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### **BGC Partners with Oshkosh United Soccer Club & Ripon College**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area is excited to announce their partnership with Oshkosh United Soccer Club and Ripon College. This partnership will enable those participants to experience a program and curriculum based upon the curriculum and best practices set forth by the US Youth Soccer Association.

Oshkosh United SC was founded in 1982 as a select soccer club offering soccer for U11-U19 boys and girls in the Fox Valley. For the past several years, Oshkosh United SC has been offering an in-house recreation program for U6 and U8 players called the United Rec League. This league is similar to the program that will be offered at the Club in the spring of 2020 for children age 5 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sara Noe, president of Oshkosh United SC, explains what the community should expect as the two clubs join forces. "The community should expect a top-notch soccer program focused on ensuring the participants have an enjoyable experience while also developing as a soccer player." Because the Boys & Girls Club serves a range of children, Noe added, "Players will be exposed to developmentally appropriate activities."

To ensure their program is executed to Oshkosh United SC's standards, Noe reached out to Ripon College's Interim Head Men's Soccer Coach and Berlin alumnus, Marco Rhein. Rhein who is currently in his first year as head coach, served as assistant coach for the Red Hawks for three years following the conclusion of his college career with eight goals, one assist, and 17 points. Rhein is no stranger to the local soccer program; his family's friends, the Bruce-Allingtons, spent countless hours and many years building the youth programs. "We have a rich history of soccer for such a small rural community and we need to continue that tradition. Local kids deserve the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe environment which focuses on the enjoyment of the game."

Megan Beardsley, program coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club, added why having a coach like Rhein is invaluable to the program and its mission, "Rhein's passion and knowledge will provide the kids with a strong foundation for the game of soccer and also create an environment where they can have fun while gaining skills that will aid them on and off the field."

Soccer registration for the Club's Spring 2020 season, which runs from April 20<sup>th</sup>- June 11<sup>th</sup>, is now open. A link to register can be found on the Club's home page by visiting their website at [www.bgctric.org](http://www.bgctric.org). At a cost of \$25 per participant, the Club prides itself in providing a high-quality program at an affordable price. However, no child will be turned away for inability to pay. Please visit the Club for more information regarding our scholarship program. Those interested in the program can meet members of Oshkosh United Soccer Club and Ripon College's Interim Head Men's Soccer Coach,

Marco Rhein, by attending the Club's annual Trunk or Treat event on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 in the Club's parking lot.

*The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area is located in Berlin, WI . The Club reaches children and families in an area that extends beyond the boundaries of rural Green Lake and Waushara County with a vision of expanding to surrounding communities. All contributions raised for the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area always remain in and for the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area.*



**Photo caption:** Ripon Interim Head Men's Soccer Coach, Marco Rhein, partners with the BGC to lead their Berlin Youth Soccer program in the Spring of 2020.