

Chowan University, Vidant help Aces soccer camp

Men's season starts Aug. 19 at Currituck High
STAFF REPORT

"Spot on, lads!" Coach Chris Whalley's voice boomed across the field.

"Check back, one touch, off you go!" The drill flowed quickly, the ball moving seamlessly, boys sprinting, turning, bellowing "Left foot, left foot," and "Turn right, drop, drop!"

The Aces Men's Soccer Camp was in full swing. Sponsored by Vidant

Health Systems, the four-day camp was held last week at Edenton's Purser Soccer Complex, presented by Chowan University Coach Chris Whalley and his Hawk Soccer Academy.

"We are so grateful to Vidant for their support and to Access Point Church," Aces coach Thomas DiMartino said. "Coach Whalley and his English and Dutch assistants, all of whom played professionally in Europe, bring to our players a wealth of technical expertise. And high

expectations."

Whalley was pleased with the squad's progress. "Top to bottom, there's more quality in this team than we've seen in past camps," he said. "There's better touch, better passing, better combination play."

DiMartino agreed. "Our core group has been training and playing year-round, and we're accruing the benefits."

"The focus shifts," Whalley continued. "The

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Members of the John A. Holmes soccer team pose with Vidant Health administrator Megan Booth Milles (center) at soccer camp held recently.

SCHEDULE

This is the John A. Holmes High School sports schedule through the end of August as published on the school's website.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

4:30 p.m., volleyball at Lawrence Academy (scrimmage)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

6:30 p.m., men's soccer parent meeting in Library

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

10 a.m., volleyball scrimmage at Gates
10 a.m., football scrimmage at Northern Nash

MONDAY, AUG. 12

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cheer Camp in Armory

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cheer Camp in Armory

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

3 p.m., fall sports team pics (Football at 3 p.m. in Gym, all other sports start at 4 p.m.)

6 p.m., home football JV & Varsity Scrimmage/Jamboree

MONDAY, AUG. 19

6 p.m., soccer at Currituck

TUESDAY, AUG. 20

4:30 p.m., volleyball at Bertie

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21

Teacher Work Day

4:30 p.m., cross-country Home vs. Perquimans, Bear Grass at D.F. Walker/White Oak

6 p.m., men's soccer Home vs. Pasquotank

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

Teacher Work Day

4:30 p.m., volleyball at Pasquotank

6:30 p.m., JV football Home vs Northern Nash

FRIDAY, AUG. 23

Teacher Work Day

7:30 p.m., varsity football at 1st Flight

MONDAY, AUG. 26

First Day of Classes

6 p.m., soccer at Bear Grass

TUESDAY, AUG. 27

4:30 p.m., volleyball at Northeastern

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28

4:30 p.m., cross-country at Manteo

6 p.m., soccer Home vs. Bear Grass

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

4:30 p.m., volleyball Home vs Bertie

6:30 p.m., JV football Home vs Northside-Pinetown

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

7 p.m., varsity football at Bertie

Steamers board runs ballpark

Will take over ownership of team after Aug. 3

BY VERONICA DOWNING
Correspondent

Edenton Steamers will go under new ownership when the regular season comes to a close Aug. 3.

Currently, the Steamers board of directors is operating Hicks Field for owner Frank Burke. The board members, who usually wear teal polo shirts with the words "Steamers board" embroidered on the front, can be seen throughout the park during games, operating the concession stands and walking around making sure fans' needs are met.

The members include Billy Bass, president; Bob Turner, vice president; Ted Bass, secretary; Gary Roth, treasurer; and Allan Fredd, at-large members. Other members are Vickie Barrow, Casey Bass, Tommy Bass, Penny Byrum, Tammy Downum, Matt Evans, Steve Evans, Rachel Johnson, Randy Jordan, George Lewis, Maria Ore, Henry Smith and Becky Wilder.

"We started working together again on March 1," General Manager Tyler Russell said in an interview July 10. "The board of

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Jasmine Johnson and Trooper competed at the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show, which was held July 10-14 in at the Governor James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex in Raleigh. Johnson is trained by Carla Bundy and is with New Hope Stables Show Team in Hertford. Johnson competed in Junior Hunter Division, which included jumping and flat classes. She also competed in dressage. Johnson's parents are Rachel and Stephen Johnson of Edenton.

SUMMER CAMPS UNDERWAY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Edenton Chowan Recreation Department is hosting tennis camp this week at the courts in front of John A. Holmes High School. It is among several camps held throughout the summer. For more information on the available activities, call the Rec Department at 252-482-8595 or visit the Facebook page.

Coastal Plains League Standings

North				South				East			
GP	Record	Win %		GP	Record	Win %		GP	Record	Win %	
Wilson Tobs	34	20-14	0.588	Forest City Owls	30	19-17	0.528	Lex. County Blowfish	35	13-22	0.371
Edenton Steamers	34	18-16	0.529	Ashe Copperheads	35	15-20	0.429				
Peninsula Pilots	36	19-17	0.528	H.P.-Tobias.HIToms	36	14-22	0.389				
Martinsville Mustangs	37	14-23	0.378								
West				South				East			
GP	Record	Win %		GP	Record	Win %		GP	Record	Win %	
Gastonia Grizzlies	35	22-13	0.629	Macon Bacon	34	22-12	0.647	Morehead C. Marlins	36	24-12	0.667
				Savannah Bananas	35	22-13	0.629	Fayette SwampDogs	36	17-19	0.472
				Florence RedWolves	36	15-21	0.417	H. S. Salamanders	36	15-21	0.417
								Wilmington Sharks	33	13-20	0.394
								Standings as of Monday, July 15			

Fitzgerald honored

Steamers Roundup
STAFF, SUBMITTED REPORTS

HOLLY SPRINGS — The Coastal Plain League announced July 10 that Ian Fitzgerald of Edenton earned Pitcher of the Week honors for week five of the CPL regular season (June 30-July 6).

On the mound, Fitzgerald was near un-hittable in his start versus the Peninsula Pilots at home on July 5 to earn the win. The Embry-Riddle sophomore went five scoreless, allowing his first and only hit in the fourth inning of play.

His control was on display all night as he walked only one and struck out five for a 0.40 WHIP and tossed 52 of 75 pitches for strikes on the night.

Before Monday night's game against Peninsula, Fitzgerald has appeared in nine games with eight

starts this season. He has a 1-2 overall record in 30 1/3 innings pitched with 35 strikeouts and a 6.82 earned run average.

This week's games

On Monday, the Edenton Steamers were scoreless against the Peninsula Pilots, 10-0. The Steamers won the past two games with the team from Hampton, Virginia.

On Tuesday, the Steamers played the Morehead Marlins at home, but the score was unavailable at press time.

As of Monday, the Steamers led the second half of the season in the Coastal Plains League North Division with a 5-2 record. The team was 18-16 overall, trailing the Wilton Tobs (20-14).

The Steamers will play at 7 p.m. tonight against the Wilmington Sharks at Wilmington. They also

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FOURTH & LONG

Finding sports in summer

This is the time of year when I become desperate for sports.

College basketball is long over and now the NBA season is complete as well. Even the excitement of free agency has passed as most of the moves that matter have been made.

College football spring practices and games ended

about the same time college basketball did and we are still a month and a half away from the new college

football season.

The NFL has preseason games beginning in a few weeks but in the meantime, that isn't an option either. There are snippets of camp highlights (including OBJ launching a football 70 yards) available online, but that isn't enough content to sustain a hefty sports appetite like mine.

The World Cup kept me satiated for a little while but it doesn't last long and it only comes once every four years. I watch some baseball too but, due to the pace of the game, it has primarily become something that displays on the television while I look at my phone.

So what is a guy like me to do?

I watch some WNBA of

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