

Challenger Soccer Camp Returns to Vernonia

Local soccer players were treated once again to a visit from Challenger Soccer Camp and their British coaches.

Phil Bromfield and Aaron Hill spent the week of July 7th in Vernonia teaching kids from the Vernonia Soccer Club about the game of soccer. It's a real treat for the local players to get to spend time with coaches who have a real background and knowledge about the game... and such interesting accents!

Coach Phil is from London. At just twenty-one years old he already has six years of experience coaching in the Arsenal Club program in England. This is Phil's first year with Challenger Soccer Camps. Coach Phil says he hopes to be the coach of his own soccer club some day and says he loves working with kids of all abilities and all ages. 'It's a good thing to watch them learn and a good thing to give back to kids, especially in areas where their opportunities are limited,' says Bromfield. "The kids have to enjoy learning and have fun. If the kids aren't learning and enjoying it,

then I'm not doing my job."

This is the fourth year that the Vernonia Soccer Club has hosted the Challenger Soccer Camp program. The camps bring a unique and innovative approach to coaching youth soccer in the U.S. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, and coached scrimmages.

Coach Aaron was born in Coventry, England and grew up playing soccer around England, Germany and Belgium. Hill says he supports Manchester United and is currently studying for his sports coaching degree at university after having played at the semi-professional level. "I enjoy helping others to improve on various aspects of their game, and the feeling of achievement in doing so is awesome."

While working in Vernonia, both coaches stayed with Matt and Angela Tesdall and their five children, who are all avid



Coaches Phil Bromfield (left) and Aaron Hill (right) spent a week with players from the Vernonia Soccer Club.

soccer players and fans. The Tesdalls and the Vernonia Soccer Club are planning a group night at the Portland Timbers game on August 9 vs. Chivas USA. Tickets are \$30. To reserve a spot and experience the passion and excitement of a live professional soccer match right here in Oregon, contact Matt Tesdall at 503-355-5600 or by email at matthew@tesdall.com.



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