

**Roanoke  
Star Soccer  
Club**

**In the Stars!**



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**Tryouts Coming Soon! Sign up Today.**

Roanoke Star tryouts begin this Saturday at Vinyard II soccer fields. We are anticipating a strong showing at tryouts and we wish everyone the best of luck as we prepare for the 2007-08 season.

At the current time we have over 300 players registered for tryouts. Pre-registration has been a great success and we have had players sign up for tryouts from all over the Southwest Virginia area. Current Roanoke Star players are encouraged to pre-register if they have not already done so. By registering it enables the club to contact everyone quickly and efficiently in the event of tryout cancellation or changes due to weather or other circumstances. It also means that we have your details on file which should make for a simplified registration process when tryouts are complete and the process of forming teams is under way.

The other main benefit of tryout registration is that it gives the coaches a head start on who will be trying out. In this regard it is advantageous for current Roanoke Star players. If a coach is not aware of a Roanoke Star player he can ask other coaches for their opinion on that player and get some valuable feedback. Coaches will be encouraged to share their thoughts on previous years performance and the players will benefit from this interaction.

Registration is online at [www.roanokestar.com](http://www.roanokestar.com) and it is strongly recommended.

If you are unable to register online, don't panic! It will still be possible to register at the fields. Please make sure you arrive early if this is the case.

"It was a fair decision, the penalty, even though it was debatable whether it was inside or outside the box."  
Bobby Charlton, ex Man United player

**Roanoke Star Info**

- 14B win in State Cup against the #4 in the State!
- 13G advance in State cup after team pulls out of trip to Roanoke!
- Coaching Staff for 2007-08 to be announce very soon. Check the website this week to find out the line up of coaches.
- Free Academy clinics will be offered this summer. Check the website next week for more details.

**VCCL**  
THE VIRGINIA CLUB CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



The VCCL came to Roanoke this Sunday in the shape of FC Richmond. Roanoke Star acquitted themselves very well in these games that were played at Vinyard II under glorious blue skies. Special thanks must go to John Faircloth for cutting the fields and the other volunteers who helped rake some stray grass clippings from the fields on Sunday morning. The fields were in excellent shape and made for a great day of soccer. The 14G started the day off with a terrific 1-0 victory over FC Richmond. They played with heart, desire, energy and pride. The soccer was good and in the end, the girls thoroughly deserved their victory. At the same time the 12G were working their

way towards a hard fought 2-1 victory. The girls have played better but showed good character not to panic and kept pressing for the victory. In the first half the girls played some nice soccer and created plenty of chances before Richmond fought back to level the scores. Trisha Jessie scored the winning goal with about 5 minutes left to play. Next up was the 12B and they recorded a fine 5-2 victory over the team that was ranked #2 in the VCCL. This was a great all round team performance from the boys with some terrific individual performances thrown in. The 14B had played on Saturday in a tough State Cup game that involved extra time and



There were not too many BRCL games this weekend but the games that were played were very worthwhile.

The 11G took a massive step towards winning the 11G division with two well deserved wins over their closest rivals. The first game saw them win 3-0 over the New River team before they traveled to Franklin County for a top of the league clash. After an absorbing 60 minutes of play the 11G walked off 1-0 victors. I'm told that this game was one of the most intense that the girls have played this year and they must be very happy with the way they played.

The 11B Classic were up against the league champions PASA Panthers and they knew it would be a tough game. The boys played extremely well though and gave one of their best performances of the year. Final score was 3-1 to the Panthers but this was a big improvement on past results against this team and showed just how far the boys have come this year.

The 13B Classic had a big game against Valley AFC's top team at Vinyard II. It was one that the boys responded well too and they played some delightful soccer in a thrilling 5-2 victory. The margin of victory could have been even more as they boys chased, harried and pressured their opponents all over the park. Special mention to Kit Mahoney who again scored some important goals.

The 14B team had an away game against Amherst but neither team was able to do much offensively and the game finished 0-0. Another clean sheet for the goalkeeper and defenders is always good though and gives a platform for future success.

## State Cup News

The 14B were involved in a thriller in Arlington this past weekend. Drawn away to the #4 team in the State, the boys expected a hard game. After a 3.5 hour journey they also had to contend with drizzle and an artificial turf. Many had not played on this surface for some time so the odds were stacked against them. However the 14B responded well to all the adversity and pulled off one of the shocks of the round, winning the game on penalty kicks. It was a great performance from the 14's and they thoroughly deserved to advance into the next round. The team will face the Richmond Strikers at Vinyard II on Saturday at 1pm. Please come out and support this team as they aim to follow in the footsteps of the 15B who advanced to the semi final of State Cup in the Fall.

Also in State Cup action this weekend will be the 13G. They have a similar trip to Northern Virginia to play against the #3 team in State. The girls are looking forward immensely to this challenge and the opportunity to test themselves against the best that Northern Virginia has to offer. Good luck to both teams this weekend!

...penalty kicks but they showed no signs of tiredness as they comfortably won 7-0. Congratulations to the boys who played with a great deal of composure and were focused and prepared right from the start.

The 11B had a tough match up against the #1 team in the VCCL. However, the 11B are beginning to adjust well to the demands of the VCCL and they worked incredibly hard and played some great soccer. At half time the score was tied 0-0 and although the boys did concede they never panicked and kept on playing some great soccer. This was rewarded in the last minute when a corner from Eric Agren was headed in by Todd Johnson— a dramatic finish to a great game! The 13G were playing the FC Richmond 14G and this was a great warm up for their State Cup game this weekend. They played very well and showed that the training on recovery runs was well worth it. Despite falling 3-1 the girls had plenty of chances and Coach Cory was pleased with a lot of the play.

Finally, the 13B looked to continue with their development. Unfortunately, they never really got going in the opening half and found themselves 2 goals down. They responded well however and fought back to 2-1 before a late goal when they were pushing forward killed off the game. At times the 13B really played some good soccer but they just fell short in the end.

This weekend in VCCL play, the Richmond Kickers come to Roanoke. This will be a great test for all our teams as we look to end the season on a positive note. Last weekend it was great to see so many parents and supporters out at Vinyard and we will be looking for that support to make a repeat appearance as we play the games.

**'It was like the ref had a brand new yellow card and wanted to see if it worked.' - Richard Rufus**

## European Soccer News

In England, Manchester United have been crowned champions of the English Premier League. They finished ahead of the millionaires of Chelsea after winning 1-0 at rivals Manchester City whilst Chelsea could only draw with Arsenal 1-1.

In France, Lyon have been crowned champions for the 6th season in a row. Marseille are currently in second place although there are a number of teams chasing the qualification spots for the Champions league.

In Italy, Inter Milan have run away with the title although they lost yesterday by an incredible 6-2 to Roam in the Italian Cup first leg. This is the same Roam team that lost recently to Manchester United 7-1 so goals and excitement are obviously following the men from Rome around.

In Spain, Barcelona, Real Madrid and Seville are currently battling it out for the top spot and over the next few weeks this will be a very interesting one to watch.

The Champions League final is coming up soon as well and all players should make sure that they get a chance to watch that.



## Roanoke Star Soccer Club Summer Camps

For more information on camp schedule and other information visit our website—[www.roanokestar.com](http://www.roanokestar.com)



### Summer Camps 2007 Dates

**Camp option 1: June 18th—22nd: Goalkeeper and Striker camp (all ages)**

**Camp option 2: July 9-13th: Soccer is Fun Camp (ages 4-10)**

**Camp option 3: July 9-13th: Advanced Training Camp (ages 11-16)**

**Camp option 4: July 23- 27th: Danny Karbassiyoon ID Camp (ages 10-18)**

**Camp option 5: June 13,15,18,20,22: Speed & Conditioning Camp (all ages) \*\*SPECIAL CAMP RUN BY LARS AGREN\*\* TIME 6-8PM**



### Camp Staff:

Roanoke star camps will be staffed by fully qualified, knowledgeable soccer coaches. This will include current and former College coaches as well as ex-professional soccer players. The camp staff will also include current Roanoke Star team coaches.

### Camp Location:

Roanoke Star Camps will be held at Vinyard II soccer fields.

### Camp Times:

Camps 1,2,3 and 4 will run from 9am—1 pm. There will be early drop off available at 8.30am at these camps. Camp 5 is from 6-8pm.

### Open to all?

Roanoke Star camps are open to all soccer players, regardless of club affiliation.

### What to bring?

Campers are required to bring cleats, shin guards, lunchtime snacks and water/Gatorade.

### What is provided?

Each camper will receive a Roanoke Star t-shirt and Adidas soccer ball. The player will also receive a written evaluation at the end of the week.

### What is the cost?

The cost of the camp is \$125. All fees must be paid prior to attending camp. Fees are payable to Roanoke Star Soccer Club.

### How do I sign up?

You can sign up for the camp online at [www.roanokestar.com](http://www.roanokestar.com) or by visiting the office at 2502 Broadway Avenue, Suite A, Roanoke.

### More info?

Visit our website at [www.roanokestar.com](http://www.roanokestar.com) or phone 540-345-7820



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## Summer Camps

Roanoke Star will be offering five different camps this summer. These camps will be off the highest standard and we aim to show the people of Roanoke that you do not have to pay hundreds or travel miles to get a quality soccer experience in the summer. Here is a rundown of the camps on offer:

**Goalkeeper and Striker Camp**—this camp is aimed at those who enjoy scoring goals and those that enjoy preventing them. We will have countless hours of repetition as we aim to bombard the participants with information and action.

**Soccer is Fun Camp**—This will be aimed at the younger camper and is designed to introduce the game of soccer through fun games and activities.

**Advanced Training Camp**—as it says! Advanced training. This camp is a must do event for the serious soccer player. The training at this camp will be intense so don't apply unless you are prepared for hours of enjoyable hard work.

**Danny Karbassiyoon ID Camp**—Danny is a former player with Roanoke Star and ex player with Arsenal FC in England. He is now a head scout for North America with Arsenal. One of his duties this summer will be to evaluate the players that attend this camp. Come to this camp if you want to see if you have what it takes to play at the next level.

**Speed and conditioning Camp**—This camp will be run over five different nights with breaks in between so we get ultimate performance. This camp is an absolute must for the player who wants to get in tip top shape or wants to add a lightning burst of pace to his game.

All camps are available at the incredibly low price of \$125. The price of the camp will include a soccer ball and t-shirt. Players will also receive a written evaluation at the end of the camp from our professional staff of trainers. The staff will consist of fully qualified, knowledgeable soccer coaches and we will also have additional staffers available to help with non soccer related issues.

**Spaces on the camp will be strictly limited to ensure that the coach/player ratio is adhered to and it is highly recommended to sign up early to guarantee placement on the camps. Spaces will go quickly—sign up online at [www.roanokestar.com](http://www.roanokestar.com)**

For most, these camps will be an extremely worthwhile experience. However we do understand that some of our customers will be looking for an overnight camp. In that case we would like to recommend the VMI College camps and the Roanoke College camps.

## Tournament Update

Unfortunately, The Roanoke Star Memorial tournament will not go ahead as planned at the end of May. The tournament calendar at this time of year is just too busy and competition amongst tournaments is extremely high.

This will leave our teams with a lack of games to finish the year and I wanted to bring you important news about plans for that weekend.

It has been decided that on the Saturday, May 26th we will have a club day where we will organize some friendly games amongst teams in the club. It is envisaged that each team will play two games on the Saturday. Please make sure to mark your calendars for that date as it will be an important end of season event. We will aim to make the day a fun one for all with some quality soccer on show as Roanoke Star teams battle it out with some interesting match ups and some fun competitions.

