



Sunrise Sting 96/97 name new coach

Team announces cooperative agreement with Weston FC

Sunrise, Fl (May 16, 2011) – The Sunrise Sting and Weston FC have reached an agreement to work together to lay the foundation for a U.S. Soccer Academy style developmental program for South Florida girls. As part of this program, the Sunrise Sting 96/97 team is announcing that Chris Nolen will be the team’s new head coach, Nolen will also be joining Weston FC.

Nolen is a former Director of Girls Coaching for the Atlanta Fire, holds a USSF “A” Coaching License, and has coached at the club, high school, college and professional levels. He has been involved with ODP Region camp, Super Y National Camp and the US Soccer Development Academy. He has helped over 100 players continue their playing careers at the college, professional and national team level.

Bruce Konners, the current coach/manager of the Sting said “The hiring of Chris Nolen culminates a five-month effort by Sunrise that turned into a nationwide search for a very high caliber coach to lead this team to the next level and beyond. With the hiring of Chris, the team gets a coach with successful experience coaching at all levels, as well as numerous college contacts. This is a big move for our team that will advance the team and its players. Furthermore, we have put together an agreement with Weston that will allow the team to tap into Weston’s strong infrastructure and improve player development, while at the same time the team remains carded to Sunrise and all management decisions remain with Sunrise.” The President of Weston FC, Stephen Enriquez said, “this hiring and alliance reflects Weston FC’s continued commitment to girls soccer in South Florida”.

Nolen will be moving to South Florida shortly. In addition to his primary coaching responsibility of leading the Sting team, Nolen will also be joining Weston FC as the Assistant Director of Girls Coaching.

Carlos Parra, Technical Director of Weston FC, will be carded to the Sting as well as an assistant coach. Parra and Nolen will work closely together to design a training curriculum for the Weston teams and the Sting. Parra holds a USSF “A” coaching license, a National Youth License and the NCSAA Director of Coaching Diploma. Parra was the first Project 40 player to be signed by Major League Soccer where he played for the New York Metro Stars, Miami Fusion and the New England Revolution. He also played on several US Youth National teams

The Sting team will also be involved in Weston FC’s fitness program under the coordination of Daniel Serrivate, Ph.D. This program’s main goal is to develop and deliver a specific educational program for players, parents and coaches on topics such as Sport Nutrition, Injury Prevention, Exercise Physiology, Sport Psychology, Sport Medicine and Personal Care. This is the same program provided to the current

Weston FC boys US Development Academy players.

Konnors will continue on as the team's manager, will concentrate on strategic direction and work on putting in place a top-tier college placement program. "Our aim will be to give our players the very best opportunity to use their soccer experience to help get into their first choice college."

The Sting had a successful year. The team finished in first place in the Florida State League with a 9-1-1 mark. In the Region III Premier League East, the team is currently in second place and has clinched at least a third place finish, competing in a league with 14 of the very best teams from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The team was recently eliminated in the Elite Eight round of State Cup ending an 11-game State Cup winning streak. Next year, the team has qualified to play in the new Region III Premier League, which will feature four top teams from the Region III East, two from Central and four from the West. The league's first game is tentatively scheduled for August 20.

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