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The Eastern Foundation

The Eastern Soccer Foundation is recognized as a 501c3 by the IRS. It was set up to assist families with the financial strains of playing soccer at the Premier level. The Eastern Soccer Foundation helps defray these expenses for talented children who otherwise would not be able to play at a premier level. For more details on the Eastern Foundation please visit <http://easternsoccerfoundation.com/home.html>

Eastern FC Senior Squads

We at Eastern HQ are glad to welcome back our senior squads (U15—U18) from their respective High School seasons. Many have been with us since U12 and even through our Academy years. To all, **“Welcome back”**. Going into the spring 2009, Eastern FC will field 9-Boys teams (2 EFC NY) and 8-Girls teams (1 EFC-NY); totaling **SEVENTEEN teams representing the club!**
Way to go Eastern....

Eastern Foundation Dinner Dance

Please mark your calendars. The 9th annual Eastern FC Foundation dinner dance will be held on **Friday March 6th 2009**. This is a fund raising dinner for all parents and guests of the club to come together and have a ‘ball’ of a time! There will be a guest speaker and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Eastern Foundation. Further details will be mailed to all members of the club.



**Pride, Professionalism,
Experience.**

WELCOME TO EASTERN FC

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Editor,



Wow, the fall season is over!! It seemed like only yesterday that I was running the club preseason in August! I want to thank all the team managers for their dedication this fall. Their efforts have made teams so organized and well represented. To our dedicated coaching staff, thank you. Your teaching and mentoring has improved each and every player this fall. Finally, to the parents; you are the unsung heroes. Your commitment to your child's soccer schedule is commendable. Thank you for giving us the chance to develop your child's skills both in soccer and life. Happy Holidays from us all at Eastern.

Danny Simpson
EFC Managing Director

Eastern Tours



2009 will be our 10th year of operating Eastern Tours to Liverpool's Academy. We aim to mark this event with our best tour ever. The **GIRLS** trip (Feb 13th—22nd 09') is **FULL**, but the **BOYS** trip (April 4th—12th 09') still has availability. A presentation for the boys trip will be held @ The Holy Child School on 12/14/08 @ 12noon. To reserve your place OR for more details, please visit our web site OR call the Eastern office **(914) 864—2608**.



2008 Fall Season Wrap Up



Eastern FC had a full 6-team Junior Premier Program this fall. The development of each player / team this fall has been steady and competitive with our opponents. Our coaching staff are very excited for the future. Season highlights include the BU12 win @ their first tournament (The Ludlow Invitational, MA) and the GU13 qualification to CJSA Division 1. Congratulations to all our teams this fall and good luck over the winter.

BU12 Lancers: MAPS League play, Columbus Weekend Tournament, Ludlow, MA **Champions**,
BU13 Galaxy CJSA **D2** Qualification (probable)
BU14 Samba CJSA D2 Scrimmage League play
GU12 Tigers CJSA Developmental league play
GU13 Panthers CJSA **D1** Qualification, Columbus Weekend Tournament, Ludlow, MA **Runners Up**,
GU14 Wildcats CJSA Scrimmage League play.

Coaches Corner

Mr. Rich Franklin

Director of Business Development
EFC NY Boys Program Director



Q1: Coaching Experience?

10 years coaching for the Eastern organization. NCAA D2 Head Women's Coach. I currently hold a USSF D License, but I'm taking the C License in January.

Q2: What makes a great team?

A great team has the ability to play as one cohesive unit. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a progress and working together is a success!!

Q3: Who is the best player you have seen and why?

My favorite is Steven Gerrard. His presence on the field is felt at any level. He leads by example, he is loyal to his team no matter what circumstances. He portrays all characteristics of a world class role model and player.

Q4: As an ex EFC player and now an EFC coach, how has the club changed over the years?

The club has changed for the better over the years with more members, more pride and a lot more education for players. The opportunities have become greater with better college relationships as well as the club's relationship with Liverpool Football Club.

Eastern FC NY

Eastern FC is proud to launch its; **Eastern FC NY** club. EFC NY is a franchise of our Eastern FC Connecticut club. EFC NY Founder Rich Franklin says "With so many resources and facilities in NY it was only a natural progression for Eastern to branch out and continue to develop quality players across NY State". EFC NY, whose mission statement is: "**Where you're potential is our Passion**", boasts **two** boys teams: U15/16 **GUNNERS** & U16/17 **LIONS** and **one** girls team U17/18. The full launch of all ages is expected for the summer of 09'. For more details, please visit our web site OR call the Eastern office: **(914) 864 - 2608**.

Youth Development Program: YDP

This winter marks the launch of our newly designed YDP program. Aimed at 7-11 year olds, Eastern hopes to replicate Liverpool FC's development program. For extensive details and sign up, please visit the eastern web site.