



# GUAM!!!

## ACTIVITY REPORT

### 2015







Left: Mariano, right: Kendall

## JANUARY

- Budweiser Soccer League continues
  - Premier Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Ian Mariano Fair Play: Doosan FC)
  - Second Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Jeremy Boldt Fair Play: Rovers FC)
  - Masters Division (Champion: Hyundai Family FC, Golden Boot: Carlos Barajas, Fair Play: Strykers FC)
- Bud Light Women's Soccer League Spring season begins (Champion: Lady Rovers, Golden Boot: Catherine Kendall)
- GFA President Richard Lai, Vice President Joseph Cepeda, Executive Committee Member George Lai and General Secretary Tino San Gil attend the AFC Extraordinary Congress in Australia



## FEBRUARY

- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League begins
  - Champions: Wings (U17A, U12A); Strykers (U14)
- Beginner referee courses held for prospective youth referees
- GFA Women's Intermediate 7-A-Side Recreational League Spring season begins
- Tryouts for the 2015 United Airlines GFA National Academy held







## MARCH

- GFA awarded its sixth FIFA Goal Project to construct the National Academy headquarters, locker rooms and gym
- The first-ever FIFA Goalkeeper Coaching Course is held at GFA with visiting FIFA Instructor Stephan Stooss from March 4 to 8, 2015
- Guam Football Association presented the Sugar and Spice Middle School Girls Soccer Festival (Winner: Bishop Baumgartner Catholic Memorial School)
- Guam Football Associations held the IIAAG Girls HS Pre-Season tournament (Champions: Simon Sanchez High School Sharks)
- Foremost / Coca-Cola officially becomes a partner of GFA, announced in a press conference held at GFA held on March 24, 2015
- The Matao, Guam men's national football team, played in two FIFA international friendly matches
  - Guam Matao vs Hong Kong, March 28, 2015 (1-0 loss to HK)
  - Guam Matao vs Singapore, March 31, 2015 (2-2 draw)



Bishop Baumgartner MCS



Simon Sanchez High School





## APRIL

- For the first time in Guam Football Association history, Guam officially bypassed preliminary pre-qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup and was entered into the official draw for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia and AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 Joint Preliminary Qualification Round 2.

On April 14, billions around the world were informed of their respective country's FIFA WCQ Round 2 opponents - Guam was drawn into Group D with Asia's No. 1 country, I.R. Iran, Oman, India, and Turkmenistan.

The official schedule of home and away matches for the round was completed, with Guam set to play host to its first-ever FIFA WCQ match at home on June 11, 2015 against Turkmenistan and its second five days later against India



- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League concludes, GFA holds Grassroots Jamboree
- Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League Spring Season officially begins
- Guam Football Association plays host to friendly U14 girls matches with visiting team from Yokosuka, Japan, FC Storm
- Guam Football Association plays host to friendly youth matches with visiting teams from the Philippines in the 2015 Pacific Summer Invitational (Champions: Wings; 2nd: Claret School of Quezon City; 3rd: Tigers; MVP: Inochi Recella)
- Mini Masakāda, Guam U14 Girls national team competed in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championship





## MAY

- Guam Football Association put on the fourth 3v3 Grassroots Tournament for close to 60 teams in three age divisions

In the U8 division, the Tsunamis won, Samurai won the U10 division, and the Shenron FC won the U12 division

- The Simon Sanchez High School Sharks win the 2015 IIAAG Girls High School Soccer League championship, defeating the Notre Dame Royals 1-0 on a goal by Maria Abbey Iriarte. The Sharks become the first team in GFA history to win both the GFA Challenge Cup Pre-Season tournament and the league championship. Sharks defender Franshay Shippey is awarded the league's championship match MVP award.
- Bank of Guam 8th Annual GFA Cup concluded (Champion: Guam Shipyard)

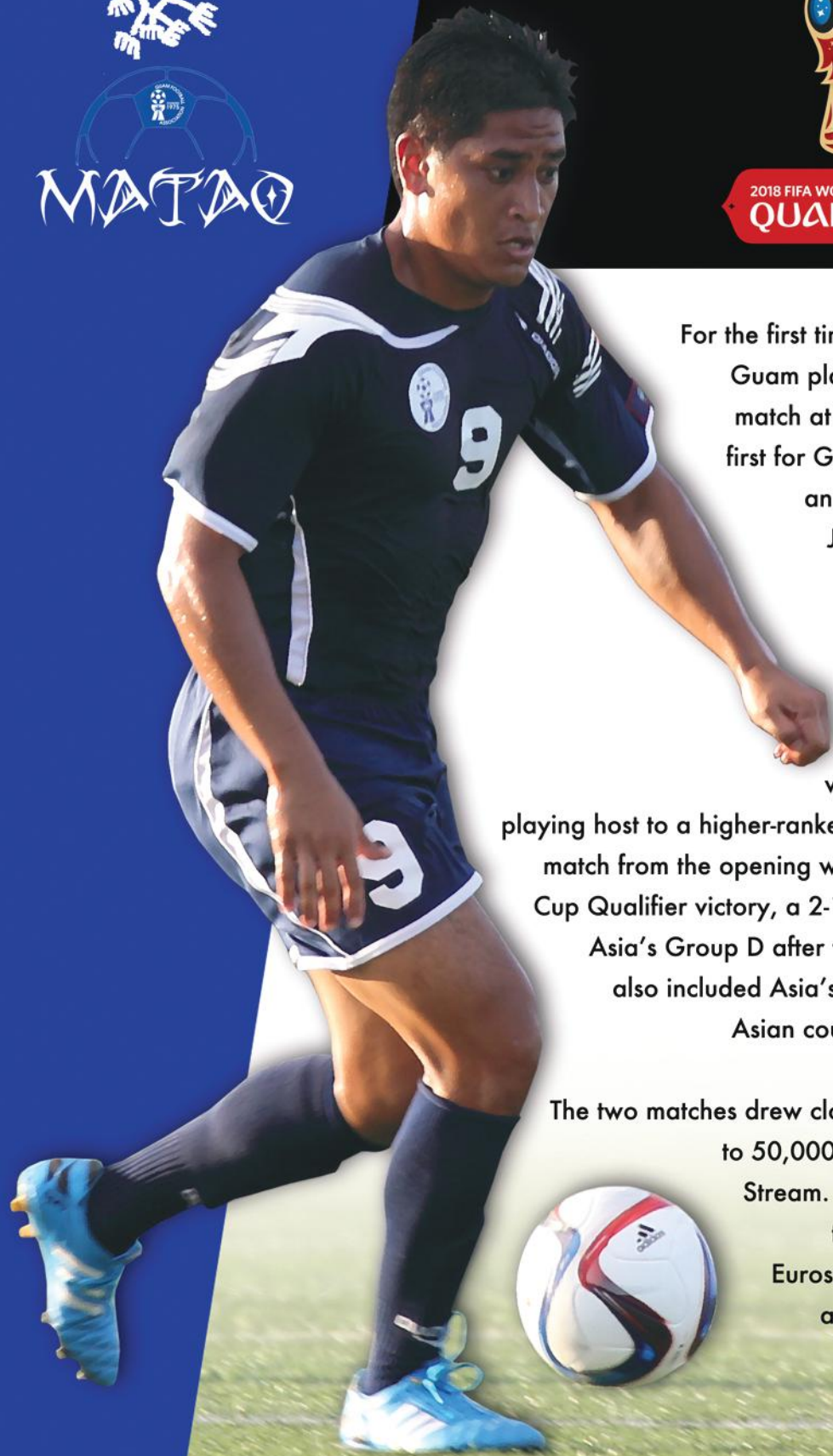
Guam Shipyard hoisted the GFA Cup championship trophy for the third time in eight years after defeating the Payless Supermarkets Strykers FC 1-1 (5-3) in a penalty kick shootout in the final of the Bank of Guam 8th Annual GFA Cup.

Christian Dickson scored the Strykers' regulation time goal in the 20th minute and 10 minutes later, Guam Shipyard's Mark Chargualaf finished a cross by Kenneth Karosich to level the match through to extra time.

In the penalty kick shootout, all five Shipyard shooters finished their shots: Mark Chargualaf, Camden Aguon, Dominic Gadia, Donald Weakley & Jason Landstrom; goalkeeper Joe Laanan also picked up a save. Isiah Lagutang, Dylan Naputi, and Marcus Lopez finished their shots for Strykers FC.







2018 FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA™  
QUALIFIERS

## 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ and AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2



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T. Nicklaw

For the first time in Guam Football Association history, Guam played host to a FIFA World Cup Qualifier match at home on June 11, 2016. The match, the first for Guam in the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia and AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2, also was the first time tickets were sold to watch an international match at GFA. The Guam Matao didn't disappoint, logging a 1-0 victory over Turkmenistan, Guam's first-ever FIFA World Cup Qualifier win. The team followed up five days later playing host to a higher-ranked India team. The Matao dominated the match from the opening whistle and earned its second FIFA World Cup Qualifier victory, a 2-1 win that catapulted Guam to the top of Asia's Group D after the first two rounds of matches. Group D also included Asia's No. 1 country, I.R. Iran, and Oman, an Asian country ranked in the top 100 in the world.

The two matches drew close to 8,000 fans in the stands and close to 50,000 more around the world via Internet Live Stream. Guam received media coverage around the world, notably on CNN, BBC, ESPN, Eurosport, Wall Street Journal, The Guardian, and headlined prominently on FIFA, AFC, and EAFF Web sites.



Guam's first FIFA World Cup Qualifier goal came off a throw-in by Matao midfielder Ryan Guy, headed in by a Turkmenistan defender. Brandon McDonald scored Guam's first goal against India on a header from a Ryan Guy throw-in. In the second half, Travis Nicklaw scored the eventual game-winner, finishing an early cross from brother Shawn Nicklaw.



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## JULY

- Land Shark Beach Soccer League begins
  - Champions & Fair Play: Crushers FC; Golden Boot: Jonathan Odell
- Bud Light Co-Ed Masters Soccer League begins
  - Champions: United Masters; Golden Boot: Rod Hidalgo
- Bud Light Women's Futsal League begins
  - Champions: PFC Lady Crushers; Golden Boot: April Talledo & Anjelica Perez (tied)
- GFA plays host to a visiting women's club team on overseas training from Chinese Taipei (Hualien Tai-kai)
- GFA provides summer referee courses for beginners
- GFA Executive Director Cheri Stewart & Media & Marketing Officer Jill Espiritu attend the FIFA Women's Football Symposium & Women's World Cup in Canada



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## AUGUST

- GFA plays host to visiting school teams from Chinese Taipei for friendly matches
- Budweiser Futsal League begins
  - Champions: Rovers; Golden Boot: Ashton Surber; Fair Play: Doosan FC
- Press Conference held at the JFA House in Tokyo about GFA & JFA partnership
- Matao engage in training camp at J-Green Sakai in Osaka, Japan
- Long-time GFA facility maintenance manager Ikuo Kuniyoshi passes away







## SEPTEMBER

- GFA plays host to its third FIFA World Cup Qualifier match, which resulted in a 0-0 draw with Oman, ranked No. 100 in the world
- Guam U14 & U16 Boys national teams compete in the AFC U14 Festival of Football in China & AFC U16 Championship Qualifiers in Vietnam, respectively  
GFA sends Shawn Spindel & Kyle Legozzie to U14 Festival as officials
- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League Fall Season begins
  - Champions: Wings (U17A, U14, U12A & U10A)
- GFA staff, volunteers, and supporters lobby Bill 152-33 at the Guam Legislature, which would appropriate \$400,000 from hotel occupancy tax bonds to GFA for the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers

## OCTOBER

- Budweiser Soccer League 2015-2016 season begins
  - Premier Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Min Sung Choi, Fair Play: Strykers FC)
  - Second Division (Champion: Big Blue, Golden Boot: Kyle Legozzie, Fair Play: Applebee's Strykers FC)
  - Masters Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Michael Tate, Fair Play: United Masters)
- Bud Light Women's Soccer League Fall season begins
  - Champion: Quality Distributors; Golden Boot: Colleen Naden
- The Score's Just Kick It All Girls League Fall season begins, with top U14 teams invited to play against a visiting girls team from the Philippines in the Marianas Oktoberfest Tournament
  - Champion: ASC Trust Islanders, Golden Boot: Abigail San Gil







## OCTOBER (Continued)

- Guam Football Association puts on its first-ever FIFA Live Your Goals event headlined by Live Your Goals Guam ambassadors Anjelica Perez, Kyung Shipman, and Simie Willter
- Guam Matao competes in FIFA World Cup Qualifier match in Turkmenistan after a training camp in Qatar. The Matao lost 1-0.

## NOVEMBER

- Women's GFA Cup begins (Champions: PFC Lady Crushers; MVP: Anjelica Perez)

The Doosan Lady Crushers defeated the Isla Paint and Roofing Supply Lady Strykers in the final of the Women's GFA Cup tournament 3-1 (Goals - Lady Crushers: Anjelica Perez (2), Katie Mills; Lady Strykers: Erica Alejandro)

- Guam plays host to and competes in the EAFF U13 Youth Festival with visiting teams from Chinese Taipei, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, and Northern Mariana Islands. All matches were played at LeoPalace Resort Guam and included developing referees participating countries. Guam selected Shawn Spindel, Gesualda Gonzalez, and Michael Topasna as officials.
- The United Airlines GFA National Academy concluded with over 100 athletes completing 2015's four cycles; a graduation ceremony was held with each athlete receiving a certificate of completion







## NOVEMBER (continued)



- The Matao play in its final two matches of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. The team fell to India 1-0 on Nov. 12 and later, lost to Asia's No. 1 country, I.R. Iran 6-0. The Matao finished in fourth place in Group D and earned a berth in AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 Qualifiers.

- GFA plays host to visiting youth teams from the Philippines in the "Gobblefest" Youth Invitational tournament
- Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League begins
- GFA Women's Intermediate 7-A-Side Recreational League Fall season begins
- Budweiser Soccer League All-Stars played in an exhibition match against Chukyo University from Japan at GFA

## DECEMBER

- Sen. Tina Muña-Barnes presents a resolution on behalf of the Guam Legislature officially commemorating GFA's 40th Anniversary
- The success of the Matao in 2015 earns the Pacific Daily News Top Sports Story of the Year for the second year in a row
- GFA puts on the Fall 3v3 Grassroots Tournament
  - Champions: Mighty Chipmunks (U8), Samurai (U10) Eagles (U12)
- GFA plays host to the semifinals and finals of the IIAAG Boys High School Soccer League (Champions: Father Duenas Memorial School Friars)
- National Academy tryouts for 2016 for boys begins
- Futsal courts resurfaced through AFC Mini Pitch Programme





# NATIONAL TEAMS



**Men's National Team**



**Head Coach:**  
Gary J. White  
The FA Elite Coaches  
Pro License  
UEFA "A" License

**Captain:**  
Jason Cunliffe

## Women's National Team



**Head Coach:**  
Sang Hoon Kim  
AFC Professional  
Coaching Diploma

**Captain:**  
Simone Willter



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