

# On the Sidelines

## Ridley United Soccer Club

### ***Profile of the Month:***

#### **Name, Town, Family, Day Job:**

Andrew Raudabaugh, Wife of 19 years Lori, Son's Chris 16, and Andrew (Drew) 14, 2 cats; Meat Manager for BJ'S Wholesale Club, President-Ridley High School Boys Soccer Boosters, District 2 Commissioner for EPYSA, President Ridley United Soccer Club, Chair person for William Trippley Youth Development Foundation

#### **Background with the club:**

Started coaching for RU about 10 yrs ago, assumed President position 5 years ago

#### **What you like best about soccer (your position, coaching, playing...):**

The best part of my position is getting to know different people in different aspects and walks of life, but all have the same goal of soccer for the children. I love coaching because it is like teaching and if I can have one of my player's old or young move on to the higher level(s) then I hope they take what I have taught and apply it and also become a mentor and/or friend for life for some of the players and the families. I love playing soccer because it is 1 sport that it is you against the elements and they are never the same on game day. No yelling from the coach, just you doing what you practiced and hope for a good result.

#### **What do you like least about soccer (your position, coaching, playing...):**

The least favorite part of my job is to go through the loops to get something done (politics, permits). We are here for 1 cause and it is the children. As for coaching it upsets me and hurts when you are trying to teach the same thing year after year to the same group and you just wish 1 day they will get

#### **How do you see your future with the club, or the future direction of the club:**

I see my future very bright with the Club. We are always looking to make things better for the children and the community (lights at Catania, field improvements, better educated coaches, etc). I believe the future is very bright for the Club with the increasing numbers over the last 2 years and at the young ages.

## COMING EVENTS

### **Spring Registration:**

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 10am – 2pm  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 9pm  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 10am – 2pm

### **Spring Season Starts March 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Travel Tryouts for Fall 2009 begin May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Fall Registration:**

June 6<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 9pm  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm

### **Goalie Clinic begins July 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Ridley United Invitational August 8th**

### **Fall Intramural Season Starts Sept 12th**

### **All Dates Subject to Change, visit:**

[www.ridleyunitedsoccer.org](http://www.ridleyunitedsoccer.org)

### **QUOTE**

You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win. Zig Ziglar

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### Profile of the Month (cont.):

#### Fun Stuff:

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden

Favorite Book: Anything sports

Favorite Movie: Rocky, Devil's Advocate

Favorite Group/Singer/Song: U2, The Who

Favorite TV Show: Sports shows or Game show network

Favorite Quote: Just Do It (Nike), You do not know until you ask

#### Anything else you care to say...

I feel very lucky and fortunate in what I do for the children and the community. My family has always supported me and I cannot thank them enough. Presently I am working with other volunteers to bring soccer into Chester. We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> season there and it is so gratifying to see the positive expressions on their faces ([www.WTYDF.com](http://www.WTYDF.com)). I am thankful for the group of people that I have met and gotten to know here at Ridley United. We have a great bunch of volunteers and as stated before I am looking to do better. ~ Thank you Andy for letting us get to know you a little better. ~

### Little ears are always listening and sarcasm doesn't exist in their world

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A word of warning to all coaches out there. Watch what you say when little ears are in the back of the car. Whatever you say will be taken down and used in evidence.

So when your son and his friends are coming back with you from the game in the back seat of the car keep your lips zipped. They hear everything and usually interpret it slightly differently from you. You may still be buzzing with irritation from what went on, they will have forgotten it almost straight away, so things said in the heat of the moment are fact to them.

I once had a parent ring me up to say her son was upset because he was going to have to play in goal for a month.... now which away match did I mutter that at...

## Travel News

### U8 Boys Fever

Turkey Bowl - the team competed in their first tournament and finished with a 2 and 1 record and missed advancing to the semi final, on goal differential, by 1 goal. Great job: Mike, Nate, Daniel, Tristan, Jacob, Reese, Matt, Robert, Conner, Damon, James and Keah.

### U9 Girls Lightning

Finished strong in the Schillinger Turkey Bowl Tournament with a impressive 2-1 victory over Fishtown. Great job: Lexie, Maddie, Sydney, Dara, Maddy-Jo, Delaney, Paige M, Paige H, Jeanette, Sam, Carly, Naia and Maria.

### U9 Girls Roar

Roar played in Schillinger Thanksgiving Tournament @ Parkwood coming out 0-2-2 battling each game and earning respect amongst their opponents. This Fall season we finished 11-6-3 in 20 games from Aug to Nov placing 2nd in Division 4 and are very proud of our girls showing how they came together as a team.

### U10 Girls Rhinos

The Rhinos will be playing in the U11 division of Pags next year. They are interested in any girls that would like to try out for the team next year. If you were born between 08-01-1998 - 07-31-1999 and have the skills to play travel soccer, please contact Coach Joe at [ja1094@comcast.net](mailto:ja1094@comcast.net) or by cell at 610-715-3493 We will be looking to add at least 4 new players since we will be playing 11 V 11 next year.

### U11 Boys Young Guns

After several years of not having Thanksgiving with our families due to soccer Tournaments, the Young Guns have decided to sit one out. We will be getting together again in February for indoor season at Tristate and are currently planning to do 1 spring tournament not yet determined and possibly 3 summer tournaments before next season begins. Summer tournaments will include a beach one in June, Ridley's invitational, and one in Virginia the kids have been saving towards for 3 years.

### U14 Girls Courage

They dropped a close match on Sat Nov 15 3-2 in the Semi-Final game. We played the top seeded team Boyertown and played at Middle Creek in Limerick. Every girl gave it their all and played one of the best games of the season. Thank you ladies and we look forward to next year and indoors.