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## US YOUTH SOCCER

# Awards Gala

## US Youth Soccer adidas Girls and Boys Recreational Coaches of the Year Named

### CYSA TOPSoccer Instructor Gary Waltz & CYSA Coaching School Instructor Manish Doshi honored at Awards Gala

**PITTSBURGH (February 8, 2008)** - Over fourteen hundred soccer enthusiasts were on hand at the US Youth Soccer Workshop & Coaches Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. To watch our own CYSA's Gary Waltz and Manish Doshi, winners of the Boys and Girls Coaches of the Year for Region IV, compete for the 2008 US Youth Soccer Coach of the Year Award.

The recipients of the 2007 US Youth Soccer adidas Recreational Coach of the Year were announced tonight at the US Youth Soccer Awards Gala, held in conjunction with the 2008 US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, in Pittsburgh. The national Recreational Coaches of the Year award winners were Elizabeth Nordell of Duluth, Minnesota (Girls) and **Gary Waltz** of Fresno, California (Boys).

Gary Waltz, from Fresno, CA, coaches for the North Fresno Youth Soccer League. He works with TOPSoccer and coaches three of the teams. He knows that players with disabilities need practice to improve and learn the game and ensures they will continue to get that opportunity. Waltz is creative coaching these unique players. He lets them play to the best of their ability and teaches them to utilize each other's strengths. He educates other states on TOPSoccer and helps coaches understand the different coaching techniques.



**Manish Doshi & Gary Waltz**

The regional winners of the 2007 US Youth Soccer adidas Girls' Recreational Coaches of the Year are:

Region I	Mark Bragaw	Vienna	Virginia Youth Soccer Association
Region II	Elizabeth Nordell*	Duluth	Minnesota Youth Soccer Association
Region III	Todd Warren	Jackson	Mississippi Youth Soccer Association
Region IV	Manish Doshi	El Cerrito	California Youth Soccer Association - North

The regional winners of the 2007 US Youth Soccer adidas Boys' Recreational Coaches of the Year are:

Region I	Oscar Rodriguez	Newark	New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association
Region II	David Opie	West Des Moines	Iowa Soccer Association
Region III	Geron McGinnis	Broken Arrow	Oklahoma Soccer Association
Region IV	Gary Waltz*	Fresno	California Youth Soccer Association - North

\*denotes national US Youth Soccer adidas Recreational Coach of the Year

And the winners of the CYSA Quick Response Staff Availability Sheet Contest are:

- First Place Winner— Sean Chapman – from Brentwood
- Second Place Winner— Ricardo M. Sarrano – from Vacaville
- Third Place Winner— Manish Doshi -- El Cerrito
- Fourth Place Winner— Sophia Meyer – Nevada City
- Fifth Place Winner— Hans deGraef -- Martinez



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Two Staff Suggestions for Up-grading our Curriculum

#1 Submitted by Brian Kinnard

The Staff Orientation was very enjoyable, meeting new people and exchanging ideas is always motivating. I liked **Everett's** presentation; I think it is important to challenge people about what they do so they do not take it for granted.

I have been thinking about the questions about testing for the different courses. My opinion is that testing during the F and E will not really achieve much as the information is fresh in the candidates mind, the issue is when that candidate turns up for the next course and has not used the

'9-steps' or 'the serve'. I guess to be brutal it means as an organization we have not convinced those candidates that the 9-steps and the serve are the way to go.

From my experience the best demonstration of the serve came during my 'D' course. So one thing to do is to make sure this happens earlier in the candidates' education. In order to make sure candidates come prepared I think a set of expectations should be communicated with the candidates before the course; this can be through email or a regular mailing.

The expectations would include the understanding of the 9-steps and the serve environment; it might also include the expectation that the candidate would understand the role of first attacker and first defender in preparation for the E course for example. The expectations for the E/D course would be more expansive.

Also, I do think we need to consider a fast track process for those candidates who obviously get it and need to go through the process at an accelerated pace.\*

**KD – \*You should have received the CYSA BOD directive that this can now take place**

Two Staff Suggestions for Up-grading our Curriculum

#2 Submitted by Len Marks

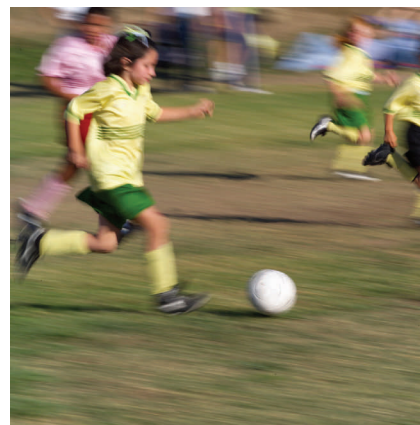
It was an interesting Staff Orientation and Fun making new friends.

I had some thoughts about the "F" clinic. I think 45 minutes of the field session should be spent on small sided games. The actual "F" course gets the coach through the first half of practice. I think they need a visual for the second half. Yes we go over the small sided games in our Friday Night session; however, seeing is believing. It helps getting out and doing some 3 or 4 (+ and vs.) games; varying goal sizes; walking vs. running, etc.

This can be done very quickly and I think would be helpful. Where do we get the time? First it is there. I have been doing it for years. If necessary, we could extend the course an extra half hour.

**KD – Your input on these ideas are Welcome and Needed!**

**Send your thoughts to me at your earliest convenience!!!**



## 2008 TOPSoccer Symposium



report

**Seattle WA from April 4-6, 2008** As expected, I think all of the participants felt the symposium was worthwhile and appreciated the opportunity to attend. It is reassuring to see the support for **TOPSoccer** demonstrated by the state, districts, and leagues.

I do want to acknowledge the effort made by Joyce to take care of the our travel arrangements and informational needs. The packet she sent out to the participants was very helpful and seemed to answer all of the logistical questions.

There were over 90 participants on Saturday (some of the Washington people only attended on that day to experience the coaches training). There were about 80 participants on Friday and Sunday. The final count was 21 participants from CYSA-N. This included 7 representatives selected by the District Commissioners to be funded by the state budget as well as Karl and me. The remaining individuals were sent using district outreach funds, through individual league (club) budgets, or at their own expense. With this level of interest, we should discuss the best strategy for handling the demand in 2009.

One of the committee members from Washington put a regional map on a bulletin board and asked everyone to put pins in locations of existing programs. Many states have only 1 or 2 **TOPSoccer** programs currently in operation. I was very pleased to see how many pins CYSA had in the map. No state approached us except Colorado. My only disappointment is how densely they are packed in the Bay Area and how spread out programs remain in the rest of the state. This is an opportunity for future development.

Karl, Gary Waltz and I had several opportunities to discuss the material that has been compiled. Expanding the practice strategy to include the "9 steps" will make it more consistent with our current training strategy. Refining the suggested activities will also make it a more complete introduction for the new **TOPSoccer** coach. Karl has begun to identify participants who could be appropriately added to his instructional staff for this course. Karl and I agreed to partner on the implementation of this training in CYSA.

We have tentatively scheduled a training session in our state for Saturday, July 12. Many details are still to be worked out and I will be asking for approval once we work through the cost. I talked to Sam Snow and Tony Miniscus about having USYS cover some of the expense and they will be proceeding with a budget amendment for this funding. Rick Flores (USYS training staff and co-developer of the material) has agreed to present to our participants. Tracy YSL is making arrangements for the facilities and players. Karl & I agreed that our goal is to:

1. Expose the coaches who could not attend the symposium to this material
2. Allow the symposium participants an opportunity to gain additional exposure to the material if they want to repeat the presentation.
3. To identify/train the individuals in our own state who will provide the instruction in the future.

As in prior years, the greatest value of this event was the networking between the participants. Our programs were able to meet their counterparts in other states to exchange ideas and establish relationships for future dialogue. Participants found they were not unique in the challenges they face, often someone had found a solution to these challenges, and everyone was reenergized regarding **TOPSoccer**.

Thank you again for your support

**Ed Loss**

TOPSoccer Committee Chair, CYSA North



Ed Loss, CYSA TOPSoccer Committee Chairman



Some interesting reading send to us by, **David Betterton**, who feels this will add even more credence to the fact that the CYSA Coaching School Curriculum is 'Spot On!'



The emphasis is on technique, skill, practicing with the ball. You can't repeat it often enough. Technique is king in Wenger's world" :-).

Here are some quotes from the 'Telegraph' a UK publication entitled, "How Arsenal kids have conquered in the League Cup:

That doesn't quite explain how Arsenal, in the meantime, have still managed to consistently produce players of the highest technical ability, in a different league to their peers, no matter that some might be imported.



How on earth do they do it? Some kind of magic formula, perhaps?

Wenger's importance as a pulling power can't be overstated.

"Yeah, Arsenal is probably the biggest attraction," Bould confirms. "Every parent, you'd think, would want their kids associated with this club because they know the manager wants to play football? I wouldn't say in the right way, that would sound a bit superior. Let's just say his way."

It's a culture that infiltrates every level of the club. The emphasis is on technique, skill, practicing with the ball. You can't repeat it often enough. Technique is king in Wenger's world.

In Liam Brady's as well. As head of youth development since the Academy's formation, this Highbury legend has a big say in how things get done.

"That's the first target for our boys - the gaffer calling them across to train with the first team. It's a very high level over there, so if you're short technically you'll get found out straightaway.

"We do similar activities so that when they go across they can cope better. Our training is all about possession and technique, about small-sided games, making quick decisions."



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## U.S. SOCCER 2008 NATIONAL COACHING SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School	Date	Location	Web Site
National "A," "B," "C" License	June 7-15, 2008	Darlington School	<a href="http://www.darlingtonschool.org">www.darlingtonschool.org</a>
National "B" & "C" License	June 7-15, 2008	The Home Depot Center	<a href="http://www.homedepotcenter.com">www.homedepotcenter.com</a>
National "A" & "B" License	June 21-29, 2008	Lake Forest Academy	<a href="http://www.lfanet.org">www.lfanet.org</a>

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