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COACHES SPOTLIGHT

Mike Kirmse



Since 2004, we've been lucky to have had Mike Kirmse as a mainstay in SDA. "Kirmse" has been instrumental in the formation of SDA on and off the field. From the training grounds to club communications, and most importantly the relationships Kirmse established throughout his time with players, parents, and coaches, will be missed.

Recently, Kirmse informed us of a career opportunity that he has with his company, Ramboll (formerly OBG), which takes him overseas (Denmark) for a two-year assignment. Unfortunately, we are losing a great developmental coach, mentor for players, college liaison, and much more, but we are looking forward to having him back in early 2025.

We wish Kirmse and his wife, Cara, the best of luck as they take on this new opportunity. More to come on this excellent endeavor for Cara and Kirmse over the next few months!

COACHES SPOTLIGHT

Jukka Masalin



Our very own SDA Coach; Jukka Masalin, who is also the Syracuse University Men's Associate Head Coach, lead the SU Men's Soccer Team to an NCAA National Championship, as well as the 2008 Boys at the Disney Tournament!

Jukka Masalin was born in Lahti, Finland. Masalin played professionally in Germany, Sweden, Finland, and the United States before making a successful transition to coaching.

Jukka Masalin joined the Orange as an assistant coach in January 2010 and was promoted to associate head coach for the program in 2014.

We are so grateful to have Jukka Masalin as a part of our Coaching Staff!



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Wyatt Dupell

Senior goalkeeper Wyatt Dupell from Cicero-North Syracuse is one of 81 boys to earn All-America honors. He was recognized for his accomplishments at the All-America Ceremony & Reception at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Dupell recorded 123 saves, which ranked first in Section III Class AA and helped lead the Northstars to the state semifinals this fall. Dupell stated "getting to this point is not possible without my SDA teammates." Dupell was also named to the United Soccer Coaches 2022 all-state team. Wyatt has a deep appreciation for the SDA club and all his coaches stating; "A special thank you to my SDA coaches for aiding my development and supporting me."



TEAM SPOTLIGHT

2008 SDA Boys

The 2008 SDA boys went 4-0 for the week at the Disney Tournament, conceding only one goal in the finals on a PK. Congrats on an outstanding tournament, our SDA Family is very proud!



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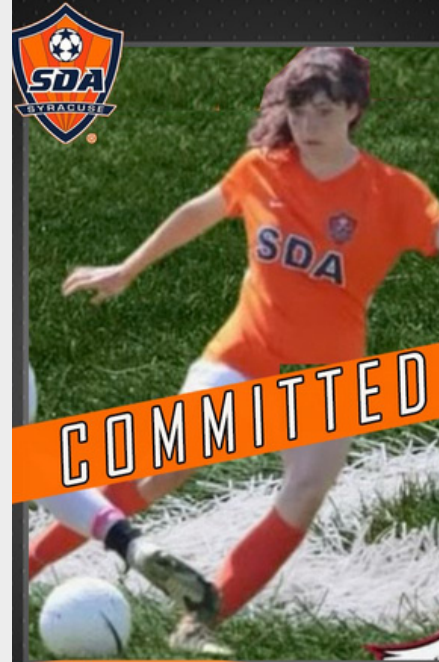
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An SDA Holiday with Tillie's Touch

On December 11, the SDA 2009 boys team presented Tillie's Touch with Christmas gifts. The members of the team "adopted" friends from the Tillie's Touch organization and shopped for specific wishes and needs. Twenty-six local children and their families were supported by this SDA/TT partnership. This is the second community team event. The first one was collecting hygiene items for Rise Above Poverty. Giving back to children in the community will continue to be the focus of other community partnerships!

