



# APRIL

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### Sending Love and Support

On April 18th, there was a tragic car accident where lives were lost. One of those lives was this young lady Eduarda, who is a daughter and sister of two GAWSA players on the Donas de Bola team. We are sending our love, support, and prayers to their family and team. The family created a [GoFundMe](#) if you feel called to support the family.

Eduarda Romano Da Silva



### Strava



Did you know that GAWSA has a fitness challenge on the app called Strava? Our challenge is to see which player runs the longest distance during their Sunday match.

It's not too late to join for this season!



Moment of silence for Eduarda Romano Da Silva during Fire Ants versus Blur

We hope that everyone is continuing to have a wonderful Spring season!

Remember that all rules of play, schedules, and other helpful information can be found at [gawsa.org](http://gawsa.org).

### Board Member Updates

On May 15th, the GAWSA BOD will host the GAWSA May AGM Manager meeting. During this meeting, we will vote on the following roles: President, VP Recreation, and Secretary.

#### President:

Incumbent: Michelle Tweedy, completing first term, eligible for one more term, and willing to return.

#### VP Recreation:

Appointed Incumbent: Dacia Alexander, appointed January 2023, eligible for two additional terms, willing to return.

#### Secretary:

Incumbent: Hayley Morton, would prefer to step down.

If you are interested in any of the positions above, more information about each role can be found in the [GAWSA ByLaws](#), or feel free to reach out to any members of the board.

Nominations prior to the meeting can be sent to Katie, VP Competitive at [vpcompetitive.gawsa@gmail.com](mailto:vpcompetitive.gawsa@gmail.com). Nominations are also allowed from the floor of the AGM Meeting on May 15th.

## Get Involved with GAWSA!

We are constantly striving to grow our league's presence in the soccer community and beyond.

Our goals off the pitch include sponsorship opportunities and organizing a league tournament.

If you or someone you know is looking to get involved in any capacity, email Michelle at [president.gawsa@gmail.com](mailto:president.gawsa@gmail.com) or Hayley at [secretary.gawsa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.gawsa@gmail.com) to talk about where to begin!

## Got ideas? Please share them!

If you love the newsletters and have more content that you'd like to see featured, please reach out and share!

## Follow GAWSA on social media!

Help us grow our social media presence this year!

**Instagram:** [@gawsa22](https://www.instagram.com/gawsa22)

**Facebook:** [Georgia Amateur Women's Soccer Association](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaAmateurWomen'sSoccerAssociation)

**Website:** [www.gawsa.org](http://www.gawsa.org)

**Please send any photos, videos, or content** that you would like to see featured on any of these platforms to [secretary.gawsa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.gawsa@gmail.com)



## Looking Ahead: Summer Soccer

Summer will be here before we know it!

Team registration is currently open for the 7v7 summer season. We ask that if you plan to register a team, do so before May 11th.

The season will begin on Sunday, June 18th!

## Player Spotlight: Dana Pratt

"My soccer career started at the age of 5 in the small rural area of Pike County playing recreational soccer. Eventually, I moved on to playing select soccer with the Thomaston/Upson Soccer Association. Throughout high school, I played four years of varsity soccer while maintaining several different positions. Once my varsity years came to a close, I had the honor in representing Gordon State College as a Lady Highlander. My first year of college soccer I was positioned as a goalkeeper. Ultimately, I suffered from a torn ACL and became medically red-shirted. Although I was seriously injured and worried about another possible injury, it didn't stop me from returning back to the pitch nine months later. I ended up finishing my college soccer career as a defender. I then shifted my focus on finishing school and graduating with a degree in elementary education. After meeting my husband in college, we married and settled down in Forsyth County where I have been teaching for 8 years. For 7 years, I have been playing for the United Futbol Academy in the Adult Co-Ed league. I joined GAWSA 2 years ago and have been playing under Coach Christine Witzel for team FC Legends as a sweeper. I am very fortunate to be able to surround myself with some amazing and talented women. My teammates represent kindness, strength, and resilience. I am thankful and grateful to represent FC Legends every Sunday."



We are lucky to have such an amazing group of ladies who represent GAWSA, and we want to learn more about you all!

**Please send any and all nominations for these Player Spotlights to** [\*\*secretary.gawsa@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:secretary.gawsa@gmail.com).