



In Touch

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From the Director Of Coaching

Our U17 boys team recently returned from a trip to Phoenix to participate in the President's Day Tournament. We are proud to say that they went 3 and 1 and just missed advancing into the knockout round. The team that beat them out ended up winning the whole tournament, so our boys were right on track with the best teams from around the country that attended the tournament.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to attend an MLS game between the Columbus Crew and FC Dallas. The game was played at a small college in Phoenix and allowed for the team to have great seats and sit virtually right on the sidelines. What made this game all the more exciting was the fact that former Menace stars Andy Grunebaum and Ezra Hendrickson were playing for the Crew. The guys basically got to sit right behind the goal Andy played in and watch him come up with some big time saves. To top off a great match, Andy and Ezra then were able to come over and take some pictures and chat with the team. I can say that it made for a wonderful and hopefully impressionable evening on many of our kids.

On the plane ride home your mind tends to analyze all the events, the ups and downs, and all details of the weekend and as I sat there going over everything I realized how unique of an opportunity our Academy provides. The fact that every year our PDL team brings in future MLS stars that allow our kids to go to an MLS game and know the players on the field and have those guys come and talk about life as a pro is a pretty special opportunity. The stories Andy told about his warm-up for the game, the field, the guys on the team, what training is like, are stories that can be as valuable and as motivating as any practice or speech that coaches may give.

I was proud of the way the team played and equally proud of the fact that our Academy can provide special opportunities that can have a positive lasting impression on our members.

Yours in Soccer,
Casey Mann

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**Winter Speed Training still available!
Dates open for March!**

**4 WEEK SESSION
2006-2007
WINTER Speed Training**

**4 weeks 8-1 hour sessions
\$100**
Per player for a
Menace or High School team of 10

\$125
Per Individual Menace player

\$175
Non Academy Player
**You can purchase additional
sessions at \$15/session**



**6 WEEK SESSION
2006-2007
WINTER Speed Training**

**6 weeks 12-1 hour sessions
\$125**
Per player for a
Menace or High School team of
15

\$175
Per Individual Menace player

\$225
Non Academy Player
Speed Training
Location:
Grand Slam USA

**To Sign up as an individual or as a team
call Tawnya at 515-457-6034**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Menace PDL has several fun events coming up and we would love to have your help! Tattoos, kick center, stickers and lots more fun things. Call 515-457-6034 or email tmm@menacesoccer.com

**-Kids Fest: Varied Industries Building
(March 9, 10, 11)**

-St. Patrick's Day Parade: Downtown

**-Valley West Mall Free Clinics
(April 14, 15)**

**-Just For Girls Tournament: James Cownie Soccer Complex
(April 19, 20, 21 and April 26, 27, 28)**

*“Are you on this
team for
something to do or
are you on this
team to do
something?”
~Anonymous*

**INCLUDED FREE****14 SESSIONS****1 JR. Menace Jersey****1 Menace Soccer Ball****Date: April 3rd—May 18**

Time: Ages 4-7 practice 5:30pm-6:30pm (Tuesdays)
Ages 8-10 practice 6:30pm-7:30pm (Tuesdays)

Where: Teamwork Acres
Waukee, IA

ALL AGES GAME NIGHT 5:30pm-6:30pm (Fridays)

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MENACESOCCER.COM OR CALL 515-457-6034

CONGRATULATIONS

2nd Annual Awards Banquet was a great success with over 150 in attendance! DOC, Casey Mann commented on how much of family the Menace is and how it is all the kids and parents that help make the Menace so successful.

The following were recognized for the outstanding achievements this past year with the Menace Academy.

- Team Managers: Sue Thiesse (U11B/U12B), Katharina Glaser (U13B), Laura Mackaman (U15B), Josie Poppen (U16B), Angie Cumings (U17B), Leslie Teeling (U18B), Dyann & Mike Vilez (U14G), Sarah Ketcher (U15G), Steph Bintner (U16G)
- Coach of the Year: Tomas Boltnar
- Volunteer of the Year: Lavenia Davis (GMA)
- ACE Female Player: Sarah Buller (U16 G)
- ACE Male Player: Grant Bowden (U18 B)



U17 Boys competed in the Presidents Day Tournament last month and went 3-1. Congratulations on a great tournament! For more on this story and what 2 MLS stars they got to meet go to www.menacesoccer.com and scroll down to Menace Youth.

If you have any exciting news or just news you would like published in the IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER please send your information to tmm@menacesoccer.com or call 515-457-6034



2007 Season Tickets

All 2006-2007 Academy players will receive a free season ticket for the 2007 PDL Season this spring. Parents and siblings take advantage of your 1/2 price season tickets.

- Preferred parking pass
- *Season Ticket Pick Up Party* - where you can meet and greet the Menace Staff and 2007 PDL Players

Contact cri@menacesoccer.com or call 515-226-9890

Menace Sightings

- Kids Fest - March 9, 10, 11 - Varied Industries Building
- St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 17th - Downtown

Try Outs

The Des Moines Menace will hold open try outs for the PDL Team on March 24th and April 7th call 515-457-6365 for details.

The Des Moines Menace Kickers-Spirit Squad will also be having open try outs for girls ages 18 & Up on March 25th from 1pm-4pm call 515-457-6375 or email jcm@menacesoccer.com



Academy Information

How To Find Out the Information You Need

Check the Menace Website for all up-date information

Call the Weather Hotline for any questions about weather-related cancellations

Hotline Number: 515-457-6378

Contact Your Team Manager and/or coach. They'll often have the answer or know how to find it.

Call the Front Office. You can contact Tawnya Mann at 515-457-6034 when you have questions.

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