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# TRU Wins Bronze in USports Nationals!



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Sunday, November 12 will go down in the history books as the first time a TRU Wolfpack soccer team earned a medal at the USports National Men's Soccer Championships. The boys captured a Bronze Medal after defeating UBC Thunderbirds 3-2 in a penalty-kick shootout at Hillside Stadium!

The TRU WolfPack Men's Soccer Team, replete with nine KYSAs graduates in the squad, made history at the USports Men's National Club Championships by winning their first ever medal in their first ever appearance in the tournament.

The WolfPack upset York University in the quarter-final, 1-0, then lost a heartbreaking semi-final match to eventual champions Cape Breton, 4-2. The loss put TRU into the match for 3rd and 4th-

place, where they avenged an earlier qualifying round playoff loss to the UBC Thunderbirds winning 3-2 in a penalty-kick shootout.

Of note was the outstanding play of TRU goalkeeper Alan Connor, one of the KYSAs grads in the Bronze Medal match, who made two brilliant saves in the shootout to give the WolfPack the win.

Congrats to former KYSAs head coach John Antulov, his staff, and the players on this significant achievement.

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## From the desk of Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon...



As we close-out 2017, I would like to extend the warmest of wishes to each and every player, coach, parent, referee and volunteer who helped the KYSAs run another great season this past year.

This game is not possible without you. As is now a tradition, I would like to update my list of resources to help you, your child and the players and parents with whom you work to further your love for, and growth in, the beautiful game.

### SOMETHING TO READ...

*Book:* Soccer Brain ~ The 4C Coaching Model for Developing World Class Player Mindsets and a Winning Football Team.

*Author:* Dan Abrahams.

*Notes:* A sport psychologist who specializes in soccer, Dan Abrahams has spent the past decade working with some of the leading soccer players, teams, organizations and governing bodies globally. He has held contracts with leading clubs in the English Premier League and some of the top managers and coaches regularly use his techniques to drive their coaching culture and team building processes. Dan's passion is to de-mystify sport psychology and deliver simple and practical ideas to both players and coaches. An excellent read for anyone seeking relevant and practical strategies to help their players and teams perform to their best.

*Book:* Brilliant Orange ~ The Neurotic Genius of Dutch Soccer.

*Author:* David Winner.

*Notes:* The Netherlands has been one of the

world's most distinctive and sophisticated football cultures. From the birth of Total Football in the sixties, through two decades of World Cup near misses to the exiles who remade clubs like AC Milan, Barcelona, Arsenal and Chelsea in their own image, the Dutch have often been dazzlingly original and influential. The elements of their style (exquisite skills, adventurous attacking tactics, a unique blend of individual creativity and teamwork, weird patterns of self-destruction) reflect and embody the country's culture and history. This book lays bare the elegant, fractured soul of the Dutch Masters and the culture that spawned them by exploring and analysing its key ideas, institutions, personalities and history in the context of wider Dutch society.

### SOMEONE TO FOLLOW...

- Coach David Baird (@DavidBairdSC) ~ Great activities for coaches.
- Soccer Parenting (@SoccerParenting) ~ Some helpful information for parents in the game.
- Go Play Better (@GoPlayBetter) ~ Helpful tips for coaches and parents .
- Change The Game (@CTGProjectHQ) ~ Parenting and coaching young athletes is an art, not a science, and the information you find here can help you navigate the maze of youth sports, and put a smile on your young athlete's face, whether he or she is 6 or 16 years-old.
- BelievePerform (@BelievePHQ) ~ Great sport psychology resources for working with players.
- All Attack (@allattack1) ~ Great resource for player skills and positional breakdowns
- F2 Freestylerz (@TheF2Freestylers) ~ You won't believe what these guys can do!

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.

# From the desk of Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...



Registration for the 2018 season is now open. Of note this year is a major change in formatting for the House Program. Players/Parents have a choice of signing up for the Spring/Summer season only, a newly structured Fall Program (U4 to U14s) only, or both! Players signing up for both will receive a \$20 discount on the combined fee. The 2018 fee structure is listed in the box below. Programming changes that have been approved by your board of directors are detailed on the new-look KYSA web site www.kysa.net. The U4/U5 boys and girls "Initiation" program will be moving from Dallas Park to Mac Island starting in next year, along with the U6 "Blaze Initiation Game" sessions. Please encourage your players (parents) to register early to avoid disappointment, especially if they want to return to the same team they were on last year.

It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge the tremendous support we received this past year from the Canadian Soccer Association. They provided us with two cash grants that went toward off-setting costs of staging both the Fresh Is Best Errol Wild Active Start Mini-Soccer Festival and the Fall Season Jamboree. The CSA has helped sponsor both these events for a few years now. Along with a financial contribution, we were also the benefactors of the CSA's national sponsors Allstate, Tech, Toyota, Fruitsations and the Government of Canada!



2018 BC SOCCER COACHING COURSE SCHEDULE ~ KAMLOOPS				
Dates:	Course:	Tailored For:	Times:	Location
Wed. April 18	Active Start	U5/U6 Coaches	6:00pm-10:00pm	KYSA Office
Fri. April 20 Sat. April 21	FUNDamentals	U7-U8 Coaches	6:00pm-10:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm	KYSA Office
Sat., March 03 Sun., March 04	Learning To Train	U9-U12 Coaches	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	Kamloops Soccer Dome
Sat., March 10 Sun., March 11	Soccer For Life	U13 to U18 Coaches	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	Kamloops Soccer Dome
Frid., April 27	Grassroots Goalkeeping	U13+ Coaches	6:00pm-9:00pm	KYSA Office

Locations are subject to change ~ Confirmation to participants will be forthcoming prior to the clinic.

REGISTER NOW AT COACHCENTRE.CA . ACTIVE KYSA COACHES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE COURSE REGISTRATION FEE. THE KYSA PAYS BC SOCCER DIRECTLY. PLEASE DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO KYSA TD CIARAN McMAHON AT KYSATD@TELUS.NET

The KYSA AGM was held November 23rd at the meeting room above the association's office on McArthur Island. It was the last official function for director **Graham Cope** as his term expired at the meeting and he decided not to run again. As many of you know, Graham has served as a volunteer director on the KYSA board for six consecutive two-year terms, five of which have been as President. We presented Graham with a framed poster with some photographic memories of his time with the KYSA as a parting gift. It was Graham who hired me to be the Executive Director in September of 2008 and I will be forever grateful for the tremendous support he has given me over the time we have worked together. It was also at the AGM that I announced that I will be retiring from the ED's position as of September 30 of next year. After 37 years in the "soccer business" and upon reaching the magic age, I have decided that my 10th anniversary with

2018 HOUSE LEAGUE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES:			
Age Groups	Spring/Summer	Fall Program	Combined
U4/U5	\$155.00	\$80.00	\$215.00
U6 to U10	\$225.00	\$80.00	\$285.00
U11 to U14	\$255.00	\$80.00	\$315.00
U15 to U18	\$255.00	Not Available	Not Available

Please be reminded that the deadline to ensure your child is placed on a team and receive the early bird discount is **February 1st, 2018**. Anyone registering after that date will be charged the regular fee which is \$25 more than listed above. Anyone registering after April 1 will be required to pay an additional \$50.00 if KYSA is able to place the player on a team.

Family discounts (3 or more children from the same family) will receive a 10% discount on the total cost of their registration fees!

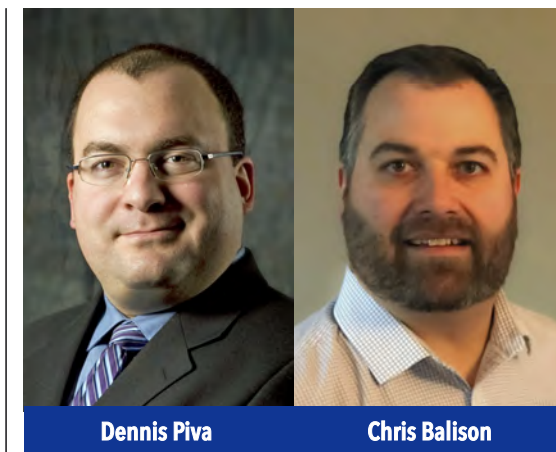
KYSA will be a fitting time to take my leave. We will be posting the position sometime next summer. In other AGM news, local lawyer **Chris Balison** and chartered accountant **Dennis Piva** were elected to the Board of Directors. Both gentlemen have children in the Program. Chris is also President of the Kamloops Minor Baseball Association. In addition, the membership approved a \$1.3 million operating budget for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. We were also privileged to have **Kjeld Brodsgaard**, President, **Rob Lennox**, Vice-President Youth and **Lori D'Andrea**, Director of Community Development—all with BC Soccer, attend and speak at the meeting.

The Kamloops Soccer Referees Association held their AGM November 26 in the meeting room above the KYSA office. KYSA President **Candace**

**KYSA graduate Alan Connor making one of two world class saves in the penalty-kick shootout that earned the TRU Wolfpack a Bronze Medal at the 2017 USports Men's National Soccer Championships held in Kamloops, November 9-12.**



Photo by Andrew Snucins, courtesy TRU



**Dodson-Willis**, V-P **Rod Gurnsey**, Director **Colin Guise** and I represented the KYSA at the meeting. Of note: **Mario Salituro** has been returned as President after taking a year off. KYSA Senior Staff Coach, KSRA member and qualified referee **Mark Bell** was elected V-P and **Brian Flamank** was returned as Secretary. Referee Allocators **Fahrudin Djelmo** (U13 and older) and **Ali Campmans** (small-sided to U12), were voted to assign game officials again for the 2018 season (hooray!). Elected to the KSRA board as members at large were **Chris Butcher** and **Danny Nikolic**. Our thanks to retiring KSRA President **Hailey Manke** for the cooperation we received during her tenure. Hailey attended KYSA meetings periodically to keep the board apprised of developments and to discuss items of mutual interest.

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