

In Flight

Osprey
IDAHO OSPREY SOCCER CLUB

Fall/Winter 2005-06

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Season Highlights:

Fall Season kick started with the U11 thru U14 teams having another wonderful weekend retreat in McCall. This was a great opportunity for all the players to get acquainted with their new teammates and coaches. The weekend was cram packed with various events, starting with conditioning on Friday evening; technical and tactical sessions were held all day on Saturday, and we concluded the weekend with our own 4v4 tournament and awards ceremony on Sunday. Thanks to all parent volunteers who made this weekend possible.

Both the U15 teams started their season off with a tournament in Salt Lake. Again, this was another team building experience prior to the season starting. The Chinook Cup in Portland was the next venue for six of the Osprey teams. Both U12 U13 and U14 teams attended this highly competitive tournament with U13 Blue having the best results. (See U13 Blue coach's comments).

Our U11, U12 and U13 all took part in the Nampa Classic during Labor Day weekend, whilst the U15 select team played in the Felt Fall Frenzy with great success. League play and results continue to impress and run through the 29th October with possible play off games on 5th November.

The return of our Girls program, coached and directed by Seth Hersom, showed that the U13 girls' team had something to shout about by having a winning season playing in the District III league. Their success has led vision for the spring. Congrats girls.

However, we saved our best results for the final tournament of the year with huge success for Osprey Soccer Club during Capital City Challenge. We made five of the possible six finals, winning four of them.

Congratulations to all players and coaches of the five



Osprey teams that made championship games during the C.C.C.

These results really do prove the quality of players and coaches that this club has; we are really growing as a club - much to the credit of the support from the coaches and parents. Thank you all.

For further details check out your coaches comments....

Lee Riley
Director of Coaching

Know any future Osprey stars?

The Osprey coaches are running indoor foot skills and games for eight and nine year old boys during the winter months.

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Winter/Spring 2006 Calendar:

January 9, 2006	-	Winter Indoor Training Starts
February 4, 2006	-	Parents Holiday Party
March 4, 2006	-	League Play Starts
April 1-2, 2006	-	Las Vegas Prem Tournament
May 20-21, 2006	-	Presidents Cup
May 27, 2006	-	State Cup Finals - Idaho Falls
June 18-24, 2006	-	Far West Regionals - Boise

Mark the Date!

Be sure to calendar **Saturday, February 4, 2006**

for the **Annual Osprey Holiday Party** at the

Esther Simplot Performing Arts Center

Details to Come!

Team Success Stories:

Osprey U11 Blue. . . Coaches Gary Kincaid - Larry Myers
Chinook Cup: The boys played another inspired game against Capitals U11 White, and while the result was a 0-2 loss, it could have just as easily been a 2-0 win. The team is showing steady improvement in each game they play. The first week of the season we worked on our defensive marking, and it was very apparent in the following games that the players learned and applied these skills. Most recently we have been working on passing the ball quickly to maintain possession, and again the boys applied these skills in the game on Saturday. As each week goes by we will be building the knowledge and the skill sets of the players, and I have no doubt that each weekend we will see those new skills applied on the field. I am very pleased with the team's progress.



U11 Blue Reached the Finals Of Capital City Challenge

Wow! This team continues to amaze me. Each weekend the boys apply the new techniques and tactics we teach them during the week. Last week we worked on combination play; specifically wall passes (give and go) and overlapping runs. I was expecting one or two of these during this tournament weekend, but what I saw was a team that utilized these tactics consistency during each game. During the championship I saw a four players involved in a double overlap, at that point I looked over at Lee and just grinned. The other thing that really impressed me this weekend was the team's mental toughness. In all but the first game, the team started slow, and their opponents had the run of play. Instead of giving up, the boys elevated their game, and became the better team. I've said it many times but it bears repeating, "I am extremely pleased with progress the team has shown this season". Thanks for a great weekend. Coach Gary

U11 Blue Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T	
League Play	3	7	3	
CCC Tournament	3	1	0	Finalist @ Capital City Challenge
Nampa Tournament	2	1	0	



Osprey U11 White. . . Coaches Brian Shields - Mark Sparks
 My main focus this season other than working on their technical skills is to get the boys to play as a team. I know that I have lots of great individuals that want to win but I am not too concerned about result, more about how we play.

We opened our season playing the Nampa Classic tournament during Labor Day weekend, with two wins and a close 2-1 loss to the eventual champions. The quality of teams that we have played during the Fall Season have been vast, we really enjoy playing teams that challenge us to perform as a team. This was evident when we played in the U11 Gold Division of the Capitol City Challenge. Every game that we played was close, and every time the boys were tested they stepped up and came out on top. We had 3 wins out of 3 in the group stages virus Mercury, Genesis and Boise FC. We then had to face the very strong Capital Black team in the Championship game. We left it late in the game but prevailed with a 1-0 win. Congratulations Boys...Coach Brian

U11 White Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T	
League Play	11	1	0	Champions of U11 League
CCC Tournament	4	0	0	Champions @ Capital City Challenge
Nampa Tournament	2	1	0	

Osprey U-12 Blue . . . Coach Bekim Mustafa - George Fekete

The 2 ties and 2 losses that Osprey Boys U12 Blue came away with from the recently completed Chinook Cup just doesn't do justice to how well the team really played. Competing in the Gold Division, the boys were in nearly every game down to the wire. Against the Columbia Timbers, Osprey was ahead 3-2, late in the 2nd half, until the Timbers tied the game just before the end. The 2nd game was a barnburner as well, with our Osprey scoring the winning goal over the host club, SSC England, but a controversial call brought the ball back, and we had to settle with a tie. The next day, Osprey Blue lost 2-1 and 3-0. The 2-1 loss was to eventual Tournament Runner-up Woodburn Monarca, and a team we tied the previous day, SSC England, won the Consolation Championship.



U12 Blue Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T	
League Play	11	1	0	Champions of U12 League
CCC Tournament	4	0	0	Champions @ Capital City Challenge
Nampa Tournament	3	1	0	Finalist @ Nampa Classic
Portland Tournament	0	2	2	

Osprey U12 White . . . Coaches Meho Denis Hasanovic - Geoff Ward



Our U12 White team traveled to Portland for their first games of the season. This was the first time that all the players got together as a complete team. As coaches learned about the team the team learned about each other. It was a great bonding experience for both players and parents. Thanks to all the parents for making this a very successful team event. About the team, the first game in Portland was played to a 0-0 tie as we learned about the players. Game 2 was played against the best team in our bracket, we lost but showed glimpses of "Did you see that!" as we saw nervousness of a new team start to disappear. Scoring our only goal of the early round lead us to the quarterfinals against the leading team from another bracket. Still learning about the team we saw the team really showed their potential. Our U12-W team won their first game in grand fashion in a 2 to 1 nail biter! It was a great game, and we, the coaches were again happy to see the talent we knew was there. This led us to the semi finals against a team that was just crushing the competition. We lost this game, but gave them a run for their money in a 4 to 1 loss, the last goal coming when we starting pushing the offense at the sacrifice of out outstanding defense. Our team did better against these eventual champions, then anyone else there.

U12 White Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T
League Play	4	7	2
CCC Tournament	1	2	0
Nampa Tournament	2	1	0
Portland Tournament	1	2	1

Semi-Finalist @ Chinook Cup Portland

The Nampa tournament on Labor Day weekend was our next adventure. We lost our first game to the eventual winners of the tournament. Simply put, I think the players didn't expect to win. We will work on that. The rest of the weekend was excellent as we beat the Nationals and a very tough Blast team 2-0. We have much to work on, a good thing for us coaches, and we are excited about what this team can accomplish. Both venues were great for all and for us coaches to see the chemistry of our players, see what we need to work on and to know that best is yet to come. We are looking forward to a very successful season. Coach Geoff Ward



Osprey U13 Blue . . . Coaches Gerry Chouinard - Bill Reimers
Chinook Cup, Portland Oregon, August 2005 Osprey U-13 Blue
 ...Played in Championship and placed 2nd in tournament... Won 2 preliminaries 5-0 against CW Inferno (Portland) and Aloha Poi Dogs (Oregon) 6-0, Won In Quarter-finals 3-2 against Silver Lake Blue Fire (Oregon), Won in Semi-finals 2-1 against Bend United Hotspurs (Oregon), and Lost in Championship to WUSC Galaxy (Washington) 1-3. Osprey U-13 Blue was the only Idaho team that advanced to the championship round through a rigorous 4-day, 5-game tournament.

Nampa Classic, Nampa, Idaho, September 2005 Osprey U-13 Blue...Played in Championship and placed 2nd in tournament.... Won 2 preliminaries 7-0 against Boise Capitals, 4-3 against Boise Nationals, and because both Osprey U-13 Blue and sister team, Osprey White U-13 were set up for a third qualifier game, yet both had already qualified for the final, Osprey Blue with 19 points and Osprey White with 18 points, both teams and Osprey club director of coaching decided to forego the qualifier game between the teams and play only the championship....Osprey U-13 Blue led 1-0 in 67 minutes of play in a 70-minute game, but were tied with three minutes to go and lost in the last few seconds of the game 2-1 to Osprey U-13 White, as Osprey U-13 Blue simply lacked experienced depth in this match, attributed to the fact that we elected to keep a small roster in order to maximize player development and experience, and we were missing two key team players during the championship game.

U13 Blue Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T
League Play	4	5	3
CCC Tournament	1	2	0
Nampa Tournament	3	1	0
Portland Tournament	4	1	0

Finalist @ Nampa Classic
 Finalist @ Chinook Cup Portland

Osprey U13 White. . . Coaches Bekim Mustafa - Steve Snyder

The fall season got underway in Portland, OR at the Chinook Cup Tournament. The Osprey White team lost 2-1 in the quarterfinals of the tourney but gained valuable experience that they used the following weekend to win the Nampa Classic in an all Osprey final. The regular season in TVSL started with what turned out to be the only loss the team would suffer in the whole month of September. Osprey White finished the month with a 5 win 1 loss and 2 ties record good for third place in the TVSL standings. October started with a win and a tie heading into the Capital City Challenge. Winning their first game and a tie in their second game led to a penalty kick shootout with rival Genesis for first place in their bracket. After winning the shootout 4-2, the White team fell in the semifinals 3-2. Coach Steve



U13 White Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T
League Play	7	2	4
CCC Tournament	2	1	0
Nampa Tournament	4	0	0
Portland Tournament	2	2	0

Runners-up of U12 League
 Champions @ Nampa Classic

Osprey U14 Select. . . Coaches Carlos Correa - Danny Hill

With a new task as new-comer coach for Osprey soccer club came some anticipation of starting what has been an amazing experience thus far. With only having half the team participating at the Osprey team camp and Camp McCall, the boys had little preparation together as a team before heading off to their first challenge in Portland for the Chinook Cup. With critics holding little expectations on team performance and having lost a teammate early on in preseason due to injury, the boys gelled together to put on an entertaining and exciting performance that would eventually see them fall out in the semi final game of the consolation bracket. It was a bright start for the boys having left Portland with a record of 2-1-2. This outing gave the squad amazing confidence just in time with the season kicking off inside a fortnight. After going up against teams who were already halfway through the season and able to compete with them, the Osprey U-14 select team will be looking to come out gunning at their first group opponents, Capitals U-14 D1. Go team, Coach Carlos



U14 Select Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T	
League Play	5	5	1	
CCC Tournament	2	2	0	
Portland Tournament	2	1	2	Semi-Finalist @ Chinook Cup Portland

Osprey U14 Premier...

Coach Lee Riley

The U14 Premier team traveled to Portland for the Chinook Cup prior to the start of their season. This was another brilliant opportunity for this new team to bond, to see the boys play in number of positions, and for me to try different formations. Without question, I have lots of nice problems with so much talent. We played four very competitive games v's teams from WA, OR and ID. Although the team did not make it to the finals in the gold division the highlight of the long weekend was a very exciting 4-3 victory on a floodlight turf field. This was a great experience for my team and I have high expectations after watching them play.

Wow what an improvement, seven weeks after our Portland trip the U14 Premier team were thrown a huge task by playing in the U15 Gold Division of the Capital City Challenge. We started by beating the current State Champs 4-2 and finished by losing a tight game in the semi finals to the U15 Caps 2-0. Not only were all our results impressive during this tournament but more importantly was the way we played. Everyone on the roster played his part to produce the best weekend of soccer I've seen this team play. Congrats...Lee



U14 Premier Season Accomplishments*

	W	L	T	
League Play	5	7	1	
CCC Tournament	1	2	0	Semi-Finalist @ Capital City Challenge
Portland Tournament	1	3	0	

* Win-loss record doesn't reflect the tough fall schedule, where we faced seven U15 teams.



Osprey U15 Select. . .

Coach Martin White

is a new division for our young men this year. In August, we traveled as a new team to Salt Lake City to play in a pre-season tournament with only 11 players and a substitute goalkeeper. It was a great opportunity for the boys to bond and begin to understand our team philosophy for formations & strategy. We recently competed in the Capital City Challenge and secured first place by way of a double overtime, two round shootout! We are off to a good start as we continue to enhance our soccer skills and grow as young men. U15 Boys Select (White) finished the 2005 fall season with 6 wins 2 ties and 4 losses. This is a great improvement. In addition to finishing first in their division of league play, they finished second at the Felt Fall Frenzy tournament and won the Capital City Challenge. Coach Martin.

U15 Select Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T
League Play	6	4	2
CCC Tournament	4	0	0
S.L. Tournament	0	3	0
FFF Tournament	2	1	1

Champions @ Capital City Challenge

Finalists @ Felt Fall Frenzy

Osprey U15 Premier. . .

Coaches Conrad Johnson - Gordon Maxwell

On the weekend of August 12-14th we went to play in the Sparta F.C. (Premier) tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. This was a very valuable experience and allowed us to utilize players in lots of different positions. This tournament was a good "warm-up" for the season as each match we played got progressively harder. We won our section with two wins and then played the second placed team from another group to go on to the semi-final. The great thing about this tournament was that we did not play one team from Boise, but three from the Salt Lake area, which we beat convincingly and then we came up against a good team from Calgary, Canada who we lost to 1-2. This game was very competitive and centered around who took the chances that came each team's way. We had three or four very good opportunities in the first half, which we did not take and the game was, tied 0-0 at half time. In the second half we continued to press, but the Calgary team scored on two breakaway opportunities before we finally scored the goal that our pressure definitely warranted. The final three minutes was constant pressure from our boys, who should have tied the game at least, but the Calgary defensive wall held. Given that we had only 12 players for the four games over two days, our boys managed to remain very competitive and we got off to a great start to the season. Coach Conrad.



U15 Premier Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T
League Play	7	2	2
CCC Tournament	4	0	0
S.L. Tournament	2	2	0

Champions @ Capital City Challenge





Osprey U13 Girls...

Coach Seth Hersom

Our first season as Osprey girls has been a great one. We're really coming together as a team and working hard. We are looking forward to furthering our foot skills over the winter in the indoor session. Spring should bring our promotion up into the second division where we will have better competition. We're looking to get into the spring tournaments, which will be a good experience for most of the girls, since the majority of them have never had the opportunity to play in one. I'm really proud as a coach with the team I have this year.

Thanks Seth H.

U13 Girls Season Accomplishments

	W	L	T	
League Play	5	1	0	League Champions in D III

Thank you to IOSC's Former President

On behalf on the Idaho Osprey Soccer Club's board of directors, all parents and players, I would like to thank Dennis Taggart for his years of service and numerous contributions to Osprey soccer!

Dennis' contributions of his time and talent led the club to a great level of success and growth. Under his leadership the number of players in the Osprey club grew by over 40%. He also researched and negotiated the deal for the club's own practice fields. Dennis was instrumental in developing our parent handbook and the majority of the marketing material to bring new players into the Osprey club, along with a sense of respect for the game and a vision for the future. His presence on the board will be greatly missed.

Once again, thank you for a job well done!

Ed Cunningham, IOSC President



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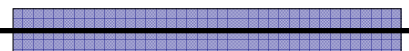
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One last thing ...

Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerged between heaven and hell. God invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve this dispute quickly. Satan, the devil, proposed a soccer game between heaven and hell. God, always fair, told the devil, "The heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be so one sided, don't you know all the good players go to heaven?"

The devil, smiling, responded, "Yeah, but we've got all the refs..."