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By Charles Billings

The \$1.175 million restoration of Madison's "historic" Breese Stevens Field on East Washington Avenue is on schedule for completion on May 30, 2008. The landmark stadium, which has been a home field for the Madison 56ers adult teams for thirty years, is well known today as a soccer venue. But this was not always the case.

Breese Stevens opened on May 5, 1926, and the first event held that evening was a baseball game between the semi-pro Madison Blues and the Beloit Fairies. Lights were installed in 1934, and for nearly forty years the field was Madison's premier sporting site. Baseball, football, track and field, circuses, midget car racing, ice-skating, almost every thing except soccer was played there. Beginning in the 1960s, with the construction of more modern sports facilities, such as Mansfield Stadium, Warner Park, and others, Breese Stevens became an under-utilized and somewhat neglected public park.

In 1977, the Madison 56ers Soccer Club, looking for a stadium-type facility to showcase their top teams, persuaded the Madison Parks Division to set up a soccer field in Breese Stevens and began playing a few games there. At that time, it was not a particularly good soccer venue. A running track forced the field to be a little narrow and the dirt baseball infield was a real problem, especially after a rain, and there were no working showers for the players. In 1979, the 56ers made Breese Stevens their designated home field for their Major and Reserve teams after being promoted into the Wisconsin Major Division, and began playing a full schedule of games there from April to November. This soccer usage got the Parks Division to remove the unused track and eventually the seldom-used baseball field, install two new locker rooms, and convert Breese Stevens into a quality soccer field. Suddenly, the stone-walled landmark was so popular with scholastic soccer programs such as UW-Madison soccer and the high schools that the 56ers were forced to move most of their home games to other sites, since scholastic programs get scheduling preference at city facilities.

The current restoration is intended to repair the structural problems due to many years of deferred maintenance and to bring the facility up to current code. The most notable change will be in the new, handicapped access, and in seating changes. Spectators will also get new bleacher seats. (No one is going to miss the old fiberglass benches.) Unfortunately, the removal of the old press box, with no plans to replace it during this restoration, is a problem for user groups. The press box included the public address system, scoreboard controls, and access to electricity. The 56ers have requested a meeting with Madison Parks' staff to address these problems, and hope to discuss ways to solve this problem soon.

The restoration by Bachman Construction appears to be going well. Hopefully, Breese Stevens Field will reopen as scheduled, allowing the Madison 56ers to inaugurate the "new" Breese Stevens Field in early June. The 56ers National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) amateur team will continue to use Breese Stevens as their home field, as it has been the 56ers' home field for nearly thirty years. The best in amateur competition will again be on display as the NPSL team goes for its third consecutive Midwest Region Championship and the elusive National Championship that got away the last two years.



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A member of the Madison 56er U14 Boys Red team got one of the best Christmas presents any young soccer player could hope for: an invitation to join U.S. Soccer's national team. Benjamin Borns-Moore, who attends Madison's Wingra School, joined 35 other fourteen-year-old players at the U.S. national camp January 20-27, which was held in Guadalajara, Mexico. He expects to continue to play around the country and maybe the world for U.S. Soccer in the year ahead, as well as with his 56er team.

Ben Borns-Moore, the son of Mark Borns and Lorrie Moore, was one of only four Midwestern players to be selected for the team, and the only player from Wisconsin to be named to the team. Ben is also only the second player from the 56ers and the Madison area to ever be named to the national team — the first was UW-Madison standout Aaron Holbein.

"The odds of making the national team are amazing," says Mark Borns. "Ben had to make it past state and regional competitions to be selected as a member of the Region II (Midwest) U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program team, which comprised just 18 of the 430 boys who attended regional camp." The Midwest regional included top players from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Over the Thanksgiving school break, Borns-Moore joined the Region II team in Florida for an inter-regional tournament between the best players from the Midwest, South, East and West. Following that, Borns-Moore was named to the Aididas All Star team. "He was one of only 18 boys named from his age group from the entire group at the tournament," says his father. One week later, the Madison 56ers Soccer Club's U14 Boys Red team striker was named to the U.S. Soccer national team. All expenses are paid for by U.S. Soccer and its Olympic Development Program (ODP) sponsors.



Benjamin Borns-Moore

According to 56ers Coaching Director John Reddan, "56ers players and coaches have won many state, regional, and even national honors, and we are especially proud to have a player from our U14 boys team represent the club and our nation in international competitions in the months to come."

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By John Reddan

November 23rd, 2007. The day after Thanksgiving. While others had visions of hitting the stores early to wait in line and battle for the latest and the greatest the retailers had to offer, 56er soccer players had something else in mind. From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., they dropped in to "just play" on the two indoor fields at Breakaway Sports Center. In the morning, the fields were full of U11 to U14 players while high school kids filled out the afternoon. Some of the day's key elements:

- Players made their own teams
- No referees; kids called their own fouls
- Substitutes were self-determined

See the theme? Who was in charge? The players. And what did we get as a result? Cooperation and a lot of fun. Older players were encouraging the younger players and showing their stuff while some of our 11s and 12s had plenty of tricks up their sleeves. It was a great opportunity for players to see and play with kids from other teams and age groups. More than once a player would point at someone after they saw a good move and say, "Which team does he/she play for? That was awesome."

We talk a lot about developing players and giving them the kind of environment that will help facilitate individual development. One of the key environments missing these days tends to be the neighborhood playground for "street soccer," where players just show up, put things together on their own, and have a game. Due to various circumstances and developments over time, we've lost a place where younger players learn the nuances of the game from their older peers and older players learn how to organize and inadvertently teach by way of example, entirely by their own initiative.

In addition to this lament for free play, another hot topic these days is the prospect of burn-out: when our young athletes lose their inner drive to continue to participate in a particular sport. The reason often given for this or feared is that kids play too much and therefore the sport grows dull and the excitement is lost. I would contend that the burn-out phase isn't reached from too much soccer but not enough free play soccer, where players are allowed to do their thing without any interference from adults. That's the overkill that organized sport can bring.



Coaching Director John Reddan

During the 56er Fun Day after Thanksgiving, we had players who stayed through their entire time slot -- four hours for some of them! The last hour, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., was left open for anyone who wanted to play, and we had some of the younger kids from the first session come back for more. Are they getting too much soccer? Are they about to experience burn-out? Not likely, but there is always that potential for us as coaches, parents, and administrators to overdo it, to handle every last portion of the activity so that the players are barely involved in the process, rarely asked to think or act for themselves. The beauty of soccer is that there are no time-outs, no scripted plays to run; players must create and solve problems on their own, and collectively, during the run of play. Where does that ability come from?

Our job as coaches is to instruct on technique and tactics, give feedback, suggestions, and a few solid dos and don'ts that will generally guide the players toward improvement. Trying to impart that knowledge over two or three practices a week at ninety minutes apiece over a three-month period is only going to go so far. If we try to add more it can understandably increase the stress on already time-taxed families with multiple kids involved in multiple activities. Where does the free play fit in? Considering the common restraints of time, geography, and the real concern of letting the kids just go off on their own, the reality is we have to organize it. Like our day at Breakaway, it has to be our version of street soccer. It can be done. As a club, as an age group, as a team, as a neighborhood, as a group of friends. Provide the kids the time, the place, and the supervision for safety. Then we adults should bring a book, walk the dog, take a nap, sit and watch ... and let 'em play.

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Congratulations go to former 56ers player and coach Ian Davies, who is an inductee to the 2008 Wisconsin Soccer Association Hall of Fame in the player category.



Ian Davies

Ian moved from England to Madison to attend graduate school at UW-Madison, where he obtained his doctorate in Spanish. A former London University Select Team choice and Amateur Football Association player, he became a professional with the Woking Town and Sutton United in the Isthmian Senior League from 1981 to 1984. He joined the Madison 56ers Soccer Club Major Team in 1984 and embarked on a tremendously successful twelve-year playing career, retiring in 1996. Ian led the Madison 56ers to eleven consecutive WSA State finals, winning three Wisconsin Major Division titles, four State Open Cup Championships, and two State Amateur Cup titles in 1990 and 1992. The 56ers won the Region 2 Amateur titles both those years and advanced to the USSF national finals. In 1992, Ian was instrumental in the 56ers winning the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) National Amateur Championship. He led them to three consecutive Region 2 Tournament of Champions titles in 1988, 1989, and 1990. In addition to playing, Ian coached the Madison 56ers Major Team from 1989 to 1996. He coached at soccer camps for UW-Madison and was a Region 2 Women's Regional Camp Coach from 1990 to 1992.

Ian currently lives in Madison with his wife, Marta, and son, Jonathon.

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56ers Honored by WSA Club Recognition Award



The Madison 56ers received the Mike Kabanica Club Recognition Award from the Wisconsin Amateur Soccer Association (WSA) at its 2007 Hall of Fame ceremony. Ron Holzhueter accepted the award on behalf of the Madison 56ers. Ron is the longest serving president in the 56ers' club history, having spent ten years leading the club in the 1970s and 80s. He is also the second-longest serving official in the history of the Madison 56ers, and an early WSA Hall of Fame selection in 1992. The Mike Kabanica Award is named after the longest serving president in WSA history, who was both a WSA and a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Hall of Fame selection. The Mike Kabanica Award is given by the WSA to a club that has demonstrated a history of service to the WSA and the sport of soccer in Wisconsin.

According to Charles Billings, past president of the 56ers and the club's unofficial historian and current corporation secretary, the Madison 56ers Soccer Club has been a member of the Wisconsin Soccer Association since 1956. It is one of the few WSA members that have reached fifty years of continuous membership. "More importantly," says Billings, "the Madison 56ers have represented the highest standards of the WSA and Wisconsin soccer during all these years. In their competitiveness, sportsmanship, and commitment to the WSA, the Madison 56ers have been a credit to and worthy representative of the WSA and the Wisconsin soccer community throughout the United States."

Competitively, the Madison 56ers have won championships at every level of WSA competition, adult and youth, male and female. They have successfully represented the WSA in regional and national competitions at every level as well. The 56ers are one of just two WSA members to win the United States Amateur Soccer Association (USASA) Region 2 and USSF Amateur Championships.

"Administratively, the Madison 56ers and its members either directly, or in partnership with others, are responsible for most of the significant soccer developments in south-central Wisconsin during the last fifty years," adds Billings, citing the creation of the UW-Madison men's and women's soccer programs, the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association, the WSA Capital Region, the WSA Women's and Over-30 leagues, and the start of varsity high school soccer in the Madison area schools. Most recently, the 56ers promoted the return of affiliated adult soccer to the Madison area with the creation of a National Premier Soccer League team.

"Perhaps most importantly, the Madison 56ers have both consistently promoted and practiced good sportsmanship in all its competitive endeavors," Billings says. "They have deservedly been widely recognized by opponents and game officials for competitive but fair play."

The Madison 56ers Soccer Club is proud to receive the WSA's Mike Kabinica Club Recognition Award, and would like to thank its membership community for volunteering at so many levels to promote excellence in soccer in Wisconsin.

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Back in the day -- here's Coach Molly Duffy when she received UW-Milwaukee's Female Senior Athlete Award on senior night with her parents, Carol and Colin, at her side.

Name: Molly Duffy

Team(s) you are coaching: Girls U12 White

City where you live: Madison

Family: My parents, Michael and Susan, both live in Wisconsin. They recently moved from my childhood home to Dodgeville, where my Dad built his dream house on land that has been in the family for generations. I have two brothers, Nick and David. Nick recently graduated from the UW and is working in Chicago for a magazine. Before he graduated he played two years of professional soccer — one year for DC United of the MLS and one year for Canterbury United in the New Zealand Football League. David is a sophomore at Colorado College. He plays for CC's varsity soccer team. I also have a dog, Murphy, who is an energetic and friendly black lab.

Q: What can you tell us about your soccer accomplishments?

MD: I played five years of college soccer for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM Panthers). My junior year I was awarded the Sue Moynihan Award and my senior year the Laura Moynihan Award, both awarded for dedication and passion for the game of soccer. Graduating with one of the most successful seasons in Panther history, at 16-3-1 in regular season, we advanced to the NCAA tournament after receiving the programs first at-large berth. Advancing to the second round after beating Michigan in a shoot-out, we eventually ended our season with a notable loss to the #1 women's soccer team in the nation (Notre Dame 1-0). I was honored to be awarded UWM's Herman Kluge Female Senior Athlete Award as well as to be nominated for the NCAA Woman Athlete of the Year Award to end my college soccer career.



Coach McGivern

Name: Justin McGivern

Team(s) you are coaching: Boys U-11 and U-12 White

City where you live: Madison

Family: I am an only child, fifth generation from Wausau, Wisconsin, where my parents still reside.

Q: What can you tell us about your soccer accomplishments?

JM: I was a state ODP player for five years, and I was able to travel the country.

I played for the Madison 56ers for four years, during one of which we were finalists in State Cup.

I played four years of varsity soccer at Wausau West High School, was captain of the team both Junior and Senior year, and was started on the Boys Division 1 Wausau West team, which lost to Middleton in the semi-final State game my sophomore year.

I have been coached by amazing coaches from all over the country and world, and love the sport of soccer.

Q: What is your earliest soccer memory?

JM: The first game I ever played ... I was in first grade and I played at recess against two huge third graders and beat them. I have been hooked ever since.

Q: What was your most embarrassing moment on the soccer field?

JM: I played at USA Cup in Blaine, Minnesota, as a guest player with international teams for five years in a row. In my fourth year, I was playing with a team from South Hampton, England, and I dove for a header off of a corner kick. I got kicked in the head while diving and completely blacked out. I continued to play for about five minutes without remembering a moment of it. The embarrassing part is that my coach told me it was the best he had seen me play all week.

Coach Molly Duffy played five years of college soccer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and helped the Panthers go on to the NCAA tournament. Here, she shows her stuff against arch rival UW-Madison.

Q: What is your earliest soccer memory?

MD: Standing out in the pouring rain at West Towne soccer fields, I looked at my clean jersey and decided, against my mom's wishes, to go sliding in the mud puddles. Having a clean soccer jersey after a game was unacceptable to me!

Q: What was your most embarrassing moment on the soccer field?

MD: Proving that I truly did have two left feet. I tripped over my foot, fell, and ended up in the emergency room. Several hours later I walked out of there with a cast on my broken arm.

Q: What's your favorite food?

MD: I'm an Irish gal, so I could survive on potatoes alone.

Q: What's your favorite vacation spot?

MD: If I'm feeling the need for adventure and exercise, I would have to say the Great Smoky Mountains. And if I'm in need of relaxation and warmth, definitely anywhere on the beaches of Florida!

Q: Who's your hero, and why?

MD: My aunt is my hero because through all the hardships and problems she encountered, she ALWAYS had a positive outlook on life. Even to this day, when people talk about her they talk about what an inspiration she was to them and the impact she had on their lives.

Q: What's the best part of coaching youth players?

MD: I am a kid at heart and coaching my team gives me the chance to be young again along with being able to act silly and ridiculous without getting into trouble.

Q: What was your favorite class in grade school?

MD: Most definitely gym class because then it gave me a reason to beat up the boys!

Q: What's your dream job?

MD: Professional traveler (unrealistic I know, but that's why it's my dream.)

Q: What's your greatest accomplishment?

MD: Surviving five years of college soccer with multiple knee surgeries and doing so against the advice of my doctors. I was, however, a favorite in UWM's training room.



She coaches because she's a kid at heart, and her favorite vacation spot is definitely the beaches of Florida.



Justin Teaches The Beautiful Game

Q: What's your favorite food?

JM: Fruit Snacks. I have been hooked since I can remember.

Q: What's your favorite vacation spot?

JM: San Diego, California. The atmosphere of the town is amazing, and who can argue with 360 days of sun a year?

Q: Who's your hero, and why?

JM: My Grandpa Fred ... he is almost 90 years old, and he is one of the most amazing people I have ever met. Not to mention he gave me some of the best soccer-related advice I ever received.

Q: What's the best part of coaching youth players?

JM: Watching them grow. I love being able to provide feedback to players and see them correct their mistakes. It is also extremely rewarding to see someone who I coached a few years back play so that I can catch up with their soccer careers.

Q: What was your favorite class in grade school?

JM: Lunch and Recess.

Q: What's your dream job?

JM: Coaching Director of a wonderful soccer club like the Madison 56ers.

Q: What's your greatest accomplishment?

JM: Advising and speaking to children with diabetes. When I was in third grade, I was diagnosed with type I diabetes, and then in fourth grade I published a book nationally! Through these experiences I have had the opportunity to meet and work with kids across the nation.

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Board of Director's Seeking Nominations

The 56ers Board of Directors is seeking nominations of individuals who are interested in furthering the 56ers mission by running for an open, two-year seat on the board. If you would like to become more involved, please contact 56er administrator Mary Jo White at (608) 273-1956, madison56ers@gmail.com, or Chris Juzwik, President of the Madison 56ers Soccer Club, CJuzwik@madison.com, or any board member.

Don't Miss the 56ers Annual General Meeting!

When: March 12, 2008

Where: Babe's Grill & Bar
5614 Schroeder Rd

Time: 6:30 p.m.



Slate of Candidates

Seat 2:	2 Year Term	Brad Beinlich	Incumbent
Seat 4:	2 Year Term	Open Seat	
Seat 6:	2 Year Term	Janet Hohlbein	Incumbent
Seat 8:	2 Year Term	Tom Mooney	Incumbent
Seat 10:	2 Year Term	Matt Speer	Incumbent
Seat 12:	2 Year Term	Sean Kinsey	Incumbent

All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the Madison 56ers Soccer Club. We have one open seat. For more information regarding nominations, contact Mary Jo White at the Madison 56ers Soccer Club, (608) 273-1956, madison56ers@gmail.com.

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