

For 18 years the Luis Usera, Sr. family has been remembering a beloved son, brother, and friend with a Memorial Men's Soccer Tournament. The Usera family is one of those pioneering families that helped to create youth soccer in our community in the 1970's. Son John W. Usera had a passion for the game and was returning from a competition in Nebraska when he was killed in a car accident. It was John's love of soccer that was the motivation for his family creating this tournament and for designating the proceeds to college scholarships and local community programs. Registration deadline is July 19 and competition begins July 24. More information is available online at [www.rushmoresoccerclub.com](http://www.rushmoresoccerclub.com).

Challenger British Soccer camp returns next week to Sioux Park. There are more than 250 kids registered who will have a unique experience with the 14 or so coaches that present this camp. The staff are all from Great Britain, Australia or New Zealand and know a great deal about both soccer and just having fun with kids. You can get additional information online at [www.rcysl.com](http://www.rcysl.com) and follow the links.

Fall registration for Rapid City Youth Soccer League is in the final week. If your registration is not received prior to July 19, your spot on a previous team will not be guaranteed. You can register online, download the forms, or stop out at Scheels for a copy. It is better to be registered ahead of time rather than to explain to your child why soccer is not on their fall schedule.

Plan ahead for the Cobbler-Raider Soccer Camp on Saturday, August 15. This fundraiser helps support the Stevens and Central High School soccer programs and gives your child an opportunity to learn from the high school players and coaches. Players will check in at 8:30 AM. The U6 through U8 players will finish at 12:00 PM following the lunch and older players will resume camp until 3:00 PM. The cost is \$35 for U6-8 and \$50 for the older players. Each fee includes a tee shirt and lunch. For registration forms and more information, contact Lorre Buhler at 394-3833 or 415-7394 or you may email [lrubuhler@hotmail.com](mailto:lrubuhler@hotmail.com). This is an excellent way to support the high school players and provide your kids with some one-on-one with top local youth players.

The USA Men's National Team moves into the quarter-finals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup Tournament. The team plays Panama on Saturday at 6:00 PM MDT on Fox Soccer. You can also catch the Canada versus Honduras game at 3:00 PM on Univision. The other games are on Sunday: Guadeloupe vs. Costa Rica at 2:00 PM on Telefutera and Mexico vs. Haiti at 5:00 PM on Univision. You can also join the crowd at Casa Real on Saturday evening and be part of "Sam's Army" supporting the American team. Wear red.

There has been an on-going soap opera in Major League Soccer lasting several months. David Beckham came to the LA Galaxy declaring he was devoted to soccer in America and his 5-year

contract. After a couple of highly paid, lack-luster seasons, Beckham decided to spend his 2009 off-season training with the Italian team, AC Milan where he proclaimed that it was "great to be back playing top soccer". With lots of drama and arm-twisting, Beckham and his staff engineered an agreement that allowed him to play with AC Milan until the end of the European season in June, take some time off, and then return to finish the MLS season with LA. Tonight he makes his re-appearance in the game with the NY Bulls. You can catch the performance at 6:00 PM on Fox Soccer.