

# Portland City United Soccer Club

## Monthly Email Newsletter

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Fall Classic Tryouts*
  - *May 4,5, and 6*
  - *Register Online*
- *Winter Classic Tryouts*
  - *August 6,7,8*
- *Spring YDP is mid-session on Sunday afternoons at the Columbia TAG Center. Contact Nelson to participate. portland-cityunitedsc@yahoo.com Last day is April 27th.*
- *Summer YDP will continue on Sundays starting in June. Check for more info online.*
- *2008 Important Dates*
  - *4 V 4 Tournament*
    - *June 14 and 15*
  - *PCU Tournament*
    - *July 11, 12, 13*
  - *Beaverton Cup*
    - *July 17-20*
  - *Qualifying Tourney*
    - *August 8-10*
    - *August 15-17*
- **WWW.PCUSC.ORG**

## U12 to U14 State Cup moves to April

For the 2008-09 Fall Classic year, Oregon State Cup has moved entirely to the month of April, with games kicking off the first weekend.

In the past, the first round of State Cup was playing in November after the conclusion of the Fall League. Now teams will play this round in April along with the rest of the age groups. There is no State Cup for U11 teams.

What does this mean for PCU and its teams? There

will now be more emphasis on the Spring League and spring training. Teams that are competing in State Cup will now need to be more serious about their training and games.

In the past PCU Fall Classic teams have started training in mid-February and started playing games in March. Now training will most likely start in early February with the league starting in mid-February. This will only affect teams participating in State Cup.

## State Cup and Presidents Cup Updates

Rob Warnell's U15 Girls Intensity have made it through to the Quarterfinals of State Cup where they played Eastside United's Chelsea team. During the season they played to a 1-1 draw, but lost a tough match Saturday at Barlow HS.

Jason Isenstein's U16 Girls Pressure have assured

themselves a place in the Presidents Cup final after three games in group play. The final will be played on April 27th at 1 pm at Tualatin Hills Recreation Center Field 2.

Best of luck to the Pressure.

**Rob Warnell, PCU Goalkeeping Director and Staff Coach was awarded the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association 6A Women's Coach of the Year. Congrats to Rob and his success.**

## Player Profile

### Libby Watkins (U18 Regulators) by Micah Farver (U18 Blues)

Soccer has been a staple in Libby Watkins' life since she was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, when she played for the Alameda Goal Cats. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade she began playing at Portland City United (PCU), where she continues to play today. Watkins, a senior in high school, is currently a team captain of the PCU Regulators. Watkins also played for the varsity team at Grant High School this year, where she earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-PIL honors.

While Watkins says that soccer is her favorite activity, it is far from the only thing she enjoys doing. Watkins is the editor-in-chief of her high school newspaper, The Grantonian, and was an assistant editor the previous year. Watkins has helped to improve the paper and the writing of the other students on staff. While she is passionate about journalism, Watkins is unsure about pursuing it as a career.

Watkins also participates on her schools' Constitution Team, which recently won the highly-contested state competition. The team, which blends history, law, and Constitutional Theory into a mock Congressional-hearing, will compete in the National Competition in Washington DC in May.

Watkins says she doesn't mind balancing her activities, as well as a tough class load. "Everything I do I really enjoy, so it isn't too bad," she says. Watkins also played lacrosse for Grant the first three years of high school, but says that this year she was just too busy. "I didn't want to kill myself," she says.

Watkins' high school experience hasn't been without its share of adversity. Watkins' tore her ACL while playing for PCU in her sophomore year, and was forced to play on the JV team at Grant during her junior year while she recovered. Back to full strength, Watkins is considering playing soccer in college.

Watkins' achievements in high school were recognized by Colleges across the country. She was accepted to nine schools, including Macalester, Kenyon, Whitman, Grinnell, and Northwestern, and faces an admittedly tough decision. For now, though, Watkins simply wants to enjoy the end of her senior year and to continue challenging herself in a variety of ways.

## PCU Receives Grant from Portland Timbers

PCU Assistant Head Coach Tim Copeland and PCU President Dave Carboneou were on hand Thursday night before the Timbers played Puerto Rico to receive a \$5000 grant to help with club scholarships. The grant is designed to help organizations that are providing opportunities for youth in the

city of Portland.

The Timbers won the game 1-0 on a 25 yard blast from Chris Brown. Help us support the Timbers to thank them for their donation to PCU.

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