



# Soccer Scene

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Cobra teams start league matches

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## ***GCCSA Soccer community mourns loss***

*The local soccer community mourns the loss of former GCCSA soccer standout William Mabry.*

*William died in a tragic accident, Friday Feb. 11 in Savannah Ga.*

*Will played soccer for years with the GCCSA and was a standout on the 86' Cobra teams.*

*Will played soccer at Shelby High school for coach David Steeves. Among many accolades, Will earned offensive player of the year his senior season.*

*After graduation Will went on to play college soccer for Wofford College for two years.*

*The Mabry family has been a long time supporter of the local soccer community with team sponsorships from the family business, Shelby Printing.*

*Shelby Printing merged with Alpha Mail last year, and sponsors a team this year.*



*Will Mabry on the field at Wofford College where he played for two years.*

*Other members of the Mabry family who excelled on the GCCSA and Shelby schools soccer fields include Will's brother Christian and sister Drew.*

*Christian who also played for coach Steeves garnered defensive player of the year honors his senior season.*

*Will's sister Drew is a cur-*

*rent SHS player.*

*In addition, the extended Mabry family continues the soccer tradition with cousins and current GCCSA players Hayes (96 Cobras) and James (U12 Shelby Printing).*

*"He was a wonderful person" said uncle Chris Mabry. "He was fun loving and always on an adventure. He loved his family very much, and I think he wade a positive impression on everyone he met."*

*According to friends Will was passionate about soccer his family and his art.*

*A sculpture Will designed and built stands sentinel at the entrance to Wofford College.*

*A Former 86' Cobra team member and current coach of the 99' Cobras, Bradley Morrison said "he was a great guy. We shared many great times both on and off the soccer field. He will be missed."*

## Important Recreation Season Dates

### **Week of Feb. 14**

Recreation practices can begin this week.

*(Practice dates and times are determined by individual coaches—coaches call your players)*

### **Week of Feb 28—Games begin.**

U6 games will start on Mon. Feb 28 at Zoar Baptist Church

### **Thurs. , March 31—Skills Night**

Underwood Cup/Individual and team skills competition at GWU

### **April 11—17—GCCSA inter club tournament games**

### **April 16—GCCSA Annual General Meeting**

*Held at the soccer tent on the campus of GWU. Individual and team skills awards presented as well as the Underwood Cup.*

*2011-2012 slate of officers presented for vote.*

### **Late May—Cobra Team Tryouts.**

*Tryouts for the competitive travel teams take place in late May on the campus of GWU.*

*Assessments for Academy candidates as well as Tryouts for Challenge and Classic level teams. Do you have a passion for the game? Do you want to take your game to the next level? Do your parents support and share in your passion for the game? Then a Cobra "travel team" may be for you.*



## 99 Cobras scrimmage North Meck team

*This past Sunday, The 99 Cobras travelled to Richard Barry Park in Huntersville for a pre season scrimmage versus North Meck Black.*

*Playing up a division the Gold level 99 boys faced off against the Classic 2nd division team from North Meck.*

*Under blue skies and heavy winds the boys took to the field at 2pm.*

*The Cobra boys had numerous scoring opportunities throughout the first half, and connected with the goal post on several occasions but not the back of the net.*

*Several good stops by the*



*defensive work by the cobra boys.*

*As the final whistle blew the score remained notted at 0-0.*

*It was an exciting game with plenty*

*of end to end action and good physical play.*

*The Classic division team, coached by Efrain Tirado was a good test for the upcoming league play for the 99boys.*

*Up next for the 99 Cobras is a home match at Davidson Park, Sat. Feb. 19 at 1:30 versus FCCA TPM Thunder.*

*North Meck keeper kept the Cobras from scoring.*

*The second half with the wind in there faces shots on goal were fewer. Again several good stops by the North Meck keeper kept the scoring at bay.*

*A late surge by North Meck was thwarted by the stout*

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The support from these great sponsors makes it possible to provide youth in the Greater Cleveland County area with an organized, competitive full service soccer club with an emphasis on player development.

# 94 Cobra Boys kick off league play this weekend

*The 94 Cobra Boys begin league play this weekend with two road matches.*

*Up first for the 94 cobras is a trip to Charlotte to face the Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) Cabarrus Elite at 11am.*

*On Sunday the 94 Cobra boys will travel up 74 to Rutherford County to square off against the Rutherford (RCSA) Rumble at RS.*

*Come out and support the 94 Cobras this weekend!*



# 96 Lady Cobras begin spring season at home

*The 96' Lady Cobras kicked off league play in the Classic 2nd Division West with a home match versus Highland Soccer Academy—Xplosion.*

*The home match on the campus of GWU was played under bright blue skies and windy conditions, Sunday, February 13.*

*The Lady Cobras came out attacking and pushed the ball forward throughout the half.*

*Strong defensive work by the team kept the Xplosion off the board.*

*Karley Bridges scored for the Lady Cobras.*

*The game ended in a 1-1 tie. It was a great start to league play and the girls continue to improve from week to week.*

*Next up for the 96 Lady Cobras is a home twin bill this weekend.*

*The Lady Cobras face Charlotte United (CUFC) Black at 2pm this Saturday at GWU.*

*On Sunday, Feb. 20 the 96 Lady Cobras will face Charlotte soccer Academy (CSA) Samba Girls at 1pm at home at GWU.*



*Come out and support the 96 Lady Cobras and see some great soccer!*



## 96 Lady Cobras Player Profile

Name?

Monica Gelot

Grade? 8th

School? SMS

Favorite subject?

Language Arts

Position?

Midfield/forward

Favorite sports or other sports you play?

Soccer and cross-country



Monica Gelot

What do you like most about

playing soccer?

Running after the ball and being aggressive.

What college do you want to attend?

UNC Wilmington

Least favorite thing you do at practice?

Running suicides

What is something unique that you bring to your Cobra team?

I work hard and try my best.

## Recreation spring season is underway

Coaches received rosters last Thursday, and should have made contact with their players.

Several late additions have been added to rosters, so coaches you may be receiving an updated roster via email.

The cutoff to accept late registrations has passed.

The game schedule is being completed and will be posted on the website soon.

Visit the website: [www.gccsasoccer.com](http://www.gccsasoccer.com) to see recent updates and changes.

Additions to the site include a

new Parents corner page. Also new is a rotating promo area on the front page.

Content on the Parents page is being added. It currently contains valuable information, including proper sideline behavior!

Jerseys for new players will be available prior to the start of the first games. Coaches will pick up jerseys at the fields and distribute them to new players.

Games are slated to begin the week of Feb. 28.

The U6 games will be played at Zoar Baptist Church this season.

There is currently a light pole repair underway at Zoar, so please stay off the left field area of those fields.

The updated spring rules are posted on the website. A few changes include the U8 division to play 6v6 this season.

Practice locations are determined by coaches. Due to space limitation and excessive wear on playing fields, GWU is not to be used as a practice location.

# 94 Cobras Player Profiles

*Name: Matthew McMurray*

*School you attend? Shelby High School*

*How long have you played for Cobras? 6 years*

*Position? Various, everything but goalie*

*What do you like most about soccer? Fun and competitive*

*What do you like the most about practice? Coach is knowledgeable*

*What do you like the least about practice?*

*When the scrimmage is over*

*What is something unique that you bring to your Cobra team? leadership*

*What is your favorite Cobra memory? Scoring goal after breaking arm*

*What is your favorite professional team? Arsenal*

*Where to you want to go to college? NC State*

*Do you want to play in college? NO*

*Other? It has been a pleasurable experience*



**Mathew McMurray**

*Name: Sam McMurray*

*School you attend? Shelby High School*

*How long have you played for Cobras? 5 years*

*Position? Left back*

*What do you like most about soccer? Playing well*

*What do you like the most about practice? scrimmages*

*What do you like the least about practice? sprints*

*What is something unique that*

*you bring to your Cobra team? Good left foot*

*What is your favorite Cobra memory? First tournament with Drake Franklin*

*What is your favorite professional team? Tottenham*

*Where to you want to go to college? NC State*

*Do you want to play in college? Just for fun*

*Other? Would like cooler jerseys*



**Sam McMurray**

# Picture of the Week



*92 Cobras Michael McLaughlin out jumps the Highland Futbol Club—Red defender, Saturday, Feb 12. The Cobras held the lead for most of the game. HFC scored late off a throw in to tie the match 2-2.*

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***Look on the game results page and also the schedules page for a link to game pictures!***

***Thank you Meda for taking such great action shots and for sharing them with us!***

