

# ACANA NEWS

Official Newsletter of The Assyrian Chaldean Athletics of North America



## Assyrian Chaldean Athletics of North America

is an independent not for profit national athletic association, established for the purpose and objective of serving the needs of the ChaldoAssyrian athlete/team.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>-2004, eight (8) soccer teams with their representatives held a meeting in San Diego California, and agreed in principle to form ACANA in order to improve and help the ChaldoAssyrian athlete/team in their journey to success. ACANA is open to all ChaldoAssyrian athletes and teams from various sports across North America, including the United States and Canada.

ACANA's Mission Statement is :

We, the ChaldoAssyrian athletes of the United States and Canada, fully realizing our responsibilities to our community, to our State, and to our Nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes:  
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and Canada; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and good will among nations; to assist all people, especially the ChaldoAssyrians all over the world; to preserve and promote sports and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the grace of God.

ACANA's main objectives and aims are:

- To serve all ChaldoAssyrian athletes & teams in North America.
- To hold annually three tournaments, to help unify the athletes/teams and to discuss sports related issues.
- To be self-governed & financially self-sufficient.
- To promote, enhance sports and encourage participation irregardless of gender, sex or age.
- To promote unification of athletes, teams and their issues.
- To provide for the development, promotion, supervision & administration of all sports activities.
- To provide exposure & marketing tools to players and teams.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPURTUNITY

ACANA is a non-profit organization in need of financial support to further help improve the development, growth and expansion of our athletes & teams. Sponsorship helps ACANA and its members offset their yearly costs of equipment, uniforms, tournaments, and other miscellaneous expenses.

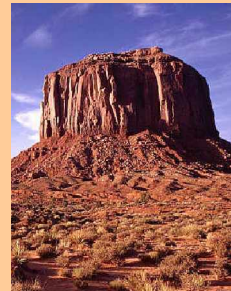
You can support ACANA by sponsoring a member team or one of our three tournaments, or maybe even by donating to ACANA's general operating fund.

We hope that you are interested in seeing our athletes and teams thrive. Please call us at 847-583-8525 or visit us at [www.acana.us](http://www.acana.us) for details.

Benefits to Sponsors:

- Seeing ACANA's athletes/teams succeed & compete in elite leagues.
- Tax receipt for Income Tax Purposes.
- Exposure of your company from our member teams (6 soccer & 13 basketball teams).
- Exposure from banners hung at our three tournaments.
- Your company's Logo on uniforms & all our literature i.e. flyers, letters.
- Inclusion in our list of sponsors in our web site - [www.acana.us](http://www.acana.us)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1-3 April 2006  
Akitu Kha Bnissan Cup  
Soccer & Basketball  
Tournament  
Arizona

1-4 JULY 2006  
Can-Am Cup  
Soccer & Basketball  
Tournament  
Toronto, Canada



3-5 September  
2006  
ACANA International Cup  
Soccer & Basketball  
Tournament  
Chicago, Illinois

## ACANA NEWSLETTER!

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*Detroit Chaldeans Soccer Club – July 2005 Can-Am Champions*

## DETROIT CHALDEANS, 2005 CAN-AM CHAMPIONS

After two days of intense soccer, the Detroit Chaldeans Soccer Club are champions of the 2005 ACANA CAN-AM Cup. This is their second ACANA cup in as many tournaments. In April 2005 they captured the Akitu Kha Bnissan cup in San Jose California.

In the finals, they defeated Toronto's Nineveh Star by a score of 5-0 to capture the cup. No question about it, they are deserving champions of the inaugural ACANA CAN-AM tournament.

Not only they went unbeaten but got convincing victories over their opponents. Their play was clearly superior than the rest. Congratulations goes out to the host city Detroit, to tournament coordinator Haybat Allos and to all of the participating teams for their wonderful play in one of the best tournaments ever.



*Detroit Captain raises the Cup*

## 2005 CAN-AM RESULTS

### Saturday

Detroit Chaldeans vs. Detroit Ajax	5-0
Windsor vs. Chicago Winged Bull	1-3
Detroit Chaldeans vs. Nineveh Star	3-0
Detroit Ajax vs. Windsor	3-1
Nineveh Star vs. Chicago Winged Bull	1-1

### Sunday

Detroit Ajax vs. Chicago Winged Bull	4-0
Toronto Nineveh Star vs. Windsor	4-0
Detroit Chaldeans vs. Windsor	5-0
Detroit Ajax vs. Toronto Nineveh Star	0-1

### STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	T	L	P
Detroit Chaldeans	4	4	0	0	12
Nineveh Star	4	2	1	1	7
Detroit Ajax	4	2	0	2	6
Chicago Winged Bull	4	1	1	2	4
Windsor	4	0	0	4	0

### Championship Round, SUNDAY JULY 3

Detroit Chaldeans vs. Nineveh Star 5-0

*Champions: DETROIT CHALDEANS*

*Runner-Up: NINEVEH STAR*



*Michigan Stars Soccer Club vs Nineveh Star of Toronto*

## MICHIGAN STARS, 2005 INTERNATIONAL CUP CHAMPIONS

Michigan Stars captured the inaugural ACANA International Cup trophy.

This six-team tournament was a joy to be part of and to watch. The city of Detroit was solidly represented by four teams: the 2005 ACANA Akitu & CAN-AM champion Detroit Chaldeans, newcomer Michigan Stars coached by the Iraqi soccer legend Fallah Hassan, newcomer Detroit Chaldean Eagles and lastly Detroit Ajax SC. The other two participants were newcomer San Diego Babylon SC & ACANA member Toronto Nineveh Star.

Michigan Stars played great disciplined soccer. They defeated their archrival Detroit Chaldeans in a fiercely played finals by a score of 2-1 in double overtime.

Congratulations and many thanks to all the participating teams, the host team Detroit Chaldeans, and to Haybat Allos for putting on another great tournament.

This was ACANA's final tournament of 2005. Everybody is anticipating next year's tournaments with more teams committing to attend.



*Michigan Stars Coach Iraqi Soccer Legend Fallah Hassan*

## 2005 INTERNATIONAL CUP RESULTS

### Saturday

Detroit Chaldean Eagles vs. Detroit Chaldeans	1-6
Toronto Nineveh Star vs. San Diego Babylon	4-0
Michigan Stars vs. Detroit Ajax	2-1
Detroit Chaldean Eagles vs. Toronto Nineveh Star	0-7
Detroit Chaldeans vs. Michigan Stars	0-1
San Diego Babylon vs. Detroit Ajax	7-2
Toronto Nineveh Star vs. Michigan Stars	0-6
Detroit Chaldean Eagles vs. San Diego Babylon	0-3
Detroit Chaldeans vs. Detroit Ajax	1-1

### Sunday

Toronto Nineveh Star vs. Detroit Ajax	3-0
Detroit Chaldean Eagles vs. Michigan Stars	0-3
Detroit Chaldeans vs. San Diego Babylon	3-2
Detroit Chaldean Eagles vs. Detroit Ajax	0-0
Detroit Chaldeans vs. Toronto Nineveh Star	7-1
San Diego Babylon vs. Michigan Stars	0-3

### STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	T	L	P
Michigan Stars	5	5	0	0	15
Detroit Chaldeans	5	3	1	1	10
Nineveh Star	5	3	0	2	9
San Diego Babylon	5	2	0	3	6
Detroit Ajax	5	0	1	4	1
Chaldean Eagles	5	0	0	5	0

### SUNDAY September 4, 2005

Michigan Stars Vs. Detroit Chaldeans 2-1 (2OT)

*Champions: MICHIGAN STARS*

*Runner-Up: DETROIT CHALDEANS*



## ACANA MEMBERS AND TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS



Detroit Chaldeans SC- ACANA member and defending 2005 Akitu and 2005 CAN-AM champion.

In almost every tournament this team ends at the top and competes for the championship. Two ACANA championships already under their belts & they are hungry for more. They missed the triple crown with a loss in double overtime against Michigan Stars. Coached by Haybat Allos, Detroit Chaldeans also captured the 2005 Detroit League Cup.

*Prediction—More championships are waiting for them if the hunger is still there*



Michigan Stars SC - ACANA member. Made its first appearance and won first championship in the ACANA International tournament.

Under technical directions of Iraqi soccer legend Fallah Hassan this team is playing solid soccer. The team is young and has many talented players to keep it playing good competitive soccer for many years. Very disciplined team and deserving champion of the 2005 International Cup.

*Prediction: This team should stay in the hunt every championship.*



San Diego Chaldeans SC - ACANA member. Made its first appearance in the 2005 ACANA International Cup tournament.

Started slow but finished like wild fire. Even though the team was shorthanded for the tournament, it still gave the other teams a scare. In its most important game against Detroit Chaldeans, they went in to the half leading 2-0, only to lose 3-2 as a result of the unbelievable gutsy effort by Detroit Chaldeans. The team has a solid mixture of young and veteran players that will keep it competitive in future tournaments.

*Prediction: Never give up attitude and will to win makes this team special*



Detroit Ajax SC - ACANA member. Played in both of ACANA's tournaments, the CAN-AM and the International Cup. Played much better in the 2005 ACANA CAN-AM tournament.

In the CAN-AM, was only one goal away from playing the finals, only to lose 1-0 to Toronto's Nineveh Star. In the International Cup the team struggled to reach its form. It played tough against Michigan Stars and Detroit Chaldeans but only could muster one tie and no wins in 5 games. Team is talented and only if they find their rhythm is a joy to watch.

*Prediction: Will challenge in future cups*



Chicago Winged Bull - 2005 ACANA CAN-AM tournament participant. Very popular and very passionate team.

Hates to loose and very vocal. Still attracts attention for its rich and talented history. No kidding, their predecessors have won so many championships, that the name alone brings out the best in them. Team has a lot of talent. Huge potential. Only if they lay off the referees and concentrate on playing they way they know how. Always plays to the last second i.e. the Germany of ChaldoAssyrian Soccer.

*Prediction: Should never be counted out, always competitive in every tournament.*



Detroit Chaldean Eagles - ACANA member. Made its first appearance in the 2005 ACANA International Cup.

Due to timing problems, team was not able to field a good team to compete with the elite teams in this tournament. Team struggled and lost all of its matches. On the positive side the team was happy to compete and played tough till the end.

*Prediction: Has to get good players to compete.*



Toronto Nineveh Star - ACANA member. Appeared in two ACANA tournaments: the CAN-AM & the International Cup.

Advanced to the finals in the CAN-AM tournament and finished third in the International tournament. Team has good nucleus of young and veteran players. Due to visa issues team can never bring a full squad to these tournaments. Some of its talented players are unable to attend. Team sometimes lacks focus, discipline and toughness. Needs scoring touch in important matches. Other than that, team has huge potential and if committed is able surpass expectations.

*Prediction: With comittment team can achieve huge success.*



Windsor Eagles - 2005 ACANA CAN-AM tournament participant. Also has players with visa problems.

Their good players stayed behind disappointed in Windsor. Team had a short bench and was noticeably playing injured. Players gave it their all and competed tough.

*Prediction: Have not seen their good players, therefore unable to predict.*





Assyriska player in Premier League action

## LETTER TO ASSYRISKA "OUR NATIONAL TEAM"

ACANA and its members happily sent a congratulatory letter to Assyriska on their accomplishments and their historic Premier league play.

Thursday, April 07, 2005

Dear Assyriska Officials,

On behalf of the member clubs and the executive committee of the Assyrian Chaldean Athletics of North America (ACANA), we wish you the best of luck on your historical journey.

ACANA is a non-profit athletic organization. Our main purpose is to serve our membership (athletes and athletic teams) in providing them with the development, promotion, supervision, and administration. Every year we have 3 tournaments which all teams participate in. The tournament schedules are as follows: April during Kha Bnissan Celebration, July and the last in September. These tournaments serve as a unification of the players and serves as a venue to discuss matters dealing with the clubs.

ACANA is committed to having the same success as Assyriska has achieved for the benefit of our people. We are hoping to follow in Assyriska's foot steps and to achieve the ultimate goal of having ChaldoAssyrian players/teams reach the top level in sports.

Assyriska has shocked the world and our biggest wish is that Assyriska does well this year. You are the national team for the ChaldoAssyrians and probably all ethnic minorities around the globe. Your fans are everywhere ranging from young to old. You have made us proud in immeasurable proportions and we hope this continues for ever.

ACANA has 8 soccer member clubs.

Altogether more than 100 ChaldoAssyrian soccer players play in these teams. Some of our players are really good and we believe if given the right opportunity and proper training can reach the top level.

What about an affiliation between ACANA and Assyriska? Maybe this is a wish, but what about a friendly game between Assyriska and an all star team from North America?

We want to build a long and prosperous relationship with Assyriska. You give us hope and courage to continue with our Endeavour.

*Executive Committee*

*Assyrian Chaldean Athletics of North America*

Team	G	P
Djurgården	24	49
IFK Göteborg	24	46
Malmö FF	24	41
Kalmar FF	24	39
Helsingborg	24	39
Hammarby	24	37
Örgryte	24	34
Elfsborg	24	34
Häcken	24	32
Halmstad	24	29
Landskrona	24	27
Gefle	24	25
Sundsvall	24	22
Assyriska	24	14

## Volunteers Wanted!

As a member-driven organization governed by a volunteer Executive Committee, ACANA depends on its members to ensure our athletes and teams can compete in tournaments in a fun, competitive, challenging and safe environment.

There are many ways to get involved with ACANA: serving on with the tournament director, sponsoring a team or simply just helping out during our tournaments. Why not get involved?

One of our main needs is tournament coordinators for our three tournaments. ACANA needs a number of Tournament coordinators who want to get more actively involved during the 2006 tournament season.

As a **Tournament Coordinator**, you will:

- Help put together tournament information packages: including hosting agreement, invitation, flyers, letters and other required items.
- Ensure schedules and associated literature are distributed to team management.
- Ensure all tournament game results are reported in timely and correct fashion.
- Act as liaison between tournament director and teams in resolving issues and making sure information is shared with all.
- Hand out flyers, newsletters, tickets, etc. as needed.
- Attend end of tournament banquet (for free!).

This is a great way to get involved with ACANA, to make sure our athletes and teams have a great season.

Don't be hesitant, time commitment is manageable - we can divide the work evenly between all involved. Don't delay! Call today!

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## MERCHANDISE

ACANA & its members have a wide range of merchandise including quality shirts, ball caps, and other products that make great gifts for family and friends. Ordering is easy and a fundraising program is available. Please visit our website [www.acana.us](http://www.acana.us) for product and ordering information today!

