



# Golazzo!

## newsletter

### *Plantation FC Club Philosophy*

*Plantation Football Club is a non-profit organization that provides the opportunity for youth soccer players to experience the game of soccer. Our objective is to develop great soccer players along with great human beings. Players are exposed to the technical, tactical, psychological, and physical demands of the game. In addition they will also experience team-building, sportsmanship, work ethic, and leadership skills that will benefit the players for the remainder of the lives on and off the soccer field.*

**“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.” Albert Einstein**

## Latest News

### U14 Copa Girls Win at Miami Super Cup

Plantation Eagles U14 girls earned the championship spot at the Miami Super Cup - Labor Day tournament. They went 3-1 against some tough competition to win the title.

Games commenced on Saturday 9/4 against Pinecrest Premier. The game was tied until Taylor Malone (#32) put a free kick into the upper left corner. Game ended 1-0.

The second game was on Sunday against Miami Lakes. There were three Eagles goals (Rudi Bard#4 (1) and McKenzie Malone #33 (2)) and one goal by Lakes, as the game ended 3-1.

The third opponent was the toughest of all - Royal Palm Beach Strikers. The Eagles have played this team many times and not always successfully and this night was to be one of those times. Two goals were scored - one a penalty kick to end this game 0-2. However with the 2-1 record, the girls were able to move on to the finals.

The girls met the Strikers again in the finals - hoping to come out on the winning side this time. The Strikers took an early lead with a goal in the first half. The game remained 0-1, and then Jacqui Koebel (#23) took a great turn with the ball - just inside the 18 and put the ball in the back of the net. With a tie at the end, this meant direct to PK's for an exhausted Eagle team. But, in the end, the Eagles prevailed with an awesome save from the keeper Anicia Snell (#2) and goals from Anicia Snell (#2), Jacqui Koebel (#23), McKenzie Malone (#33), and Rudi Bard (#4).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



- ❖ Plantation FC @ Univ. of Miami vs. Florida State Univ. women's soccer game
  - a. Davis Tours has offered free round trip transportation to the University of Miami on Sept. 26 to watch UM Women's soccer team play against Florida State University. Kickoff will be noon and the cost will be \$5. Meet at Pine Island Park at 10:15am for a 10:30am departure to Coral Gables. Please email Jeff Davis at [davistours@aol.com](mailto:davistours@aol.com) or call 954.472.2858 to RSVP.
- ❖ FYSA ODP Trials
  - a. For players born in 1997-1998, Boys and Girls, October 2-3
    - i. For more information visit [http://www.fysa.com/odp/index\\_E.html](http://www.fysa.com/odp/index_E.html)

---

## EDUCATION

*This education portion was written by one of our coaching staff members, George Zeitler. George has been with Plantation FC for several years and both of his children, George and Katie have played in the club. Enjoy.*

*John Ramos*

*Plantation FC - DOC*

Thank you to Coach Ramos for the opportunity to express some thoughts in this newsletter. For those that don't know me, for the last 4 years I was the assistant coach for the U-18 Boys team. I have also been fortunate enough to see both of my children find success through the Plantation Eagles Futbol Club.

As I look at the calendar, I see that most teams have played more than half of the Super Y League season. As the summer rapidly progresses I suspect many of the teams are evaluating their prospects for qualifying for the Super Y League Nationals. At the same time, the early season teams are resuming their training and starting to set goals- personal as well as team goals - win a particular number of games or score this many goals. It is natural for this to occur and easy for us - players, parents, and coaches - to get caught up in trying to reach these competitive goals. But is on the field success all that we are striving for? I would say no. Playing competitive soccer teaches us more than just the technical and tactical skills to achieve success on the field. It teaches us life skills and these are used on a daily basis. I think the two most important are hard work (effort) and leadership.

As I look back on my son's time with the Eagles, I recall his joining the U-13 team and being much smaller than most of the players. But he was determined to play and succeeded in being selected to the team. The following year, because of his birth date, he tried out for both the U-15 and U-14 teams. Again, his effort at each and every try out enabled him to be selected for the older team (the one with his school classmates instead of his age group). This was an important lesson for him. Hard work - showing up to each and every practice/try out - will be rewarded.

When you look at a team, who are the leaders? It is easy to name the coaches and the captain as leaders. What about the parents? How about the rest of the players? Leadership is not just about being in charge. Each of us demonstrates leadership. As players, we can all demonstrate leadership by setting an example. Even if you are not a starter, showing up to practice, giving 100 percent effort, listening to and respecting the coaches, referees, and other team, demonstrates leadership. I watched as my son became a leader - someone his teammates and coaches counted on to lead through his performance. He was not a captain, but there were many times where his efforts - clearing a ball of the goal line after it had gotten by the keeper for example - inspired his teammates to try harder. Inspiring others to increase their efforts is a key part of leadership. As a player, I suggest that one of your goals for the year should be to give 100 percent effort at each practice and in each game. I challenge you to lead your teammates by setting the example for hard work.

As parents and coaches, it is up to us to ensure that our children or players learn more than just soccer skills. When they finish their club careers, they need to have learned skills to allow them to meet the challenges of college or the working world. I know this is possible. I have proudly watched as my son was recently sworn in as a member of the Air Force Academy Class of 2014. As we went through the application process, during each interview and application that was filled out, he continually drew upon experiences he had in Plantation FC in order to demonstrate why he deserved to be selected to this exclusive community.

So as we head into another season, and another school year, let's not get so caught up in measuring success in wins and losses. Let's make sure that we are teaching our young players how to succeed in life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches - in particular John Ramos, Amine Jerbi, Anis Jerbi, and Chris Boxer - as well as the rest of the staff of the Plantation Eagles. The time you spend and the efforts you put into developing the players is much appreciated and is succeeding in turning out young men and women that we can be proud of. Thank you.



John Ramos  
Director of Coaching  
& Player Development – Recreation & Competitive  
Plantation Football Club  
[www.plantationeagles.com](http://www.plantationeagles.com)

**\*\* If there's a topic you would like to see discussed, please email your suggestions to [ramosport@aol.com](mailto:ramosport@aol.com) with "Newsletter Topic" in the Subject field.**



Plantation FC  
[www.plantationeagles.com](http://www.plantationeagles.com)