



Welcome to the Saskatchewan Soccer's Everyone's Game Quarterly Newsletter. Provided below is an overview of soccer events that took place from **April-June, 2024** in Saskatchewan, across the country, and around the world.

## Soccer Around the World

## Canadian Women's Team played in the Pride Celebration Match

Pride Match: Canada vs Mexico on June 4, 2024 ended in a tie game 1-1!



## Canadian

## National Men's Team secures first win at COPA América

Canada vs Argentina: 0-2

Canada vs Peru: 1-0

Canada vs Chile: June 29 Orlando, FL





**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!** Congratulations to the Women's Saskatoon Green & White Team who won GOLD at the Futsal Canadian Championship in Calgary, April 14 winning against Winnipeg Legacy 7-1.





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**5TH PLACE!** Congratulations The Men's Olimpia SK FC team won 5th place at the Futsal Canadian Championships in Calgary April 14 winning against FC Sumy Vancouver, BC 4-0.





We are thrilled to announce the player tryout registration and coach applications for the 2025 Summer Games are NOW OPEN! For more information you can download this **Intro** 

Package.

#### CSG 2025 Coaching Application

#### CSG 2025 Player Tryout Registration

## Soccer Day in Saskatchewan - July 20

Join us in Regina for what has been historically the best day of the year in soccer for our annual *Soccer Day in Saskatchewan*.

With programming for the whole family – visit **SDIS Registration** to register for Youth & Mini Camps, 3-on-3 Tournaments, Adaptive Programming and Walking Soccer for All Ages.

Check out all the fun from last year's event



While you're in town – check out the Prairie Soccer League Finals at Leibel Field with four berths in Canada Soccer's Club National Championships up for grabs!

### **Competitions Corner**

# July 12-14: Sask Cup Adult + Masters

Saskatoon July 12-14



For the adults – join us for Sask Cup Adult and Sask Cup Masters July 12 - 14 in Saskatoon!

Participation in Sask Cup Adult is open to athletes 15 years of age and older, while Masters is 30+ (Female) and 35+ (Male) with a bid to the Canada Soccer Regional Championships available to the gold medal teams.

#### **Registration closes June 30**



## Sask Cup Results - June 1-3

The first weekend of June brought together a record number of Rural Clubs in the celebration of soccer in our Sask Cup Rural event, which had sixteen (16) teams representing twelve (12) member organizations.



Waldheim (left) was victorious in PK's over Kindersley in the Under 19 Mixed Division, while Prairie Central Soccer (Lanigan - right) defeated Valley United in the Under 17 Female Division.



Wynyard Bears (above) were named the Fair Play Award team in the Under 19 Mixed Division, as voted by the Match Officials at the completion of each round robin match



Waldheim Keeper, Reagan Sheppard (left) and Prairie Central Keeper, Heidi Mau (right) were named the Tournament MVP's in their respective divisions, as voted by the opposing teams.



Nipawin FC's Shelby Neufeld was selected as the SaskTel Be Kind Online Skill Centre Player of the Weekend and won a terrific prize, courtesy of SaskTel.



## Sask Cup 11-a-Side Results - June 14-16

June 14-16, five new Sask Cup Champions for 2024 were crowned during our Sask Cup 11a-side competition in Saskatoon. The event was contested by twenty-eight (28) teams representing fourteen (14) member organizations.

## **U15 Boys**

**Competing Teams:** Aurora Celtics, Battlefords United, FCR Whitecaps, Hollandia Joslin, Humboldt Hurricanes, Lakewood Bilbao, Lakewood Revolution, Meadow Lake Boreals, Prince Albert Celtic, QC United, Valley United Rovers, Yorkton United FC



**Gold Medal:** Lakewood Revolution (*Photo*) **Silver Medal:** Aurora Celtics



Fair Play: Aurora Celtics



MVP: Beckett Slywka (Lakewood Revolution)

# **U15** Girls

**Competing Teams:** Aurora Concordes, Aurora Eclipse, Battlefords United, FCR Pink Elites, Hollandia Gorges



**Gold Medal:** Aurora Eclipse (photo) **Silver Medal:** Aurora Concordes



**MVP:** Olivia Iverson (Aurora Eclipse)



Fair Play: Battlefords United

## **Under 17 Boys**

**Competing Teams:** Battlefords United, Estevan Youth, FCR Gunners, FCR Wolves, Forza Soccer, Humboldt Hurricanes





#### **Gold Medal:** FCR Gunners (photo) **Silver Medal:** FCR Wolves

#### Fair Play: Estevan Youth Soccer



MVP: Kobe Poulin (FCR Gunners)

# **Under 19 Boys**

Competing Teams: Battlefords United, Hollandia Humm, SUSC Swansea



**Gold Medal:** SUSC Swansea (photo) **Silver Medal:** Hollandia Humm



Fair Play: Hollandia Humm



**MVP:** Marcus Chesters (SUSC Swansea)

## **Under 19 Girls**

Competing Teams: Lakewood Leones, Yorkton United FC





**Gold Medal:** Yorkton United FC (photo) **Silver Medal:** Lakewood Leones

Fair Play: Lakewood Leones



**MVP:** Angela Fetsch (Yorkton United FC)



The fellowship and fun continued at Arbor Creek for the SaskTel Be Kind Online Skills Centre Festival, which featured twenty-eight (28) teams representing eleven (11) member organizations.

**Clubs Represented:** Aurora, Battlefords United, Forza, Hollandia, Humboldt, Lakewood, Phantom Lake, Prince Albert, QC United, Saskatoon United, Yorkton



This program is open to females 18 and over who are players, coaches, referees, board members, and organizers within the SSA!

It's an opportunity to share experiences, meet experts, and connect with others.

Together we will strive to grow towards our goals, celebrate achievements, and build on our potential.

For More Info



# Female Development Network

#### Benefits

- \$200 Honorarium
- Free to join
- Coaching and referee grants
- Tailored tasks to support goals
- 2 in person sessions
- 3 online sessions
- Travel and accommodations
  provided

# Applications are now open for the 2024-25 Female Development Network cohort

The Saskatchewan Soccer Female Development Network (FDN) provides supported opportunities for individuals to share experiences, seek guidance and knowledge from experts, and to find peer support in pursuit of the program's mission to increase opportunities for women in soccer through empowerment, inclusion, and education.

The program operates annually from October to April and provides a welcoming and supportive environment where participants strive to grow towards their goals, celebrate achievements, and build their potential.

**Register Here** 

## **Adaptive Soccer Events**





Saskatchewan Soccer strives to provide all people with the opportunity to participate in soccer at every age, no matter their abilities, and this includes participation for participants with disabilities. Soccer is an excellent sport for participants with disabilities because it is a sport that can be easily adapted to meet participants' abilities and needs, no matter their age.

Watch for details regarding an afternoon of Adaptive Programming at Soccer Day in Sask on July 20th!

## **EXCEL Update**

## VWFC 2024 Academy Showcase April 3-8

The SASK EXCEL program travelled to the VWFC 2024 Academy Showcase April 3 to 8 and gave 21 female and 18 male program athletes the opportunity to compete in 4 games each against other EXCEL programs from across the country, During the matches, the athletes had the chance to be seen and evaluated by high level national, NCAA, USport and college coaches and have meetings with them to discuss future opportunities. Both teams competed hard, and although the games were "friendly "they were also high intensity and very



competitive. The SASK EXCEL female team came home with 1 win, 1 tie and 2 dramatic (1 goal) losses. The SASK EXCEL male team captured 1 win and 3 losses in very high intensity games.

The week was extremely busy and the VWFC had national level coaches present on the national pathway by Emma Humphries and Rich Fagan. The coaches spoke about attributes they were looking for in athletes to be recognized to advance to the next level and opportunities in the future. Steph Labbe also spoke on her path to the CWNT. One highlight of the trip was the afternoon game on Saturday April 6th at BC Place between Vancouver Whitecaps and Toronto FC which saw Vancouver win with a strong 4-0 result.

The SASK EXCEL program coaches are extremely proud of their players and had many compliments on the Saskatchewan players' behavior, attitudes and professionalism during their time at the Showcase. The players definitely "Put Sask On The Map"!





## UMBRO Showcase May 16-20

The SASK EXCEL program also travelled to Mississauga to the UMBRO Showcase May 16th to 20th. 37 athletes and 7 coaches/chaperones travelled to display their amazing talents and work ethic. Both the SASK Male team and the SASK female team had competed in the U19 divisions and had extremely competitive games and played against both League 1 and National level teams. The SASK female team came home with a silver medal at the highest division.

## We are so proud of our graduating athletes!

### SASK Male Players committed for Fall 2024

Kale McManus – Dalhousie University Abhi Dadarwal – University of Vancouver Island Jared Starr - Georgian Court University -

New Jersey

# SASK Female Players committed:

#### Fall 2024

Abs Pahl – University of Lethbridge Bronwyn Pittman – University of Lethbridge Jade Unterschute – University of Lethbridge Morgan Barry – University of Vermont Presley Fredlund – University of Regina

#### Fall 2025

Folawe Balogun – University of Victoria Kadence Madraga – University of Saskatchewan

### **Referee Update**

## International and National Appointments



In addition to the local appointments, Chantal Boudreau has received 12 MLS appointments since early April (photo above - far left).

Daniel Boudreau was involved in 5 CPL (Canadian Premier League matches) in addition to attending the Instructor Provincial Promotion Course in Laval.



Theo Diederichsen has received 2 appointments in Germany's Regional Liga (Photo above - Theo on the right).



Miguel Carrillo (photo above - middle) has officiated matches in Montreal in LSEQ U21 league.

## **Female Referees**

SK Female Referees have a strong presence on the field of play, with excellent performances. June 8th has presented another great opportunity when both crews of the PSL games have celebrated a full female participation. A big thank you to the Coach support received from Shukwia Tajik.





Photo: Jillian Benko (left), Maren Smith (middle) and Lauren Burgess (right).

Photo: Malea Zimmer(left), Nicole Rapin (middle) and Ella Kupser (right).

#### **206 Graduated from Referee Courses**

The spring is traditionally a very busy season with several Referee Courses in preparation for the huge outdoor season.

A big thank you to our hosts in Swift Current, Prince Albert, Kindersley, North Battleford, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Hague, Nipawin, Lanigan, Regina, Estevan and Flin Flon.

A huge thank you to the SSA Member Organizations who had attendees: Swift Current Soccer Association, PAYSA, Kindersley Soccer, Battleford Youth Soccer Association, Lloydminster and District Soccer Association, Yorkton United, Valley Soccer, Nipawin Soccer, SDSRAI, RSRA, Lanigan Soccer, Wynyard Soccer, Humboldt Soccer, QVSA, Estevan Youth Soccer, Weyburn Soccer, JJ Soccer, Redvers Soccer, Phantom Lake Soccer.



SSA Provincial Instructor Gord Quinlan with a new cohort of referees in Battleford.



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