

SUMMER 2010 EGA CAMP PROGRAM



A NOTE FROM MICK, PAUL AND JACK

Welcome Keepers and Parents:

First of all, we would like to thank all of our returning keepers and their families. As we kick off our third year of the Elite Goalkeeping Academy, we are reminded that this special camp is special because of each of the attending keepers as well as the dedication of their parents. It is truly the people involved that make it so special. We have had the opportunity to watch our keepers develop over the past three years while they have each achieved personal goals and contributed to their team(s). We would also like to welcome all of our new keepers to the Elite Goalkeeping Academy and we believe the returning keepers can confirm ... this is a special group of individuals that come together once a year to dedicate themselves to mastering the art of goalkeeping.

We have stayed true to our original mission to improve the goalkeeping skills in western Pennsylvania. We believe this camp has made considerable progress in doing just that ... improving the goalkeepers and assisting them in developing their game so they will achieve great things. In 2010, we have once again, watched as many of our keepers made it to the final matches in both the PA-West State Cup, the US Regional Tournament and the Pittsburgh Diocese Championships.

This year, we have put forth considerable efforts toward making the camp accessible on the internet, adding an electronic registration system, and putting forth quality materials for recruiting top keepers. This effort would not have been possible without the guidance and leadership from Traci Borsch from Perfect PlanIt. You will notice that Perfect PlanIt is a Platinum Sponsor for this camp and Traci believed in our mission from first meeting with the three of us last summer. Once again Scott Longo at Soccer Source has played a major role in this camp and we are proud to announce that Soccer Source is also a Platinum Sponsor. The pages of this booklet include community friends who so graciously

donated to the Maggie Campbell Memorial Scholarship or sponsored the EGA 2010. These EGA friends include The Residence Inn, Alexandra S. George DDS, Ronald Kampas Orthodontics, Zehr Contracting Co. and Gerard Boeh Flowers Inc.

Our shirts this year will once again proudly display all of our sponsors. You will also notice a soccer ball with the number 19 in it. This was Maggie's number and we will always include this ball to remember Maggie who left us way too early in life. Maggie played with great intensity and loved the game. There will always be a special place in the hearts of those who knew Maggie.

We look forward to another successful camp and we look forward to renewing old friendships while forging new ones. Thank you for selecting our camp.

– Mick Payne, Paul Mellings and Jack Lisco



ABOUT EGA

Elite Goalkeeping Academy (EGA) specializes in world-class goalkeeper training. Now in its third year, EGA brings to Pittsburgh two of the premier keeper coaches from the UK — Mick Payne and Paul Mellings — for a focused and fun camp. We deliver an innovative goalkeeper experience that covers all aspects of goalkeeping. The net goal: to promote the art of goalkeeping and help each camper attain a higher level of performance.

MEET THE COACHES



Mick Payne, Coaching Director
London, England, UK

Mick is a qualified English FA (Football Association) full badge holder and the official England “C” goalkeeping coach. Mick has worked with the English FA and London FA running various courses on numerous occasions. He also played for Chelsea and various non-league clubs. For three very successful years he was the head soccer coach at the University of Alabama at which time he also served as an advisor to the U.S. Olympic Development Program. Mick has an excellent reputation for his coaching ability and many of his goalkeepers have gone on to achieve outstanding results; he has coached and worked with the best: Bob Wilson (Arsenal and Scotland), Pat Jennings (Northern Ireland), Hans Segers (Holland), Ian Walker (Bolton and England), Tony Roberts (Dagenham & Redbridge and Wales), Rachael Brown (England Ladies) and Chris Day (Millwall and England).

Mick also heads up The Art of Saving with Mick Payne — a goalkeeping academy that has provided courses in the South East of England for the past eighteen years. Around 170 keepers attend his course each year.



Paul Mellings, Coaching Director
Manchester, England, UK

Paul is a “B” license badge holder and works with goalkeepers from 7–16 years old within the Manchester United Academy department. He is involved in the development of the goalkeepers so they can realize their goals and dreams: to play for the one of the most famous Soccer Clubs in the world. A serious knee injury prevented Paul from a professional career while in college so he redirected his passion to being a very knowledgeable, innovative coach. Paul has coached within the United States before, delivering fun and enjoyable camps while promoting a solid, hard-working learning environment. When not working at Manchester United, Paul coaches at the highest non-league level, working with the Stafford Rangers. He has coached with some outstanding goalkeepers that are now ready to go on to a higher level: Ben Amos (Manchester United and England U18), Gary Woods (Manchester United and England U16), Scott Loach (Watford and England U19), Danny Alcock (Stafford Rangers and England “C”) and Stuart Brock (Aston Villa).



MAGGIE CAMPBELL MEMORIAL

A word from Maggie's parents:

We would like to thank the Elite Goalkeeping Academy from the bottom of our hearts for developing these camp scholarships in the memory of our daughter, Maggie Campbell. This means so much to us and we are honored to say that EGA played such a wonderful role in developing Maggie's keeper skills.

Maggie loved the game of soccer and was an avid goalkeeper. Being a goalie was her passion. She thrived on improving her game and attended two soccer camps each summer, including Elite Goalkeeping Academy. She always felt challenged at the EGA and always looked forward to their camp each year.

Maggie was also an 8th grade honor roll student and had many friends. But Maggie suffered from low self-esteem, like many girls her age. She was very self-conscious and sensitive about the size of her body and began to listen to some repeated negative remarks made to her over several years by a small group of girls. The verbal bullying obviously made Maggie feel very confused, doubting her self worth. She apparently felt very depressed and hopeless when she took her life on May 13, 2009. Maggie was only 14 and a half years old. Words cannot express the depth of pain and despair that we have felt since losing our beautiful and precious daughter.

Our message to any adolescent — soccer player or not — is to always talk to an adult if you are experiencing any type of negative situation at school like Maggie did. Don't keep it to yourself and try to deal with it alone. We were unaware of Maggie's situation until after her death. If we had known, we would have done anything in the world to help our daughter. Feelings of depression, anxiety, confusion and any negative thoughts should be shared and talked about with your parents or any adult you trust. Life is a wonderful gift from God who created you and loves you very much. And, I know that if Maggie were here today, she would agree that talking to someone and getting help is so very important.

Once again, EGA will honor Maggie with her number on the camper t-shirt.

Sincerely,
– Andy and Sandra Campbell

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Wishing the very best of luck
to all of the keepers!

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