



Coach Justin Pepoli works with a young soccer player during the clinic. **COURTESY PHOTO**

Indoor soccer clinic being held now

Mass Premier Soccer is hosting an indoor training soccer program at Cushing Academy this winter. MPS Program organizers say the aim is to bring top class coaching to the area and run youth teams starting this spring.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 12, the program is a supplemental program to town soccer, so players are able to play both for their town and club team.

The two coaches are Jon Coles, who is a MPS staff coach. He is also the U14 and U15 MPS Knights Head Coach and the U.S. Club Soccer National Championship Winning

Coach and the Super Y League Regional Winning Coach. Justin Pepoli is a MPS staff coach and he is the boys' head varsity soccer coach at Cushing Academy

The sessions run every Sunday at Cushing Academy's Heslin Gym. For boys and girls on the U9 and U10 level the sessions are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and for boys and girls on the U11 and U12 the sessions are held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There are four sessions left in the winter (the only blackout dates are both weekends during February Vacation week). For more information visit at masspremiersoccer.com.

North Central Youth Basketball League weekly round up

The fifth grade Lady Spartans improved their season record to 7-1, with a 36-5 victory over Naragansett Sunday, Jan. 31. Kenzi Cole, Lindsey Russ and Charlotte Ward spear headed the Spartans defense with several blocked shots and steals. While Erika "Big E" Hall led the scores with 10 points followed by eight points each from Makayla "Big Mac" Macnamara and McKenzie McDonald. Torri Nikki banged in six points and five rebounds. Megan Sears and Kaylin Ciesluk each added a basket along with their selfless shut down defense. The Lady Spartans finish the season against the Gardner Wildcats in Gardner on Sunday at noon.

The seventh grade Lady Spartans (2-7) notched their second win of the season with a 45-24 victory over host Fitchburg, 0-7. Sarah Lahtenen's nine first-half points on a variety of post up moves and fast break layups broke open a back and forth game late in the half, giving the Spartans an eight point lead at the break. In the second half, Oakmont continually broke the Fitchburg full court press, with guard Tara Harrington scoring 16 of her season high 21 points after the intermission. Harrington, limited by three quick fouls in the first 5-minutes of play sat for a long stretch, reentering the game at the 10-minute mark of the second half. Micayla Varieur handled the ball handling duties flawlessly during her absence and Lisa Gifford continued her ferocious inside play with six points and 15 rebounds. Madi Cole (five points), Tori Hatch, Haley Korich and Gillian Macchia all contributed to the Spartans best offensive output of the season. Next up for Oakmont is a rematch with week one opponent Groton-Dunstable at home on Sunday.

-Submitted article

Oakmont Outlaws start indoor training for spring teams

For the next seven Saturdays (now until March 20), the Oakmont Outlaws traveling soccer program will hold indoor training sessions for their 2010 Spring teams. The sessions, held at the Mount Wachusett Community College Fitness and Wellness Center in Gardner, will be run by the Oakmont High School Varsity Boys' Coach

Markens Benoit. The training schedule each week is: boys and girls U10 from 5 to 6:15 p.m.; girls U12 and U14 from 6:20 to 7:35 p.m.; boys U12 and U14 from 7:40 to 9 p.m. For additional information check out the Web site oakmontoutlaws.com.

House of Champions to hold vacation camps

LEOMINSTER- A Youth Baseball Camp will be held Monday, Feb. 15, through Thursday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the House of Champions, 529 Lancaster St. For players age 12 and under, the camp will focus on positional play, base running, pitching skills, and

daily batting. Players will participate in games and competitions. Instruction provided by Sid Rafuse and Steve Santucci, assisted by staff. Cost is \$125; space must be reserved by calling (978) 534-3290.



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