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# *Eclipse Select Yearbook*



## NATIONAL DEFENSE

### **Second straight ECNL crown highlights 2013-14 campaign**

Eclipse Select saw some significant changes while also many familiar successful results, including a second straight national crown for the U-16s in Elite Clubs National League play.

In looking back at 2014, we take the time to highlight the most noteworthy moments on the pitch and the initiatives

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that continue to make Eclipse Select both an elite club in the country and a competitive and positive environment that molds strong, grounded

players. That was evidenced recently by National Signing Day's Class of 2015, which is the club's largest class since 2009.

We catch up with director of coaching Chris King and take a look at the fundraising efforts and recreational endeavors that the club has implemented recently as interest continues to grow in the game.

Eclipse Select has been a staple for developing many of the top players and teams in the country, and we continually strive to maintain and exceed those high standards.

Enjoy this issue!



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## MESSAGE FROM ECLIPSE SELECT'S PRESIDENT

For nearly two decades, here at Eclipse Select we've created a culture that breathes hard work, success and meaningful impact to those within our community and family.

I think 2014 was another defining year in all of those regards.

Soccer-wise, our teams once again performed well across the board, led by our ECNL and USYSA teams and branching to our younger levels.

But what also stands out to me are the strides we've taken beyond those teams and games. The partnership we formed last year with Pass It On, Inc., is the type of community-focused effort we take great pride in, to put our charitable efforts into full swing and raise funds to those who are in need of our assistance.

We've also expanded beyond the club teams as far as programming goes. The growth of our recreational leagues and



players is an important element toward spreading interest in - and teaching - this game that means so much to us. Full credit goes out to our staff for being proactive on that front.

I also want to extend congratulations to our Class of 2015, which is our largest collegiate-bound group over the past six years. Eclipse Select Vice President Mike Nesci played a major role in this particular class, so he deserves some additional recognition for helping this group of student-athletes reach the next step in their careers.

As always, we appreciate all of the hard work from our players and the support of our parents, volunteers and families.

Thank you to all, and like every year, let's continue to set the bar higher!

**LET'S PLAY TWO:** At the 2013-14 ECNL National Finals in Richmond, Va., two Eclipse Select teams made a stellar run to reach the finals. The **Eclipse ECNL 2016 (U-16) team** earned its second straight national crown after taking the U-15 title the previous season. Eclipse defeated the Dallas Texans 2-1 in the championship. Meanwhile, the **Eclipse ECNL 2015 (U-17) team** was the country's runner-up after posting a 2-0-1 record in group play. Congrats to all the ECNL teams on their successful showing on the national stage!



**Eclipse  
ECNL 2018  
(U-14)**



**Eclipse  
ECNL 2017  
(U-15)**



**Eclipse  
ECNL 2016  
(U-16)**



**Eclipse  
ECNL 2015  
(U-17)**



**Eclipse  
ECNL 2014  
(U-18)**



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# RECOGNITION OF ECLIPSE SELECT'S 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## 2013-14 SOCCER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Elite Clubs National League Midwest Champions (2): U-16 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls; U-17 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls
- Elite Clubs National League National Qualifiers (4): U-15 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls; U-16 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls; U-17 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls; U-18 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls
- Elite Clubs National League National Champion (1): U-16 Eclipse Elite ECNL Girls
- 2013-14 Elite Clubs National League Overall Ranking: Fourth Place
- USYSA National League Champion (1): U-16 Eclipse Elite USYSA Girls



Eclipse Select forwards Zoe Redei, Reilly Martin and Alissa Gorzak represented the club at a U.S. U-20 Women's National Team camp from Oct. 12-19, 2014, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.



Four Eclipse Select teams came away with either an Illinois State Cup or Presidents Cup championship in October. The State Cup winners were Eclipse Elite 2018 (U-15), Elite White 2016 (U-17) and Elite White 2015 (U-18), while Eclipse USYSA White 2018 (U-15) earned the Presidents Cup title.

**Top Drawer Honors:** Eclipse Select received high praise following its 2014 Elite Clubs National League Finals at the U-16 and U-17 age groups. Four of Eclipse Select's U-16 ECNL title-winning players were honored by Top Drawer Soccer on its ECNL Best XI of the tournament: goalkeeper **Stephanie Rodriguez (Batavia, Ill.)**, defender **Hannah Marwede (Lake Forest, Ill.)** and midfielders **Marissa Bosco (St. Charles, Ill.)** and **Alia Martin (Carmel, Ind.)**. On Top Drawer Soccer's U-17 Best XI, three players from Eclipse Select's runner-up squad were recognized: midfielders **Aspyn Repp (Lake Bluff, Ill.)** and **Chelsea Burns (Jacksonville, Fla.)** and forward **Maya Neal (Naperville, Ill.)**.



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# PLAYER HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS



## U.S. Soccer Call-Ups:

### • U-17 Women's National

**Team:** Forward Alissa Gorzak (Naperville, Ill.) in January of 2014; Forward Zoe Redei (Highland Park, Ill.) in January and February of 2014; Defender Caitlin Haislip (Munster, Ind.) in June of 2014; Midfielder Nicki Hernandez (Naperville, Ill.) in November of 2014

### • U-18 Women's National

**Team:** Forward Zoe Redei (Highland Park, Ill.) in May and July of 2014; Defender Tatum Milazzo (Orland Park, Ill.) in October of 2014; Midfielder Alia Martin (Carmel, Ind.) in December of 2014

### • U-20 Women's National

**Team:** Forward Zoe Redei (Highland Park, Ill.) in October of 2014; Forward Alissa Gorzak (Naperville, Ill.) in October of 2014; Forward Reilly Martin (Carmel, Ind.) in October of 2014

## • U.S. Soccer Goalkeeper

**Camp:** Caroline Brockmeier (Tallahassee, Fla.) in December of 2014

## Alumni and Eclipse ties in National Women's Soccer League:

### • 2014 Chicago Red Stars

**Roster:** Kecia Morway (Lake Villa, Ill.), Rachel Quon (Lake Forest, Ill.), Jackie Santacaterina (Geneva, Ill.), Julianne Sitch (Oswego, Ill.), Taylor Vancil (South Elgin, Ill.)

### • 2014 Chicago Red Stars

**Coaches:** Head coach Rory Dames, goalkeeper coach Trae Manny

• **FC Kansas City:** Jen Buczkowski (Elk Grove Village, Ill.)

• **Houston Dash:** Brittany Bock (Naperville, Ill.)

• **Seattle Reign FC:** Haley Kopmeyer (Troy, Mich.)



## College Commitments

### Eclipse Select Soccer Club Class of 2015

Chelsea Burns (Jacksonville, Fla.), **M:** Duke  
Hannah Davison (Geneva, Ill.), **D:** Northwestern  
Caroline Dempsey (Lincolnshire, Ill.), **M:** Washington (St. Louis)  
Morgan Egan (Naperville, Ill.), **D:** Pittsburgh  
Sydney Griffin (Hinsdale, Ill.), **F:** New Hampshire  
Kate Hennessy (Plainfield, Ill.), **F:** Belmont Abbey College  
Sophia Jendrzeczyk (St. Charles, Ill.), **F:** Wingate  
Megan Kalkofen (Naperville, Ill.), **D:** Wisconsin  
Reilly Martin (Carmel, Ind.), **M:** Michigan  
Maeve McLaughlin (Hinsdale, Ill.), **D:** Indiana  
Hannah Mussallem (Palos Heights, Ill.), **M:** Purdue  
Drew Moulton (Sycamore, Ill.), **G:** Valparaiso  
Maya Neal (Naperville, Ill.), **F:** Tennessee  
Ann Marie Niro (Barrington, Ill.), **M:** Notre Dame  
Bianca Romay (Downers Grove, Ill.), **M:** Western Illinois  
Aspyn Repp (Lake Bluff, Ill.), **M:** Northwestern  
Jessica Ritchie (Glencoe, Ill.), **M:** Cornell  
McKenzie Runyan (Lake Villa, Ill.), **M:** Rochester  
Megan Runyan (Lake Villa, Ill.), **M:** Rochester  
Kelli Santo Paulo (West Chicago, Ill.), **M:** St. Cloud State  
Kayla Sharples (Naperville, Ill.), **D:** Northwestern  
Riley Sykes (Gurnee, Ill.), **M:** Wisconsin  
Juliet Torres (Oak Lawn, Ill.), **M:** Grinnell College  
Samantha Villwock (Lake Villa, Ill.), **M:** South Dakota  
Emily Whitcomb (Elmhurst, Ill.), **M:** Belmont  
Katie Wilson (Frankfort, Ill.), **G:** Toledo  
Sydney Witham (Crown Point, Ind.), **D:** Army  
Elizabeth Woerner (Bloomington, Ill.), **F:** Memphis

“ We are very proud of the Class of 2015, which is our largest class since 2009. The players will represent the club at some of the top institutions in the country. It is a credit to their commitment and dedication to soccer and academics.

– Mike Nesci

Eclipse Select Vice President ”

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# ALUMNI HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS

## DePaul's Ben makes waves in freshman season

At the professional and collegiate ranks, a number of former Eclipse Select players stood out among the crowd. Here are just a few of the memorable accomplishments or noteworthy moments throughout the year:

• **May 7:** The Chicago Red Stars rallied for a 1-1 road draw against Sky Blue FC in National Women's Soccer League play. But the headlining element was the sheer presence of familiar Eclipse Select names who were responsible for the hard-earned point as all five Eclipse alumni on the team earned the start. Goalkeeper **Taylor Vancil (South Elgin, Ill.)** made nine saves, backing a defensive line that included **Kecia Morway (Lake Villa, Ill.)**, **Rachel Quon (Lake Forest, Ill.)** and **Julianne Sitch (Oswego, Ill.)**. Midfielder **Jackie Santacaterina (Geneva, Ill.)** played the full 90 minutes.

• **Aug. 31:** The 2014 NWSL Championship in Tukwila, Wash., featured Eclipse Select alumna **Jen Buczkowski (Elk Grove Village, Ill.)**, who played the full 90 minutes as FC Kansas City defeated Seattle Reign FC, 2-1. Buczkowski was a rock for FC Kansas City, leading the team with 24 appearances and 2,087 minutes played.

• **Nov. 4:** DePaul newcomer



Eclipse Select alumna Alexa Ben enjoyed a freshman campaign that included Big East Conference Freshman of the Year honors, a Big East Conference Championship and a program-record 16 victories in 2014.

“It's surreal the way things have gone. To think I've worked myself up to even playing college soccer. Now, to know that I'm making a difference on a really great team, it's just been wonderful. That's always been a dream of mine.

– Alexa Ben  
as told to the Daily Herald ”

**Alexa Ben (Schaumburg, Ill.)** earned Big East Conference Rookie of the Year. She was a five-time winner for conference rookie of the week, including the final three weeks of the regular season. She is DePaul's first Big East Rookie of the Year. That same day, Ben was also named a unanimous selection for the Big East All-Rookie Team and was named to the All-Big East Second Team alongside DePaul teammate and senior defender **Sarah Gorden**

(Elk Grove Village, Ill.).

• **Nov. 12:** Ben and senior defender Gorden helped lead DePaul to the Big East Conference Championship. Though the Blue Demons' run came to a halt early in the NCAA Tournament, it was a banner campaign for DePaul's program, boasting a 16-1-4 record. Ben finished with a team-leading 11 assists and nine goals in 21 games. Gorden also played in all 21 matches to anchor a back line that posted

eight shutouts. Until the season-ending loss to Wisconsin in the NCAA Tournament, only DePaul and UCLA had posted unbeaten runs to that stage of the season.

• **Nov. 21:** Chicago Red Stars defender **Jackie Santacaterina (Geneva, Ill.)** announced her retirement from professional soccer. Noting the recovery process from her hip surgery after the 2013 National Women's Soccer League season, the Eclipse alumna made the decision to retire. She was a former draft pick during the Women's Professional Soccer era of the Red Stars.

“Everyone from the players to the coaches and the front office will always be very dear to me, because all of them have worked so hard to make this league stick,” she said. “Hopefully one day I can look back and say I was part of the early years and helped pave the way a bit.”



• **Dec. 7:** Goalkeeper **Caroline Brockmeier (Tallahassee, Fla.)** and former Eclipse Select U-23 ECNL midfielder **Carson Pickett (Fleming Island, Fla.)** were members of the NCAA Championship Florida State squad that defeated Virginia, 1-0, to earn its first national title. Pickett logged 65 minutes in that match as the Seminoles finished the season with a 24-1-1 record.

# AROUND ECLIPSE NATION

- ★ North: Mundelein
- ★ East: Oak Brook
- ★ West: Naperville
- ★ NWI: Crown Point
- ★ FC Wisconsin Eclipse

**FC Wisconsin Eclipse:** Alumna and Wisconsin forward Cara Walls, who scored 14 goals for the Badgers during her 2014 senior season, became FC Wisconsin Eclipse's first professional draft pick in early 2015. The Chicago Red Stars selected Walls in the third round (23rd overall).

**North:** Leading the regional accomplishments, Highland Park's Zoe Redei was named to the 2014 NSCAA Youth Girls All-America Team. It marked her second consecutive All-America honor. ... Alumna and Gurnee native Michelle Prokof scored three goals in two games to help Eclipse Select-Ohio Premier's U-19 team win the Ohio South State Cup.

**West:** Following its second straight ECNL national title, two regional players on Eclipse Select's U-16s were named to the Top Drawer Soccer's ECNL Best XI: goalkeeper Stephanie Rodriguez of Batavia and midfielder Marissa Bosco of St. Charles. For Eclipse Select's ECNL U-17 runner-up side, Naperville's Maya Neal earned Best XI recognition from Top Drawer.

**East:** One of the region's strongest showings among the year's tournament play included the Downers Grove Socctoberfest, where three East teams earned a championship. The Eclipse YDP East Black 2025 (U-8) girls team, Eclipse YDP East White 2023 (U-10) girls and Eclipse YDP East Back 2025 (U-8) boys each took first place in their respective groups. Additionally, the Eclipse YDP East Black 2023 (U-10) girls advanced to the finals.

**NWI:** Among some of the region's top performances, the YDP NWI Black side earned a Girls U-10 White title at the Eclipse Select Spring Classic in April and the NWI U-14 Girls took second place at the Illinois Presidents Cup over the May 31-June 1 weekend.



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## BUSINESS & MARKETING

### Eclipse Select, non-profit foundation Pass It On, Inc., form partnership

In July of 2014, Eclipse Select Soccer Club announced a partnership with non-profit Pass It On, Inc., which is a scholarship foundation that provides youth athletes with the opportunity to compete in club soccer despite his or her family's financial hardships.

The foundation believes in a positive athletic experience that will have a significant impact on the development of youth athletes' character, as well as provide them with the coaching and confidence to achieve their goals both on and off the field.

Eclipse Select Soccer Club and Pass It On, Inc., are dedicated to continually providing a positive athletic experience that will serve as a building block



for future endeavors.

In early March of 2015, Eclipse Select held a Casino Night in Lincolnshire, with the proceeds benefiting Pass It On, Inc.

Pass It On is an Illinois 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2010.

The purpose of the foundation is to offer young athletes the opportunity to play competitive soccer through financial assistance to families with economic hardship.



Former Chicago Bears wide receiver Tom Waddle took part in the Eclipse Select Casino Night benefiting Pass It On, Inc., in March of 2015.



### Follow Eclipse Select on social

In 2014, Eclipse Select surpassed the 1,000-mark for Twitter followers and Facebook likes as the club continues to place its value in social media. Stay in touch for all the latest from Eclipse Select through the following channels:



# 1,000

More than 1,000 likes as of March 15, 2015

[www.facebook.com/eclipseselectsoccerclub](http://www.facebook.com/eclipseselectsoccerclub)



# Instagram

# 200

More than 200 followers as of March 15, 2015

[@eclipseselectsc](https://www.instagram.com/@eclipseselectsc)



# 1,200

More than 1,200 followers as of March 15, 2015

[@eclipseselect](https://www.twitter.com/@eclipseselect)

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# ECLIPSE SELECT TOURNAMENTS

## Eclipse Select Spring Classic

OAK BROOK, Ill. – Eclipse Select Soccer Club’s hoisted five championship crowns at the 2014 Eclipse Select Spring Classic in late April as more than 250 teams battled the elements to compete a successful tournament, presented by Nicor Home Solutions.

The Eclipse Select winners included the **YDP South** team in the Girls U-10 Black division; the **YDP NWI Black** team in the Girls U-10 White bracket; **Premier South Black** in the Girls U-11 Black division; **Elite South Black** in the Girls U-12 White (11v11) and the **Elite Clubs National League** squad in Girls U-14 Black.

Eclipse Select had two runner-up performance on the boys’ side, with **YDP East Black** earning second in the U-10 Black division and the **Elite East Black** team finishing second to SASA in the Boys U-14 Black division.

### 2014 Eclipse Select Spring Classic Champions:

- Boys U-10 Black: Palatine Celtic SC

### Select

- Boys U-10 White: Panther SC Orange
- Boys U-10 Blue: FC Mirage
- Boys U-11 Black: Chicago Fire Juniors North
- Boys U-11 White: NSA Raptors
- Boys U-11 Blue: Ajax FC Naperville
- Boys U-12 Black (11v11): St. Louis Scott Gallagher Illinois
- Boys U-12 White (9v9): NSA Condors
- Boys U-12 Blue (9v9): Chicago Magic Red and Crystal Lake Force Elite (co-champs)
- Boys U-13 Black: Raiders FC Select and SLSG Illinois (co-champs)
- Boys U-14 Black: SASA Spirits
- Boys U-14 White: LFSA Select
- **Girls U-10 Black: Eclipse Select YDP South**
- **Girls U-10 White: Eclipse Select YDP NWI Black**
- Girls U-10 Blue: Panther Navy
- **Girls U-11 Black: Eclipse Select Premier South Black**
- Girls U-11 White 1: Ohio Elite Academy
- Girls U-11 White 2: Vernon Hills Blue
- Girls U-11 Blue: SLSG-Green
- Girls U-12 Black (11v11): Trevian FC



### United Select

- **Girls U-12 White (11v11): Eclipse Select Elite South Black**
- Girls U-12 Black (9v9): Crystal Lake Force Elite
- Girls U-12 White (9v9): United SA Premier Black
- Girls U-13 Black: Gateway FC Gold
- Girls U-13 White: Ohio Elite Academy
- Girls U-13 Blue: SASA Spirits Blue
- **Girls U-14 Black: Eclipse Select Elite ECNL**
- Girls U-14 White: Chicago Magic PSG North



## Eclipse Select Oktoberfest Shootout

WAUKEGAN, Ill. – The 2014 Eclipse Select AT&T Oktoberfest Shootout featured an impressive display by the host side as Eclipse Select earned four championship crowns, as well as a runner-up performance.

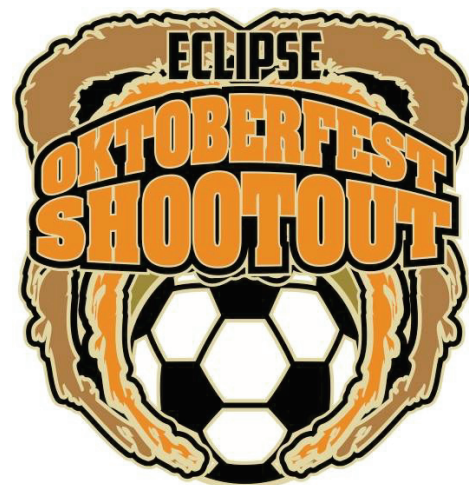
**Eclipse Premier North Black 2022** won the Girls U-11 Black division with a perfect 3-0-0 run in the group stage and then a 5-2 victory against Lou Fusz SC in the final. For the tournament, Eclipse Premier North Black 2022 outscored its opponents 16-2.

The **Eclipse YDP East White 2023** team won the Girls U-11 White crown, capped off by a dominant 7-0 victory against Ace West. During the knockout stage, Eclipse

YDP East White’s offense posted four goals or more in every match.

In an all-Eclipse Select final, **Eclipse Premier East White 2021** topped Eclipse Premier West Black 2021, 4-1, in the championship of the Girls U-12 White division.

**Eclipse Elite Black 2019** earned a championship in the Girls U-15 Black division, defeating Junior Irish, 1-0, in the title game. Eclipse also won all three of its



matches in the group stage.

Also noteworthy, **Eclipse Elite East Black 2021** earned runner-up in the Girls U-12 Black division.



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# 8TH ANNUAL COLLEGE SHOWCASE

Nearly 40 collegiate programs scour club talent at Eclipse Select’s well renowned annual event



OAK BROOK, Ill. – Eclipse Select’s eighth annual College Showcase was held in October of 2014 at the Oak Brook Polo Fields.

Nearly 40 collegiate programs were on hand for the event, and club players benefitted from having some of the nation’s top schools and programs on hand.

Women’s soccer programs from the SEC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten and ACC, as well as many standout programs in the Midwest, attended the showcase.

The showcase format included eight teams competing in two matches against fellow Eclipse Select members as they seek the opportunity to take their game to the next level.



## College Showcase Attendees

Aurora University  
University of Alabama-Birmingham  
Benedictine University  
Carthage College  
Central Michigan University  
Colorado State University  
University of Chicago  
Creighton University  
University of Denver  
DePaul University  
University of Detroit-Mercy  
University of Dubuque  
Florida State University  
Grand Valley State University  
University of Illinois-Chicago  
Illinois State University  
Indiana University  
Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
Loyola University (Chicago)  
Marian University  
Marquette University  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri  
North Central College  
Northwestern University  
Ohio University  
St. Louis University  
University of Tennessee  
Texas Christian University (TCU)  
Valparaiso University  
Washington University (St. Louis)  
University of Wisconsin (Madison)  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

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# DIRECTOR OF COACHING

## King puts coaching vision on display one year in with club

A little more than a year into the job, Eclipse Select's director of coaching Chris King spent the better part of that stretch learning and listening.

But as time has gone on, King has found ways to implement his style and vision while at the same time adhering to the essential fundamentals and traditions that have made Eclipse Select such a strong and successful club over the years.

“I think the players have been receptive to things that have been set up a little differently than in the past,” King said. “I might approach defending on corner kicks differently than other teams, for example, and you explain the reasons, train on it, see how things work and make sure those concepts get to them.”

The coaching dynamic is certainly one that he, Eclipse Select President Rory Dames and Vice President Mike Nesci have discussed openly, particularly on the topic of player formations.

“Making these little changes and having the opportunity to work with Rory and Mike, you go through the different methods that breed success,” King said. “Kids are open to new ideas, and I say to them that you'll have different coaches in college. It's beneficial to be versatile and receptive.”



At the lower age levels, King says the club has implemented “age trainings,” where terminology and basic soccer progressions are covered so all regions are on the same page.

“The sessions start at 9 years old, and it starts with some basic progressions, activities and terminology,” King said. “Then when they get to 10 years old, the players understand the patterns and terminology. You refresh the previous things and bring more concepts into the next session. This helps in finding the consistency to make it easier to develop players who are already familiar with these building blocks.”

In addition to Eclipse Select, King returns to his role as the head coach of the Chicago Red Stars reserves.

“Last year was great as we made the national semifinals with the reserve team,” King said. “I'll be coaching them again this year. During the preseason, we evaluated last year and we put together some criteria to accept kids who will only be committed through the national finals. I'm looking forward to this. I've been around the full squad already, and they're a much improved team. Rory and everyone had a great draft and some good young talent to build on. This season will be pretty exciting.”



### King on formations:

When Chris King took on his new role as the club's director of coaching, the topic of player formations was an extensive one among him, Eclipse Select President Rory Dames and Vice President Mike Nesci. While formations are a block that can tend to define personnel or coaching models, King feels he and the staff have created an open dialogue and forward thinking in regard to this topic:

“Traditionally, every team treats formations differently,” King said. “For some people, 3-5-2 is their shape even if they might not have the personnel to play it.

“I've coached a 4-3-3, and that's what I've been known for. For Rory and Mike, they play an organized 4-4-2. When I came in, we talked a lot about this, to the stage where I've learned some things about coaching from their system in the 4-4-2 and they have with the 4-3-3.

“The great thing is that the club allows for some freedom to teach the team and make it yours. We've had some good conversations and learning moments, and at the end of the day, you pick up some things from each other.”



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# ***SUPER REC LEAGUE***

## **Eclipse Select seeing benefits of recreational game to mold young players**

Eclipse Select's travel teams tend to be the most visible, but the club has also maintained a strong interest in focusing on the game at the recreational level for the younger ages.

Under the guidance of Lou Reina (director of operations) and Brian Kibler (director of player development and programming), they have been integral in the Eclipse Select Super Rec League in the club's West and East regions. The

East region in particular has nearly doubled in size over the past year.

“The trend has been younger and younger, and we feel it is important that they are getting the proper instruction from Day 1,” Kibler said. “That’s why we decided a couple years ago to work closer with the 4- and 5-year-old age group, and we’ve seen the advantages of coaching the kids at these early ages.”

Among some of the topics covered include everything from basic fundamentals and rules, to maintaining shape and spacing to be successful.

“We repeat elements for each season so that incrementally the players build their game,” Kibler said. “We always focus on basic skills, but we polish it or expand it, focusing on five or six things and hammering those points home to perfect their game.”

Kibler has been impressed with the results.

“In the Super Rec, you get max repetitions that you need to push the players,” Kibler said. “In travel, you don’t have the time or luxury to focus on these aspects, but we’re now seeing the benefits. Kids coming out of rec are so much more confident with the ball, and when they’re on the field you can notice the differences of who has been in the program.”



### **About the Eclipse Select Super Rec League:**

The Eclipse Select Super Recreational League is open to the public, for any player with any league or club eligible to participate. Each year, this program provides a seasonal session lasting 6-10 weeks in the Spring, Fall and Winter. Players receive weekly training from Eclipse Select coaching staff, will play games weekly (normally on Sunday afternoons) and will be in an environment to ensure maximum playing time and touches in a 3v3 format.

The Spring 2015 program (8 weeks, \$120) runs from 4:15-5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Sunday afternoon games from April 12-June 7. For more information, contact Lou Reina at [loureina@me.com](mailto:loureina@me.com) or visit [EclipseSelect.org](http://EclipseSelect.org).

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# INDOOR, FUTSAL, BEACH

## LDL offering variety of spring and summer programs

LDL Soccer (Love it! Dream it! Live it!), a subsidiary of Eclipse Select, has a heavy slate of programming for the spring and summer, some specific to travel players and others to players of all ages and skill levels.

### SPRING PROGRAMS:

**Travel-Level Skills:** LDL is offering travel-level soccer players with a variety of private, semi-private and small group skill sessions. U-8 to U-11 runs Mondays from April 6-May 11 and U-11 to U-14 on Wednesdays from April 8-May 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Finishing & Dribbling:

LDL's finishing and shooting class hones in on foot skills and dribbling while focusing on creating new moves and perfecting old ones while gaining confidence in 1v1 situations. Classes a broken down to finishing and shooting on Tuesdays from April 14-May 19 and dribbling and foot skills on Thursdays from April 16-May 21. Sessions for grades 3-5 are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and grades 6-7 are from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS:

**Sand Soccer:** LDL sand soccer is a challenging game that requires a different skill set than any other surface, building strength and endurance. It also incorporates the same benefits of futsal and 5v5 turf in that players will have ample touches on the ball. This set



of sessions is for grades 4-8 on June 22, July 6, 9, 13 and 16 at Westwood Park in Darien; sessions run from 5-6 p.m. (grades 4-6) and 6-7 p.m. (grades 6-8). Following these training dates will be a tournament in Michigan City, Ind., on July 18 (boys) and July 19 (girls).

**Futsal:** LDL futsal is a valuable game that improves transitional play on offense and defense, speed of play, foot skills and more. The futsal focus is for grades 4-8 on June 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and 30, at Step Ahead Sports in Bolingbrook; sessions run from 5-6 p.m. (grades 4-6) and 6-7 p.m. (grades 6-8).

In addition to seven training dates, participants will play in approximately 8-10 league games between June 23-July 30.

**5v5 Soccer:** LDL's 5v5 focus is great for maximum repetitions and ample playing time, which bodes well for goalkeepers, as well. The sessions are for grades 4-8 on June 24, July 8, 15, 22 and 23 at the Darien Sportsplex; sessions run from 5-6:15 p.m. (grades 4-6) and 6:15-7:30 (grades 6-8) and incorporates a 45-minute training session and 30-minute game. Following the five training dates, there will be a local 5v5 tournament on July 25 and/or July 26 at Benedicene University in Lisles. Stay tuned for further details.

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