

Olympia FC Garners International Partnership!

In recent years, the sport of soccer, commonly known as football throughout the world, has taken center stage in US youth sports for both men and women. Perhaps it is because of the huge success of our US Women's National Team. Twenty-four million viewers watched as the US became the first country to win three FIFA Women's World Cup Titles, with Carli Lloyd scoring the first hat trick in women's world cup history. This sport is unique, as viewership demonstrates it is just as thrilling and exciting to watch the women play as the men, and viewership is enormous. The UEFA Champions League draws 380 million viewers from 200 countries for the annual event, while the Super Bowl draws approximately 120 million viewers from 180 countries each year. Certainly, the explosive growth of this very popular world-wide sport is here to stay, and with it are the clubs that train the athletes to play and cherish the beautiful game.

Among these clubs is Heber Valley's very own Olympia FC (FC referring traditionally to football club). This club has recently signed a partnership with one of the European clubs, Stoke City FC. "This partnership will provide many advanced opportunities for our kids" said Olympia FC Director of coaching, Mark Davis. Mark Davis, is also the Head Coach of the REAL Salt Lake Women's team. He is no novice to quality of play and high level opportunity for athletes. "I am excited to see our players selected through Stoke City scouting camps to go back to nationals in Georgia, and hopefully even see one or two invited to train with the Stoke City Academy in Europe", said Davis, "I cannot stress how valuable this relationship is for the kids in our club."

"It is relationships like these that set our club apart from others", said club President Ron Dümmer. "We are excited to host Stoke City this coming June for a camp and scouting opportunity." When asked what opportunities are available for those in our community interested in soccer, Dümmer replied, "We invite all athletes and parents interested in the highest level play and training opportunities to register for one of our programs offered to youth athletes from age 4-18. Please visit www.OlympiaLions.com, email info@OlympiaLions.com or call 435-503-1818."