8 Premier** - 3rd place (out of 8) in SDDA Flight 1 (7W-3L-0T)

**GU12 Premier** - 2nd place (out of 6) SDDA Flight 1 (6W-3L-1T)

**GU12 Red** - 4th place (out of 11) in SDDA Flight 2 (4W-2L-4T)

**GU14 Premier** - 3rd place (out of 14) in U15 SDDA Flight 2 (7W-3L-0T)

**GU15 White** - 4th place (out of 10) in AA-A (6W-5L-2T)

**BU8 Premier** - 3rd place (out of 10) in SDDA Flight 2 (7W-2L-1T)

**BU9 Premier** - 5th place (out of 12) in SDDA Flight 1 (4W-4L-2T)

**BU10 Premier** - 4th (out of 10) in SDDA Flight 1 (6W-3L-1T)

**BU10 Red** - 2nd (out of 13) in Presidio AA-B (9W-2L-1T)

**BU12 Premier** - 1st (out of 8) in SDDA Flight 1 (8W-2L-0T)

**BU12 Red** - 3rd (out of 6) in Presidio AAA (5W-3L-6T)

## The Catalyst Training Center Partners with Hotspurs USA

*High level speed and strength training coming to our fields in East County!*

Hotspurs USA is proud to partner with “The Catalyst Training Center” as part of our consistent efforts to improve our program and give more to our families.

The TCTC is one of San Diego premier indoor training facility and the only one that has soccer and soccer injury prevention as its focus.

The Catalyst Training Center will be part of our Friday Clinics schedule during the months of May, June and July. Each Friday the TCTC will send two trainers with top of the line training equipment to our field and each trainer will work for one hour with a team or age group.

The TCTC will also be part of our summer Camp. The summer camp this year will be held in the mornings of the first week of August (4th-5th-6th & 7th) and the TCTC will be present on the second and fourth day of camp to work with all players participating.

Enrollment to our summer camp will begin at Registration Night for youngers which we expect to be held on March 21st (to be confirmed).

The TCTC will focus on Speed, Agility, Strength and Plyometrics training in a progressive format in order to challenge the players more each time they attend. Team coaches will do their best to attend with their teams, so that they will be able to reinforce the TCTC training in their session.

The TCTC will also be present at our tournaments to provide information and a therapy table with a longevity trainer that will be able to assist players with medical needs.

## College ID Program

*A quick look at the goals for this new program*

Steve Lincoln has been appointed the Hotspurs USA College ID Program Coordinator,

The program will have a comprehensive approach and is part of what we define LTAD (Long Term Athlete Development). We hope that Hotspurs USA will become for more and more athletes not just a soccer club where they played some seasons, but a part of their formation as adults and will remain a positive part of their life for years to come.

These are the main bullet points of the program:

- Host a College Night event with speakers from NCSA, local Men and Women College Coaches and Hotspurs Alumni.
- Help each team U14 and older in building a team portfolio with each player profile (including GPA, High School info) that can be delivered to College coaches attending showcases.
- Assist each player who needs help in identify suitable College programs (DI, DII, NAIA, etc...) and assist the player in properly contact the College program coaches in order to have a professional approach and proper delivery of players profile and other information such as team schedule, etc.
- Build an Hotspurs Alumni database and create opportunity and events in which the Alumni can stay in touch with Hotspurs and be a source of inspiration for current players. Like speaking at College Night, help in training sessions, coaching younger teams, releasing interviews and maybe even put together an Alumni game.
- Assist players with recommendation letters that may help with acceptance in a College program or help securing scholarship money.



## TEAM SPOTLIGHT: GU14 PREMIER

*As I prepare to pass them on to Craig Uhlig after Nationals, it seems proper that I recognize the fantastic achievements of this group and share some reflections of the four years I spent with them.*

*They didn't win Nationals, or make it to the FWRL, but I don't think the word "fantastic" is over the top because this team developed at a faster pace than any other team in San Diego at that age group.*

*My first year with this group we were GU11 AA-A, we then moved up to GU12 AAA, moved up again to GU13 Premier and this year (as a GU14) we played SDDA GU15 to find new challenges without leaving town (we finished 3rd).*

*That alone is quite an achievement, but more remarkable is the fact that this was done with very little recruitment, but by keeping the core intact and by replacing the few players that moved on with players developed in our second team.*

*Along the years came many tournament wins (maybe the most important one the 2012 Pegasus Cup over West Coast), trips to Vegas, gutsy State Cup and Nationals performances in Apple Valley and Lancaster and lots of trophies that I will distribute to them in a few weeks at the end of the year party.*

*But to really put this in perspective, when this summer we lost the Copa del Mar final at the very last minute against Sharks White, I couldn't help but think that the Sharks were at the highest level already as U11s. Same thing with United which we beat twice in a row, same with CSC which we are 5-1-1 against, same with Attack which we beat 3-1 at their place or Albion Premier who beat us as U11 only to be surpassed and left behind in the U13 & U14 years.*

*A few of the girls are currently playing their first year of High School and they are all doing so as Varsity starters*

*This journey wouldn't have been possible without the support and unity of a great group of parents that understood that long term growth needs to go through some rough patches and stayed the course giving the team time to develop. Without the dedication of players that would not miss a practice unless the parents were forcing them to and without a few breaks along the way.*

*I am thankful to have had the privilege of coaching this great girls and wish them good luck as they continue their journey and hopefully they will benefit from our new College ID Program.*

*Thanks to my four years players: Ashley Tade, Ashley Waymire, Emery Churchill, Hanna Holloway, Jessica Garcia, Kennedy Labshere, Mariana Van Antwerp, Rylee Hernandez, Trista Patterson and thanks to the ones that joined more recently: Cassidy Lane, Chloe Riddlespurger, Jessica McKinney, Mia Rodriguez, Serena Wilson, Ayllyn DeSantiago, Brooke Snow, Kayleigh Lonergan.*

## Tournament Season

*An early look at Hotspurs USA focus tournaments.*

Hotspurs teams will participate to many tournaments, at all levels, with the higher level teams traveling a bit more to Orange County and in some cases even out of State to Las Vegas or Arizona.

All Hotspurs teams will participate in the two Hotspurs tournaments, the traditional Labor Day and the new Hotspurs USA Cup.

We have reciprocity agreements with other Clubs, we will see several Hotspurs teams are the Poway Country Shootout (Memorial Day), the Pegasus Cup, the Goya Cup, the CSC Cup, the Copa Del Mar, the San Diego Premier Classic, the Rebels tournament and the Rangers Thanksgiving classic.

Other tournaments supported will be the Charity Cup, the Memorial Day Super Cup and the Tournament of Champions,

Teams will also add tournaments of their choice to some of the ones on this list, in order to provide adequate variety and a competition level appropriate to their team.

## Tryouts Information

*Coaching Assignments for 2014-2015 youngers listed below.*

**Tryouts for are beginning Wednesday 2/19 with the U10 age group and will finish nearly a month later with the U14 last session.**

I had to field a few questions about our tryouts being a little later than other Clubs.

We believe that is in poor taste, at the very least, to hold tryouts way before the teams have competed in the State and Nationals tournaments.

Clubs have different priorities and they make decisions based on their priorities.

With that premise, several of our younger teams will compete in Nationals, which will begin on 2/22. Other Clubs in East County simply don't have as many or any team strong enough to be at Nationals and therefore they can hold tryouts a little early.

All players should attend both tryout sessions, it's important that if you cannot attend one session you communicate with the coach of your age group or with the Director of Coaching so that your child can be properly evaluated

These are the assignments for our youngers top teams:

BU8 - Tony Fernandez  
BU9 - Matt Robertson  
BU10 - Anthony Farace  
BU11 - Efrain Alba  
BU12 - Elias Moreno  
BU13 - Tony Fernandez  
BU14 - Rick White  
GU8 - Matt Denick  
GU9 - Walter Torres  
GU10 - Paolo Landini  
GU11 - Steve Lincoln  
GU12 - Paolo Landini  
GU13 - Matt Robertson  
GU14 - Dave Ridenour

The complete list of the assignments with all the tryouts dates, times and locations is available on [www.hotspursusa.com](http://www.hotspursusa.com)

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