Congratulations
St. Paul Blackhawks
on 60 years of soccer!

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Welcome
St Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club is joyously celebrating 60 years of soccer in St Paul! Join us as we recognize our alumni, our current, and our future players! The City of St Paul has recognized June 23, 2012 as St Paul Blackhawks Day.

Mission and Vision
A St Paul based soccer club that builds character and community through soccer.

Our Core Values

- Respect for coaches, peers, yourself and opponents
- Be responsible to your team and your community
- Always do your best
- Set high goals and never give up

St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club, a recognized lead soccer club in the Midwest, develops the highest-quality soccer players and teams through a year-round, comprehensive, skill-based training program starting at 5 years old.

Blackhawks hires experienced, professional coaches and creates a strong soccer community connected through training programs and facilities.

Blackhawks works with urban organizations to draw in new players and fully represent the diverse community in which we reside. Blackhawks provides scholarships and encourages team fundraising to ensure its programs are accessible to all St. Paul youth.

Blackhawks strives to be the best-run youth soccer club in Minnesota, through a combination of highly qualified staff and passionate, dedicated volunteers, and develop passionate, life-long soccer players.

“Where character growth is just as important as soccer.”
60th Anniversary Celebration
Sea Foam Stadium, Concordia University

Day's Events:

9-11 AM    Soccer Clinics @ Battle Creek, Concordia, Edgcumbe, and Hillcrest
3-4 PM     Little Hawk pick-up games
4-5 PM     U9-U11 pick-up games
5-6 PM     U12-U14 pick-up games
5:00 PM    Hot dogs & hamburgers available
6-6:30 PM  Anniversary program with guest speakers
6:30-8:30 PM Players versus Alumni game

History

When European immigrants settled in Minnesota following World War II they brought along the game of soccer. The immigrants played on a field near the Highland water tower in St. Paul. The game caught on and before long there were enough players to field two teams known as the Blackhawks and the Falcons.

In 1952 the Blackhawks and the Falcons founded the St. Paul Soccer Club, establishing both Minnesota club soccer and the St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club. In addition to playing local ethnic clubs and in local leagues, the Blackhawks and the Falcons traveled to Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago to play in tournaments and friendlies. The St. Paul Blackhawks Youth Soccer Club grew from those roots.

Our club crest contains an image of a hawk surrounded by transliterations of "Blackhawk" in eight, non-English languages. This design not only honors the immigrant origins of our club a half-century ago, but it also speaks to our present day efforts to involve immigrant communities in Blackhawks.
National Championship Teams
St Paul Blackhawks has had several teams compete in the Regional Championships and National Championships, including a Women’s Amateur National Championship team in 2002 and our 1990 U19 men’s team.

1990 McGuire Cup National Champions
Under Coach Buzz Lagos & Asst Coach Christian Akale the U19 boys beat San Francisco United Red at Woodbridge High School, Woodbridge, Virginia to secure the National title.

Semi-Final Game
Spartan Randolph Blackhawks v Chapel Hill-Durham Strikers 4-1
Lagos (3), Sanneh (1)

Championship Game
San Francisco United Red vs, Spartan Randolph Blackhawks 0-2
Lagos (2)

U19 National Championship Team Members:
Karl Adalbert  John Coughlin  Ben Gaddis  David Gundale
Tod Herskovitz  Matt Holmes  Chris Kachmarzinski
Seth Keller  Jeff Kogel  Manuel Lagos  Aaron Lee
Amos McGee  Seth Millington  Brad Paymar  Mitch Poppen
Jonathan Preus  Tony Sanneh  Curt Weber

2002 Women’s Amateur National Champions
Under Coach Kathy Montgomery the 2002 Women’s Blackhawks of St Paul won the Amateur Women’s National Championship.

Alumni
We have had our Alumni playing >75 different colleges. Currently we have Blackhawks alumni in college teams from California to Pennsylvania, Vermont to Florida. Some of our most accomplished alumni:

Gerard Lagos -- 1989 U20 US National Team
Amos Magee -- 1990 U19 National Championship Team
Manuel Lagos -- 1992 US Olympic team
Leo Cullen -- 1993 Parade Magazine High School Player of the Year
Manuel Lagos -- 1994 USISL Player of the Year
Ellie Foster -- 1994 U20 US National Team
Carmie Landeen -- 1994 Soccer America’s All Freshman Team
Todd Wilson -- 1995 Wisconsin NCAA Men’s Soccer National Champions
Holly Manthei -- 1995 US National Team
Dustin Branan -- 1999 ODP All American, 1999 U18 US National Team
Jena Kluegel -- 1999 U20 US National Team

Current Teams
Blackhawks Soccer Club has grown to 47 teams from U9-U19. We draw players primarily from St Paul, with >80% of our players from St Paul. We are proud of our St Paul Heritage and the recognition they receive on their High School teams.
Futsal Tournament

Over 5,000 players have participated in Blackhawks Futsal tournament at Concordia College in the past 9 years. It takes about 90 volunteers to run the tournament – and is a significant community fundraising event!

Grand Old Day

The Blackhawks share their club spirit each year at St. Paul's Grand Old Day on Grand Avenue. See our players march in the parade and visit our booth for some street soccer & soccer 4-square!

Little Hawks

Our Little Hawks league is a fun environment filled with supportive adults. Every child develops at a different rate – we encourage players at all levels – and begin to lay the ground work of respect, hard work, and handling adversity. Our youngest players work to master moves – and don’t give up until they get it right. They are not afraid to try new things in the small sides games – it is the ideal environment to nurture and hone their skills.

In Memory of Nicholas Janzen

This year we lost a beloved Little Hawk. The Nicholas Janzen Spirit Award will be given to the Blackhawk youth soccer player who represents Nicholas’s spirit. Nicholas Janzen, a fun-loving and enthusiastic soccer player, who always had a smile on his face, was a member of the yellow Little Hawks team. Nicholas’s spirit means embracing new challenges with joy and tireless effort. We celebrate his contribution to our community by giving this award annually to the boy or girl who most represents that joy and love of soccer.
Orchard: Blackhawk Soccer Center
Our clubhouse is a special asset to our community. Our teams enjoy the space for futsal free-play, winter training, Little Hawks, camps, team meetings and team building.

Coaching Directors
Viktor Adamcsek
Nicole Lee

Volunteers
Thank you to all of our Board Members, Age Group Coordinators and Team Managers for their hours of service to the club and our teams!!

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60th Anniversary Notes

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<th>Honoring all the Blackhawks teams who have traveled to Sweden and Denmark for over 15 consecutive years and represented our club to the world.</th>
<th>Viktor and Nicole are 2 reasons we LOVE BLACKHAWKS. The club provides top notch soccer training without discounting family values. We appreciate your support V&amp;N! Maryanna</th>
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<td>Honoring our 2 National Championship teams: 1990 U19 Boys McGuire Cup Champions 2002 Women’s Amateur National Champions</td>
<td>Thank you to all of our Blackhawk families for their hours of cheering on our players, driving carpools, and accommodating the game and practice schedules into their family lives!</td>
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Founded in 1952, St. Paul Blackhawks is a non-profit organization serving youths, their families, and the community by offering a high quality year-round soccer program for players ages five to nineteen. This year-round program includes summer traveling teams starting at age 9, fall leagues, winter/spring indoor skills training, Futsal, and summer camps.