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Reminders

Remember to keep your availability on Team Snap up to date and fill out the [Covid Screening Survey](#) before each practice or game.

Welcome '08 Intakes

Welcome to our 2008 born intake teams! Please make them feel welcome as they take their first steps in the BC SPL. Welcome to the Fusion family!

Board Updates

Due to the Covid-19 limitations on in-person meetings, the FusionFC AGM will be rescheduled.

Over the summer, the Board approved a new three year strategic plan. It will be posted to the FusionFC website as part of the website refresh.

Welcome Back Rebecca

Welcome back Rebecca Anton as Operations Manager!



Return to Play

We want to extend a big thank you to players, parents, coaches and staff for your patience and support over the initial months of the provincial Covid-19 response. The landscape changed and continues to change from week to week and the uncertainty has been difficult for all to navigate. The kindness and resilience of our Fusion family had been evident through the calm and patient response of everyone in our club.

The safety and wellness of our families, staff and coaches continues to be of foremost importance as we look forward to the coming weeks of practice and return to games. We're excited to see our teams back out on the pitch soon!

Preseason 2020 Another Success!

We went with a one-session-per-day format this year to reduce player interaction between sessions, but the players worked hard (on warm days!) to get into game-ready shape. Good job everyone!



Coach Spotlight:
Vanessa Hansen
07G Head Coach

What do you enjoy most about coaching at FusionFC?

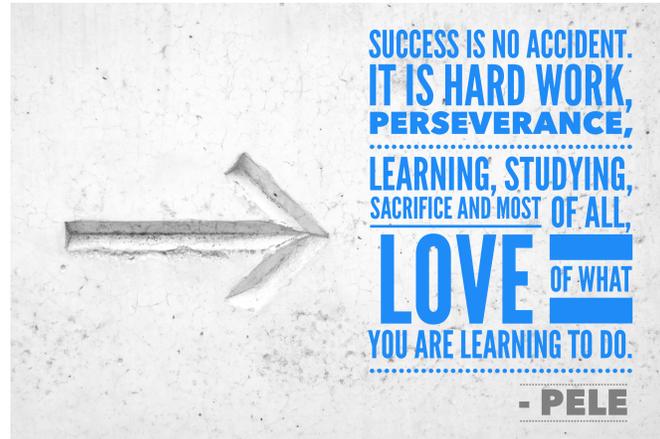
I enjoy Fusion's "family" feel throughout the club. Although we have independence as coaches, it's strongly encouraged that teams and coaches stay connected and help each other out. This is great because we're constantly being exposed to new and different ideas.

What do you like to do when you aren't coaching soccer?

When am I not coaching soccer??

What's the highlight of your soccer/coaching career so far?

This past year, I've been fortunate to coach my first BC SPL team, work with three provincial program, and the UBC Women's team. To me, the highlight of coaching is the amazing connections I get to make with players and families along the way. I've been truly blessed to be surrounded by some pretty amazing people.



Player Updates

'02 Graduates

Congratulations to our graduating 2002 born players, 13 of whom are continuing their playing career on College and University teams. We have enjoyed watching you grow as people and players and we wish you all the best of success as you embark on the exciting new adventures ahead of you! Please keep in touch!

Patrick Metcalfe

We were thrilled to see FusionFC alumni (from U13-U18), Patrick Metcalfe, make his first start in Major League Soccer for the Vancouver Whitecaps this summer. We're proud of you Patrick!

'05G Player News

Lauren Undseth, Katie Lustig and Madison Ellis have now arrived at Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school in Fairbault, Minnesota where they will do their grade 10 year and play for the prestigious school's soccer team. We wish you the best of luck playing for Sidney Crosby's alma mater! Read more [here](#). (Note, at time of article, only two players had confirmed)

Player Development Pathway

Congratulations to Emma Yee, from the 06G team, who has been invited to join the Whitecaps' Pre-Rex Girls Elite program, and Valter Sedin and Cyrus Bhimani, from the 07B team, who have been invited to join the Whitecaps pre MLS academy program. We look forward to following your progress.



Player Spotlight: Alix Boogemans

What grassroots club did you join

Fusion from? Who was your coach?

I played at RGSA, which is now Richmond United Soccer Club (RUSC). I had a few different coaches but the biggest influence on me and my development came from Brent Branker, who is one of the Technical Directors.

What is your favourite soccer memory so far?

My favourite memories are times I spent with my teammates, playing or having fun off the field. My new teammates at Fusion are AWESOME! We've had a great start and I look forward to making lots of great memories with them.

I also have some fun memories of Fusion Technical Director, Jason Jordan. When I was 10, Jason challenged me to take a penalty shot on him at one of Oliver's away tournaments. I learned that Jason was a really good striker, but not so good in goal. He recently challenged me to a race during this year's pre-season camp. I think he remembered the penalty, because he made me wear a parachute! I want a re-match!

Who is your favourite player? Why?

Kevin De Bruyne because he is a creative playmaker and a great leader on his team. I aspire to play like him.

How is it playing in the same club as your brother?

I like playing for the same club as Oliver. He is a really good player and it pushes me to try to follow in his footsteps and be better.

Jesse Symons Joins Fusion

Fusion FC is pleased to announce that Jesse Symons, currently the UBC Women's soccer head coach, has accepted a role with Fusion FC as the Manager of Coach and Player Development. Symons has coached the UBC team to a gold and silver medal at the USPORTS National championships, along with a Canada West Championship.

Over the past 20 years, Symons has held many different high-performance coaching positions. He spent 5 years as a Provincial Coach, and was the head coach of Team BC at both the 2009 and 2013 Canada Games. Both teams won gold at the national tournament. Symons spent close to 10 years with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC in different roles that included the head coach of junior development for u8-u12 boys and girls, and for most of his time with Whitecaps the Head Coach of Girls Elite REX, which focused on supporting the development of the highest performing female players in BC from the - u18 age groups. He was also the Head coach of the Women's Whitecaps W-League team in 2012.

Symons has been a part of the BCSPL before with the Mountain United technical leadership team at the inception of the league in 2011 as the Head Coach of the girl's program and head coached two teams in the mini season to league championships. He has leadership experience as the North Shore District Metro Technical Director and the Technical Director of NSGSC where he oversaw the building of a 500 player academy, building an age specific curriculum for u4-u18 and oversaw all of the coach and player development club programming for the 2500 member club.

With Fusion FC, Symons will be supporting staff who build curriculum, providing coach development for partner clubs, and helping establish and support academy programs. His knowledge in building programming, along with his ability to support the transition of players from youth to the post-secondary level, will be a great asset for all players. Welcome to the Fusion family Jesse!

Player Spotlight: Austin Viccars



What grassroots club did you join Fusion from? Who was your coach?

My grassroots club was Richmond FC. My coach was my dad, Rob Viccars.

What is your favourite soccer memory so far?

My favourite soccer memory was scoring my 50th goal in the U12 season.

What's your favourite team? Player? Why?

My favourite team is Chelsea FC. My favourite players are Timo Werner and Paulo Dybala because they can take on defenders and are very good finishers.

How is it playing in the same club as your sister?

It's fun playing in the same club as Brooke because I have never played in the same club as her before.

How have the first few months with Fusion been?

It's been great getting to know my teammates. Everyone gets along well and we are looking forward to our first game!

Windset Farms: Community Commitment

You may already know that our sponsor, Windset Farms, has been using state-of-the-art technology to deliver fresh produce to consumers for over two decades, as one of North America's largest sustainable suppliers of naturally grown produce. You may also know that they operate in Canada, the US and Mexico. But, did you know that, as a family farm with greenhouses in Delta, Abbotsford and Santa Maria, California, they conduct regular social audits to ensure their partners meet their high standards for workplace safety, fair wages, clean facilities and employee living conditions?

We are honoured to have the support of Windset Farms, and even more proud of their social accountability and community commitment. Like FusionFC, Windset Farms is committed to enriching the communities they operate in. They support local causes such as Food Banks BC, the BC Children's Hospital, and BC Ride to Conquer Cancer.

FusionFC players proudly wear the Windset Farms logo at training sessions and games and the Club is thankful to have them as a partner in our Fusion Family.

Want to hang on to summer a little longer? Try Windset Farms' tomato grilled flatbread recipe [linked here!](#)



Fall/Winter Academies For Prospect Players

Starting this month, Fusion's fall/winter academies will be back in action, supporting young players to take their game to the next level! These high performance training opportunities supplement current player commitments.

For more details on the Vancouver academies (at either Trillium or UBC), please click [here](#).

For details on the Richmond academy, proudly offered with Richmond United Soccer Club (RUSC), please click [here](#).