

Rumblefish Players Form a Special Team

The Rumblefish, one of Hempfield's three U10F teams, are in their second season together, playing in the always tough CPYSL Division 1. The strong competition week-in and week-out means that the team has developed excellent skills and teamwork which are coming together quickly as the season progresses. We started the second half of our season with a 4-0 thumping of the HMMS Strikers on October 20 and are looking forward to rolling through the rest of our season before finishing the year with back-to-back tournaments, first at the South Penn Classic in Gettysburg, then one week later at the Hempfield Fall Classic.

The Rumblefish players are what make the team truly special. The kids are all fun and light-hearted and have many interests outside of soccer, which is truly critical for any 9-year-old. Half the players are back from last year, and half are new to the team this year, and it's made for a nice mix and great challenges for the coaching staff as we figure out who can do what, where, and when.

The Rumblefish generally play a 3-3-1 formation, although we've use the 4-2-1 in a couple of games against truly strong opponents, and have great success slowing down some exceptional teams.

The Rumblefish are coached by Greg Madden, a Hempfield coach since 1998, Greg Heiges, in his second year with the Club, and Payce Madden, a player since 1998 and now in her second year as a coach. The coaching staff is unique in that all three of the coaches are USSF registered referees, which keeps them incredibly busy. Payce is also a player for Hempfield, playing for Jose Schley and Greg Madden on the U19 Impact, currently 4-1-1 in Lanco League play.

