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Welcome to the January/February 2017 edition of the Westside United Newsletter! I hope you enjoy!

#### **WSU History and Mission**

Westside United Soccer Club, a division of Magic Soccer Club of Indiana Inc. (1988), is a Premier level soccer club based out of Avon, IN. Westside United was originated in 2002 by Dustin Ottesen and John Case. Many of our players come from the Central Indiana area, but also extend as far as Terre Haute, Columbus, Noblesville, and Ft. Wayne. The club has grown from 4 travel teams to 32 travel teams since it started in 2002. Our Jr. Academy which serves around 200+ kids has grown by over 150 kids the last 4 years. Westside United's reputation continues to grow within the state and region as one of the top level soccer clubs around.

In our few years of existence, Westside United has 23 State Championships, 29 state runner-ups, 1 regional finalist, 3 regional semi-finalists, and many State Cup, Challenge Cup, and President's Cup Champions, Finalist, and Semi-Finalist. We have produced over 500 college soccer players, and our numbers continue to grow every year. We have multiple players involved with the ODP program on the state, regional, and national level. We have two players involved with the Men's and Women's US U17 National Teams. We recently had one player drafted into the MLS by the Chicago Fire.

What makes us different than most clubs is our coaches. Our directors and coaching staff truly have the bigger picture of soccer in mind and are here for the kids and the betterment of the game. We believe that individual development will lead to team development. The Westside United board fully supports our directors and their decisions within the club.

Westside United is dedicated to providing the best coaching for each and every one of our teams. We are committed to providing developmentally appropriate environments for all levels of players. Our experienced and nationally certified professional staff ensures that each club player receives appropriate instruction, quality leadership, and exposure to valuable life lessons. Our goal is to promote and teach youth soccer in the state of Indiana and provide Premier soccer to the central Indiana area.

**MISSION:** To teach and promote youth soccer in the central Indiana area and provide a unique, modern, and premier soccer experience to the Westside of Indianapolis.

#### **Jr. Academy News**

Our Jr. Academy (U4-U8) continues to grow each season. Spring Jr. Academy Registration is online. Please make sure you refer kids and parents that you know to Westside United to enjoy learning soccer in a fun environment. Players can sign up at anytime, even late. More information for our Jr. Academy and registration can be found online at [www.wsusoccer.com](http://www.wsusoccer.com). We also plan on having some current college, high school players coming out to help with a few sessions to already add to our dedicated, experienced coaching staff. If you know anyone that is interested in joining, we can add players anytime, even when the season has already started.

#### **WSU Rec-Plus Academy**

Westside United Rec Plus

Spring Registration is Open until March 15th

**League Calendar: Opening Day is Friday, April 14th**

**High School Tournament is May 19th - May 21st**

**10U Jamboree - Saturday, June 3rd**

**12U and 15 U Tournament is June 2nd - June 4th**

**1st Annual WSU Rec Plus Jamboree/Family Festival will be June 10, 2017**

**Please use the link below to register online:**

**[Sign up online!](#)**

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Questions?: [wsurecplus@gmail.com](mailto:wsurecplus@gmail.com)

Teams will be registered in the WCSSF League, which is the local Rec Plus League. All teams are coed.

Games will be played against other clubs in the League such as Danville, Plainfield, TriWest, Zionsville, USAi, Lebanon, Speedway, Mill Creek, Ben Davis, and Montgomery County. Most games are played on Saturdays and on Sundays at 2 PM and later. Teams practice two nights per week - nights determined by coaches and field availability

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U9 and U10 ages are combined (Birth years 2007 and 2008). Fee is \$85.00 plus a uniform fee of \$40.00 for new players.

U11 and U12 ages are combined (Birth years 2005 and 2006). Fee is \$115.00 plus a uniform fee of \$40.00 for new players.

U13, U14, and U15 ages are combined (Birth years 2003 and 2004; 2002 birthdates have the option to play in this group or to play up in the High School age group). Fee is \$130.00 plus a uniform fee of \$40.00 for new players.

U15 - U19 - also referred to as the High School division (Birth years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 ) - Players born in 1998 and 1999 must still be in High School to be eligible to play. This division combines all the high school ages and most clubs have coed teams. In the Fall this age group plays 6v6 on a U12 size field. In the Spring games are 11 v 11 on a full-side field. Fee is \$135.00 plus a uniform fee of \$40.00 for new players.

**Westside United and AIM Performance Training Partner to bring a new level to Westside United Player Development !**



AIM Performance has partnered with Westside United, one of Indiana's premier soccer clubs to promote and develop some of Indiana's top soccer players. AIM will be working directly with the Westside United staff on tracking both the physical and agile development of each club player. AIM Performance services are designed to provide trending and comparative results to parents and coaches during these critical years of development. Our Wearable GPS match analysis can display up to 50 different metrics of performance, leading to more productive training sessions and the ability to track and trend growth as an individual player.

Winter testing was completed in January. Results will be online at [www.wsusoccer.com](http://www.wsusoccer.com) in March. Your player's number will be given to your coach who will then communicate that to you.

### **College Recruiting Presentation with the University of Indianapolis**



Westside United and the University of Indianapolis Men's Head Coach, John Higgins, and Associate Head Coach, Shaun Mahoney, will be hosting a college recruiting presentation in February at Avon High School. This is a very informational night that any player wishing to play at the collegiate level should attend. Details below:

Date: Monday, February 27, 2017

Time: 7pm

Location: Avon High School- ALC Cafeteria- Enter Door 12

We hope to see you all there!

### **Westside United ISL All Division Players**

#### **U11 Boys Green**

Eli McIntyre

Luke Wickline

#### **U12 Boys Green**

Drew Thompson

Zane Biggerstaff

Daniel Lopez

#### **U12 Boys White**

Drew Jennings

#### **U13 Boys Green**

Evan Frost  
Landon Moore  
Peter Myers  
Trace Holder  
**U14 Boys Green**  
Rainey Biggerstaff  
Anthony Forte  
Kolton Crouch  
**U11 Girls Green**  
Maggie Teel  
Adelyn Wyndham  
**U13 Girls Green**  
Mallory Laughlin  
Mackenzie Faust  
**U14 Girls Green**  
Liza Peterson  
**U15 Girls Green**  
Jayden Gibson  
Grace Crawford  
Grace Abell  
Taelyn Hendrickson

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Westside United Auction Fundraiser a Huge Success!**

Westside United had a very successful night of fun and camaraderie recently at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Westside United Auction! Thank you to all of those that made it a complete success! Special thanks to Chris Wey and his committee!





**Congratulations to the following Westside United players who recently made college commitments:**

Dillon Stemler- University of Indianapolis  
Jack Berger- University of Indianapolis  
Connor Campbell- University of Indianapolis  
Kyle Holmer- Wabash College  
Evan Phillips- University of Indianapolis  
Alex Webb- Marian University  
Tyler Zigler- Trine University  
Justin Kopp- Wabash College  
Uriel Garcia- University of Indianapolis  
Zack Leech- DePauw University  
Kaelynn Abner- University of the Cumberlands  
Cydney Grannemann- Baldwin-Wallace University  
Jordan Adam- Huntington University  
Cayla Crawford- Franklin University

**WSU Player at a Glance: Payton Thomas**



Name: Payton Thomas  
Team: Westside United u15  
Number: 17  
Favorite Pro Team: U.S Women's National team

Favorite Player: Tobin Heath

Favorite College: Indiana University

Most memorable soccer moment: going to Memphis, TN with my team

Individual Goals: make the varsity team in high school, to keep improving my game, get stronger, to get over 100 juggles in a row

Team Goal: to do well in MRL

What you like most about WSU: I like being able to improve my game with great coaches and my teammates, who have become my best friends.

## **WSU Player at a Glance: Zane Biggerstaff**



Name: Zane Biggerstaff

Team: Westside United Boys U12 Green

Number: 3

Favorite Pro Team: FC Bayern Munich

Favorite Player: Ronaldinho

Favorite College: DePauw University

Most Memorable Soccer Moment: After being down to Zionsville, at the Westside United Invitational, I scored two goals in the closing minutes to help my team win the game.

Individual Goals: I will increase my speed of play and be more active off the ball.

Team Goal: We will earn a spot in the Midwest Regional League (MRL)

What you like most about WSU: I am grateful for the friendship of my teammates and the quality of my coaches.

## **Meet the Coach: Larz Coy**



Westside Families! My name is Larz Coy and I am the '04 boys green head coach, and I assistant Coach Wey and the '03 boys as well. In addition to that, I am the head varsity boys coach at Decatur Central. I started with Westside in the fall of 2016, after one short season with the club its values and dedication are very clear.

Growing up on the north side of Indy soccer has molded me into what I am today. Being in a soccer household I had the passion from a very young age. I began playing rec soccer at the age of 4. My parents wanting more for me I went to travel at u10. I played much of my youth career against Westside. In saying this I have a deep background with the richness of the culture the club holds. I graduated high school and went on to play 4 years at Marian University. During my 4 years there, as I matured and my future became more apparent I knew soccer was always going to be consistent. I graduated with a degree in Business Management and jumped straight into coaching.

I had helped out coaching many places in my college career including my old club and high school. I have a specialty (by way of the National Strength and Conditioning Association) in speed and agility training. I believe that even at a young age having proper training habits and injury prevention tools are key. I am very passionate about the sport, and believe that soccer can teach many life lessons. For me, coaching is about impacting the life of youth just as much as being successful on the field. The most important factor is molding young men and women and making a competitive, yet fun environment.

I look forward to many years to come. I want to thank Westside for the opportunity and look forward to meeting new faces around the club. I look forward to many years to come. I want to thank Westside for the opportunity and look forward to meeting new faces around the club.

## **Westside United Alumni report from College: Trevor Semakula- IUPUI**



Hello Westside Family! My name is Trevor Semakula. I am a WSU Alum, also currently a student at IUPUI, and a player on the IUPUI Men's Soccer Team. Luckily for me I was asked to share some of my experiences I had with Westside United as well as my experiences at IUPUI. First off with Westside, I decided to join Westside during the summer going into my junior year of high school. I wanted to join Westside because I wanted to play in the same club as my high school teammates.

During my time at Westside, I was able to have many memorable playing experiences. During my 3 seasons at WSU, I was a part of many great victories. My most memorable one was beating the National Championship runner up during our MRL league play. Also some heartbreaking moments such as being one win shy of qualifying for the National League, and also being on the wrong side of a Few State Cup championship results.

Aside from the high level of competition, being a part of WSU helped me in other ways. For example, I was able to form strong friendships and bonds with several of my teammates. Some of which I am lucky enough to still get to play with today. Also I was also able to have coaches that helped me grow as a player and as a person. They helped me emphasize the importance of leadership and also a strong work ethic. Things that can and have helped me a lot off the field. Also they have given me opportunities to help out at WSU by giving me the opportunity to be an assistant coach with one of the travel teams.

Due to exposure during showcases playing with Westside, and help assistance from my coach Josh George, I was able to continue my academic and athletic career at IUPUI. Currently I am pursuing a degree in Business Management and International Business. Soccer wise, recently I have just completed my sophomore season as an IUPUI Jaguar. Adjusting to the college game for me wasn't the easiest transition, but fortunately for me in my first ever game, I was able to score my first ever collegiate goal. Certainly a memory that will last me a lifetime.

Being a part of Westside United has had a very positive impact on me. From all the games, to the lessons learned, to coaching opportunities. Hopefully I can use the skills I have learned from my time with this club to help and positively affect those around me. Thank you!

## **Individual Training**

The winter time is a great time to get in some extra training. If you are interested in individual or small group training, please contact Josh George at [jgeorge\\_westsidefc@yahoo.com](mailto:jgeorge_westsidefc@yahoo.com) or [jgeorge.westsidefc@gmail.com](mailto:jgeorge.westsidefc@gmail.com) and he will set you up with a trainer.

Make sure you visit our website for more information on Westside United FC at [www.wsusoccer.com](http://www.wsusoccer.com). Follow us on twitter, [WestsideFC2012](#). Like us on FACEBOOK.

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