

## Carpathia Club, Inc.

### KICKERS SPRING 2006

All of the Kickers teams have stayed busy in the off season training indoors and playing in various indoor leagues in the area. Spring is here and its time start planting flowers, cut the grass, and of course play soccer. Our youth teams get things going first. Quite a few of them have entered the state cup which begins ply at the beginning of April, at various sites around thee state. They start league play in mid April and continue until mid June. The youth program has come a long way in the past few years. The teams continue to improve every year, and advance to the elite leagues in the state of Michigan. This is a testament to a great effort and preparation by the players and coaches. We will post a schedule of the youth games at the club. Come out a support the youth teams they are our future.

As far as the 1<sup>st</sup> and reserve teams are concerned expectations are always set high for both teams. Both teams will be quite strong this year and will challenge for their League championship this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> team is entered in the U.S. amateur cup again this year and we expect them to be the team that represents the state of Michigan at the national level. The 1<sup>st</sup> will be traveling to Chicago for this years Donauschwaben tournament where they will try to defend the Championship. This trip is a premier event and sets the tone for the rest of the year. The 1<sup>st</sup> team has been in the Championship game five out the last six years and has won it three times on that span; this year should be no exception. If you would like to join us in Chicago please contact Mike Talan, Kurt Seiberling, but hurry space is limited.

We have a full slate of Friday night and Sunday afternoon games for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and reserve it should be an exciting year and we will do our best to keep you entertained. Well that it for now come out and support all the Kickers teams as well as all Carpathia functions.

Kurt

### 2006 SEASON WILL SEE COACHING CHANGES IN THE KICKERS SENIOR TEAMS

The Carpathia Kickers are entering their 54th season this year with some coaching changes to the senior level teams. Practices started in early March and have been heavily attended. With only 36 spots available, up to 50 players are working for a place on either the 1st or Reserve teams.

Thomas Lehrer will remain head coach of the 1st team with Mike Talan managing the affair. "I have high expectations this year" say's Lehrer, " We have added some quality division 1 collage players. My personal goal this year, besides the obvious league and Donauschwaben Tournament Championships, is to do better in the Open and Amature Cup Competions".

In addition to Talan's duties as 2nd Vice President of the Mother Club, Mike brings the motivational and team building skills that an organization needs at this level. In addition, his organizational skills have been proven time and time again by demonstrating flawless management of two Donauschwaben Tournaments in Detroit , as well as the Kickers 50th anniversary weekend. " I look forward to seeing all our fans on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons this year."



First team captain Sabastian -----defends a shooting forward in a practice drill



Ralph Schwager, left, and team manager Phil Murphy review player abilities during an early season training session

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On the Reserve side of pitch, long time Kicker Ralph Schwager has assumed the duties as Head Coach of the Kickers Reserves, together with returning Manager, Phil Murphy. Schwager has played and coached in the Kickers organization over the last 30ish years. The Reserves come off of an excellent season, winning their league last year. "I saw them in a practice situation for the first time today" adding, "they look good."

More changes in the Over 30 A will debut Stefano Morracinni and Marty Hagen as coach/managers. Karl Weissman will stay on as coach for the Over 30 B and Gerhard Weber and Keith Mcvettie will remain on as coach and manager for the over 40.

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