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### News briefs...

Winter 2009 programming is posted on Naperville and Wheaton Park District Websites.

Micro League Soccer finishes its first season this fall with overwhelming success! Contact Ryan French for winter program information.

Chicago Fire successfully brings Cadet and First Touch classes to Sugar Grove.

CFJ tryouts for club teams U8-U14 are in June. Check our website for more information.

**MLS Cup**  
**Sun Nov 23**  
**2:30pm CST**  
New York Red Bulls vs. Columbus Crew

### CFJ happenings this month...

**Bridgeview, IL-** Chicago Fire defeated the New England Revolution to advance to the conference finals 3-0 **Columbus, OH-** Chicago Fire lose 2-1 at Columbus Crew after *Brian McBride* gave them the lead in the first half **Evansville, IN-** The U15GN traveled to the Veterans Day Invitational Tournament and were one win shy of winning the tournament **Germantown, TN-** The U14BR11 won the prestigious Germantown Invitational and the U12BR were semifinalist **Raleigh NC-** U16BR11 and U17BR11 travel to Raleigh to play in the top flights of the CASL National Soccer Series Showcase presented by Chelsea FC. Good luck to both teams! **Bridgeview IL-** Chicago Fire Academy U16 and U18 teams began their season this month with games against Derby County Wolves (MI) and Vardar (MI). **Orland FL-** U14GR11 travel to play in Disney Showcase!

### Is this soccer?

*Street Soccer Explained*

Street soccer is the arrangement of players to better target and benefit their development. Its structured to provide an environment where coaches can make games tailor made to what they're aiming at for players to learn. Street soccer games are not scrimmages. They are still competitive but not in the sense where referee and scores are taken. At these ages we feel the focus of the game should be fun from the player's point of view and development from the coach's vantage point. Competition is still present but not at the extent where teams are plotting against each other to win at all costs. Winning should come through development not the other way around. At Chicago Fire Juniors we want players to win at 15 and not reach 12 and struggle to succeed (or struggle to play what we would regard as good soccer) because the former method relied on for success were poorly thought out and taught. Perceptive in this regard is priceless since player development is long term. At CFJ the method and philosophies reflect this with our development structure.

### Player Development in Focus



Remember not all great things are created overnight. Development, patience, and dedication all go hand in hand. Of course the aspect of fun can never be overlooked! A soccer player's prime age 27.

### Parents' Section

*Youth Development Pyramid in full*

Chicago Fire offers the most complete youth development structure in the nation.

- Chicago Fire (MLS)
- Chicago Fire Premier (PDL and Super 20s)
- Chicago Fire Juniors (W-League)
- Chicago Fire Super Y
- Chicago Fire Juniors (club teams U8-U19)
- Micro League Soccer (in-house soccer ages 5-10)
- Fire Cadets (supplemental rec training ages 6-9)
- First Touch (intro to soccer ages 4-6)

