



2016

ACTIVITY REPORT





JANUARY

- Budweiser Soccer League continues
 - 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: Strykers FC)
 - Masters Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Michael Tate, Fair Play: United Masters FC)
- GFA hosts training camp for NMI Women's/U16 national teams
- Dr. Annathurai Ranganathan from AFC visits GFA to conduct a Social Responsibility seminar
- Guam Matao's Dylan Naputi signs with VC Fusion of US PDL
- GFA Technical Committee starts Club + Player Development Program with Guam Matao staff and players at ASC Trust Islanders practice

FEBRUARY

- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League begins
- Beginner referee courses held for prospective youth referees
- Bud Light Women's Soccer League Spring season begins (Champion: PFC Lady Crushers, Golden Boot: Skylyerblu Johnson)
- Tryouts for the 2016 United Airlines GFA National Academy Girls Division held
- Construction for the new National Academy headquarters begins
- Guam Matao's Dallas Jaye signs with FC Cincinnati





MARCH

- Lady Bombers win first-ever Fun in the Sun Women's 5v5 Intermediate title (Runner Up: Queen Cobras; 3rd Place: Heat Wave [Southern Heat])
- Sugar and Spice Middle School Girls Soccer Festival (Winner: Bishop Baumgartner Catholic Memorial School)
- Challenge Cup: IIAAG Girls HS Pre-Season tournament (Champions: George Washington High School Geckos)
- The Matao play FIFA International Friendly vs Chinese Taipei before playing against Oman in Muscat in the team's final group match of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia & AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 Joint Preliminary Qualification Round 2
 - Guam Matao vs Chinese Taipei, March 19, 2016 (3-2 loss to CTPE)
 - Guam Matao vs Oman, March 24, 2016 (1-0 loss to Oman)
- Guam U14 & U17 Boys national teams compete in the 2016 Jockey Club Youth Invitational Tournament in Hong Kong



- Official draw held for Bank of Guam 9th Annual GFA Cup
- Visiting team Changwon from Korea Republic visit Guam and play youth friendly matches
- Paige Surber of the Guam Masakada accepts scholarship to Spring Arbor University, Mich.
- Maggie Phillips & Ashley Besagar attend AFC Grassroots Seminar in Kuala Lumpur



APRIL

- GFA brings in Marvel Comics' Spider-Man as a special guest for an anti-bullying awareness promotion with Spider-Man at over a dozen public and private elementary and middle schools, as well as at Guam Premier Outlets
- Guam U14 Girls compete in the 2017 Jockey Club Youth Girls Invitational in HK
- The first-ever season of the GFA Women's Starter League begins
- The Bank of Guam 9th Annual GFA Cup begins (Champions: Rovers FC)



MAY

- GFA Technical Department organizes a Women's National ID Camp in California
- Long-time soccer coach and GFA Headquarters architect Muni Abdullah passes away in a helicopter accident in Malaysia
- GFA organizes the Spring 2016 3v3 Grassroots Tournament with Memorial Day theme
- FC Storm (Yokusuka, Japan) visit to play friendly matches at GFA
- PFC Lady Crushers win Fun in the Sun Women's Beach Soccer Tournament
- GFA hosts IIAAG Girls HS Soccer League playoffs (Champions: Notre Dame Royals)
- GFA hosts first-ever Girls HS All-Star Match (Champions: Team Magahaga)
- Guam U14 Girls compete in AFC U14 Girls Regional Championship, record 1-0 win vs HK
- GFA Technical Director Gary White earns UEFA "Pro" License, signs with Shanghai Shenxin
- Budweiser Soccer League All-Stars play against Japan's Chuo University, losing 4-2





JUNE

- NAPA Rovers FC play friendly match against visiting Rapa Nui (Easter Island) delegation in Guam for FestPac

Despite not being advertised heavily, the friendly match attracted a couple hundred spectators to GFA. The Rapa Nui delegation performed a short dance after the match in appreciation for the support by spectators.

- Land Shark Beach Soccer League (Champions: Payless Supermarkets Strykers FC)
- Bud Light Women's Futsal League begins (Champions: PFC Lady Crushers)
- GFA Women's Intermediate 9-A-Side Recreational League begins
- Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League concludes its sixth season
- GFA Technical Department organizes GFA "D" Coaching License course
- GFA President and delegation sign Memorandum of Understanding with mayor of Saitama City in Japan for youth cultural/football exchange program

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Kaufman

In July, the Guam Masakâda qualified for the semifinal round of the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Women's Competition, the second-time in a row the team has garnered the Round 1 championship title of the biannual regional tournament.

The Masakâda finished the Round 1 tournament with a perfect record, recording two shutouts in two matches. The team first defeated Macau-China 5-0 and next defeated the Northern Mariana Islands with a 5-0 scoreline.

At the conclusion of the women's tournament, Guam's Samantha Kaufman and Paige Surber won the Round 1 Golden Boot award, with both players scoring three goals each in two matches to top the scoring leaderboard. Samantha Kaufman also won the Round 1 MVP award, her second-straight MVP honor in the EAFF tournament.

Tournament matches were held at the GFA National Training Center and also featured a men's competition. Men's competition teams were Chinese Taipei, Mongolia, Macau-China, and Northern Mariana Islands.

For the first time ever, the Guam men's national team automatically qualified for the semifinal round of the EAFF tournament based on its FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking ahead of the tournament's Round 1 stage. Based on world ranking, Chinese Taipei fell below Guam to compete in Round 1 for the first time in the team's history. Chinese Taipei ended up winning Round 1 and qualifying for the tournament's semifinal round in Hong Kong.

Awards ceremonies were held at Samurai Restaurant at Fiesta Resort Guam.





JULY

- GFA organizes its first-ever FIFA Women's Coaching Course with visiting FIFA instructor Belinda Wilson of Australia. Course participants engaged in practical sessions on the pitch in addition to classroom sessions and group work related to coaching women's and girls' teams. At the conclusion of the course, coaches organized the summer's FIFA Live Your Goals event for over 100 girls.
- GFA organizes its first-ever FIFA Elite Coaching Course with visiting FIFA instructor Jamie Houchen of England. Course participants engaged in practical sessions on the pitch in addition to classroom sessions and group work related to coaching elite youth teams ahead of the first-ever Aloha Maid Minetgot Cup Elite Youth League
- GFA Women's Committee puts on 2017 All Girls League
- Bud Light Co-Ed Masters Soccer League (Champions: Rovers FC)
- Budweiser Futsal League (Champions: Guam Shipyard)
- Dominic Gadia and Brett Maluwelmeng attend AFC Goalkeeper Coach Licensing Course in Chinese Taipei and become first-ever licensed Goalkeeper Coaches in Guam



Gadia (left) & Maluwelmeng (right)





AUGUST

- Rovers FC compete in the AFC Cup Preliminary Qualification Round in Kyrgyzstan. The champions of Guam's Budweiser Soccer League, as well as Bank of Guam GFA Cup play against Casa Benfica from Macau-China and FC Dordoi from Kyrgyzstan. The Rovers lost to Casa Benfica 4-2 and lost to FC Dordoi 2-0.

- GFA organizes a FIFA Referee Course with George Stewart & James Oh
- The Junior Masakāda, Guam U16 women's national team, competes in the AFC U16 Women's Championship Qualifier in Chonburi, Thailand. The team, under head coach Samuel San Gil, played against Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, and Jordan

SEPTEMBER

- Guam U14 Boys national team compete in the AFC U14 Boys Festival of Football with local referees Kyle Legozzie and Michael Topasna featured as tournament officials
- GFA holds its 2016 Congress featuring executive elections - Richard Lai retains his spot at President, as well as Vice Presidents Pascual Artero and Joseph Cepeda. GFA Ex-Co George Lai also retains his post. Rovers FC is admitted as an associate member.
- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League Fall season opens
- Aloha Maid Minetgot Cup Elite Youth League is organized for the first-time for elite youth teams in the U12, U14, and U17 divisions thanks to a financial grant from FIFA and further assistance from Aloha Maid (Ambros)
- Darren Sawatzky officially announced as Matao interim head coach
- GFA holds an entry-level referee clinic/course
- Bud Light Women's League Fall Season begins
(Champions: NAPA Lady Rovers; Golden Boot: Colleen Naden; Golden Glove: Taisha Palma)



Sawatzky



Reid



Maro



SEPTEMBER (Continued)

- GFA offers an AFC "C" License Course with visiting AFC instructor Marlon Manos Maro of the Philippines. Over 90 percent of participating coaches earn the coveted international coaching license.
- GFA organizes its first-ever FIFA Women's Administration Course with visiting FIFA Instructor Heather Reid of Australia. Participants closed out the course presenting women's football administration topics and recommendations to members of GFA's Executive Committee and GFA local business sponsors

OCTOBER

- Budweiser Soccer League 2016-2017 season begins with half of all Division I available via Live Stream for the first time
 - Premier Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Min Sung Choi, Golden Glove: David Drews, Fair Play: Haya United)
 - Second Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Alfredo Villasenor, Golden Glove: Shawn Sablan, Fair Play: Islanders FC)
 - Masters Division (Champion: Rovers FC, Golden Boot: Ian Lawton, Golden Glove: Chima Mbakwem, Fair Play: United Masters)
- Fall Season of Women's Recreational Leagues begins: GFA Women's Intermediate 9-A-Side Recreational League, Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League, GFA Starters League
- Guam Matao player Marcus Lopez signs pro contract with Minerva in India
- GFA plays host to first-ever IIAAG Boys High School Preseason Tournament (Champions: John F. Kennedy High School Islanders)



Lopez





NOVEMBER

- Northern Mariana Islands youth teams compete against Guam teams in friendlies
- Budweiser Soccer League All-Stars compete against Keio University of Japan and win 3-2
- The United Airlines GFA National Academy concluded with over 100 athletes completing 2016's cycles; a graduation ceremony was held with each athlete receiving a certificate of completion
- Women's recreational players participate in TakeCare Achieve Your Goals event
- Local referees Shawn Spindel and Kyle Legozzie officially are named to FIFA's 2017 list of international assistant referees (Guam's first-ever FIFA assistant referees)
- Guam Matao and Guam Masakada compete in the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Semifinal Round in Hong Kong





DECEMBER

- GFA Women's Committee organizes Girls 3v3 Christmas Cup Tournament
- GFA puts on the Fall 3v3 Grassroots Tournament
 - Champions: Wings (U8), Bulldogs (U10) United Nations All-Stars (U12)
- GFA plays host to the semifinals and finals of the IIAAG Boys High School Soccer League
 - Champions: John F. Kennedy High School Islanders
- GFA plays host to first-ever Boys HS All-Star Match won by All-Island Second Team
- GFA holds a Christmas sale to liquidate inventory of apparel & equipment
- TV Asahi films PK shootout show featuring "King" Kazu Miura of Japan and Guam's Sean Evans. Sean's team loses, but he managed to stop a shot by Japanese legend King Kazu; show is broadcast all over Japan on January 2, 2017



NATIONAL TEAMS



Darren Sawatzky
Head Coach

Jason Cunliffe
Captain



Men's National Team

Women's National Team



Belinda Wilson
Head Coach

Anjelica Perez
Captain



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