

# Kentucky Youth Soccer Awards Luncheon

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# Message from the President

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We are gathered today to celebrate the successes and to recognize some of those who have made outstanding contributions to Kentucky Youth Soccer in the past twelve months.

In conjunction with Kentucky Adult Soccer Association, we are excited to announce the 2009 class of the Kentucky Soccer Hall of Fame. If you have the honor of speaking with any of these individuals, both past and present inductees, please thank them all for their hard work over the years.

We celebrate coaches, players, parents, referees, and administrators through the awards we present today through the many accomplishments they have made both on and off the field this year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year. Thank you again for dedicating so much of your time and effort to better the sport of soccer across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Timothy B. Turney  
President

# 2008-2009 Year in Review

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The 2008-2009 Season Year has been a great year for youth soccer in Kentucky. In many cases it was another banner year for clubs and programs involved with Kentucky Youth Soccer. Following are some highlights of the last year:

- Javanon sent the two boys teams to the US Youth Soccer National Championship in Lancaster, MA – the U16 lost during pool play while the U18 lost in the Championship game.
- Kentucky Youth Soccer welcomed 2 new affiliates.
- Madison United Soccer Association hosted the Commonwealth Cup in November 2008 where 85 recreational teams participated at fields in Berea and Richmond.
- Lexington Youth Soccer and Woodford County Youth Soccer hosted the Eurosport Challenge Cup at the in May where 61 U-11 and U-12 teams competed.
- Adrian Parrish, Director of Coach & Player Development was named as the 2009 United States Adult Soccer Association Region II Coach of the Year.

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- Lexington FC hosted the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Kentucky State Cup at Masterson Station Park, where 178 teams fought over two weekends to determine the Kentucky State Champions.
- Oldham County Youth Soccer hosted the Kohl's US Youth Soccer American Cup at the Buckner Soccer Complex in June, where a 85 recreational teams participated.
- Over 600 players participated in the Kentucky Youth soccer ODP program.
- The 1992, 1993 and 1994 age groups participated in the Alabama Youth Soccer College Showcase in Decatur, Alabama in March
- Javanon was named again by *Soccer America* as one of the Top 25 Soccer Clubs in the United States
- Nelson County was showcased on the US Youth Soccer Show on the Fox Soccer Channel for one teams work fighting breast cancer.

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- Kermit Quisenberry was named an Assistant Referee at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.
- Josh Brooks was selected to work the US Youth Soccer National Championship and Tony Crush was selected to work the United States Adult National Cup.
- The 4th Annual TOPSoccer RoundRobin was held in Elizabethtown in April
- Paducah started its first TOPSoccer team, goSoccer with 19 players participating.
- Kentucky Youth Soccer coaching education has continued to be very popular in the last year: 22 USSF Youth Module, 15 USSF "E" Certificate, 9 USSF D License courses have been held.
- Kentucky Youth Soccer hosted a USSF National Youth License Course in June with plans to hold a USSF National C course in November of 2009.
- Kentucky hosted its first "Spanish" speaking USSF Youth Module Coaching course in Lexington.

# 2008-2009 Award Winners

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Eurosport Player of the Year – Girls

Arin Gilliland

Eurosport Player of the Year – Boys

Will Vitalis

Eurosport Recreational Coach of the Year – Girls

Tammy Clothier

Eurosport Recreational Coach of the Year – Boys

Luis Mendoza

Eurosport Competitive Coach of the Year – Girls

Jonathan Velotta

Eurosport Competitive Coach of the Year – Boys

Braco Jusufovic

Eurosport Young Referee of the Year– Female

Kate Wickizer

Eurosport Young Referee of the Year– Male

Chris Ryan

adidas Volunteer of the Year

Sarah Rogers

adidas Administrator of the Year

Nancy Johnson

Kohl's Parent of the Year

Marc Maguire

# Arin Gilliland – Girls Player

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- Former Member of Lexington FC Premier 92 Girls Team – 2009 State Cup Finalist
- Kentucky Youth Soccer State ODP Team Member from 2005 - 2009
- Selected to the US Youth Soccer Region II team in 2007 and 2008 traveling to Regional and International trips
- adidas ESP All Star Team in 2009
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team KHSAA All-State Selection in 2008



# Will Vitalis – Boys Player

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- Member of Javanon U-17 Team since 2006  
(2008 and 2009 US Youth Soccer Region II Champions and 2009 MRL Premier League Champions)
- Kentucky Youth Soccer State ODP Team Member since 2005 and US Youth Soccer Region II ODP Pool Member in 2008
- Region II member on Argentina International trip in the spring of 2009
- Rising Senior at South Oldham High School
- Verbally committed to play soccer at the University of Louisville



# Tammy Clothier – Girls Recreational Coach

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- Became involved in soccer when her eleven year old daughter started playing soccer at the age of 5.
- In the Spring of 2008, after years coordinating snacks, transporting girl to practice and games, and cheering loudly, her role evolved to become assistant coach.
- In the Fall of 2008, after the head coach resigned due to personal reasons, Tammy took over as head coach.
- She focuses on teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship while making a big emphasis on players praising each other.
- Believes that great sportsmanship and teamwork help develop key characteristics in young adults.



# Luis Mendoza – Boys Recreational Coach

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- Responsible for creating Belfry Youth Soccer in August of 1999.
- In 2004, he was coaching a U8, U10, U16 and U19 while working 60 hour weeks as a coal miner in Eastern Kentucky.
- Aside from teaching fundamentals, he preaches a positive work ethic, discipline and the respect for self and others
- Currently holds the USSF grade 8 referee certification
- Currently coaches a U6 team, a U2 team and is the head boys coach for the Belfry High School team.



# Jonathan Velotta – Girls Competitive Coach

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- Current Director of Coaching for Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club Select Program as well as the head coach for the 1993 Boys and Girls teams
- Coached Three Kentucky Youth Soccer State Championship Teams
- Current Assistant Men's & Women's Soccer Coach at Bellarmine University
- Holds the USSF "A" License
- Spent Three years as Assistant Men's Coach at the University of Louisville
- Spent Four years as coach at Javanon Soccer Club, including the last 2 as the Youth Director
- Coached on Kentucky Youth Soccer and Region II Girls ODP Staff



# Braco Jusufovic – Boys Competitive Coach

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- Played youth soccer for FC Neretva in his hometown of Mostar, Bosnia.
- Coached the United 1996 FC 91 Boys team for the past 6 years
  - 2 Time State Champions
  - 2 Time State Finalist
  - CASL Shootout Champions
  - Disney Showcase Division Finalist
  - Spring 2009 MRL Premier League Champions
- Currently holds a USSF “B” License
- Longest serving member of the United 1996 FC Coaching Staff
- Recently named United 1996 FC Boys Director of Coaching



# Kate Wickizer – Female Young Referee

- Over the last the last 5 years, she has refereed games at all levels of tournaments and leagues across the whole state of Kentucky.
- Holds the USSF Grade 8 Referee Certification.
- Very involved in school activates such as FFA, 4-H, National Spanish Honor Society and National Beta Club just to name a few.
- Played for Bluegrass Soccer Club 1994 Girls and Anderson County before focusing solely on refereeing two years ago.
- Member of the high school archery team while competing on the regional and national archery tournaments.
- Hopes to attend to Centre College while majoring in Pre-Vet before going on to Auburn University to work on a degree in Veterinary Medicine.



# Chris Ryan – Male Young Referee

- Licensed USSF Referee since 2006.
- Primarily referees games in Northern Kentucky with Villa Hills Soccer Club.
- Patient and kind to players and coaches while taking time to explain his calls.
- Tries to be consistent and watchful throughout the game while making sure the rules are followed and tempers to not flare all of the players are safe.



# Sarah Rogers – Volunteer

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- Served as an active member of South Nelson County Youth Soccer since 1989.
- Instrumental in the fundraising process of the new concessions and bathrooms.
- Member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and a certified referee.
- Has served as a board member, coach, scheduler, referee assignor. and the current Registrar. Volunteered with organizing camps, keeping coaches informed, with tournaments, classes, etc
- Her U-10 was featured on the US Youth Soccer show and received a letter from the Office Of The First Lady Jane Beshear thanking her for her dedication.



# Nancy Johnson – Administrator

- Became involved in soccer in 1996 when oldest child began playing with Lexington Youth Soccer which then evolved into volunteering for Lexington FC
- In 2007, her daughters began playing with Commonwealth Soccer Club and because of her experience, she was asked to join the board of director as club secretary.
- Without out a full time administrator, Nancy handled all administrative responsibilities such as hiring, contracts, background checks as well as assisting with field assignments while growing from 14 to 24 teams in two short years.
- Coordinator for the Annual College Night
- Volunteers time for the Lexington Catholic Soccer programs and served as the coordinator for the Knights soccer program.



# Marc Maguire - Parent

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- Has four sons who play for United 1996 FC, including two young men who they adopted from Africa.
- Assistant Coach for the United 1996 FC 1991 Boys for last four years.
- Served as Vice President of United 1996 FC for one year and President for 3 years as well as acting as the 1991 boys team MRL Coordinator.
- Has been instrumental in the development of United 1996 FC and is always willing to take on additional responsibilities and duties for the betterment of the club and kids.

