

Rapid's Player Cory Gibbs and TOPSoccer Players Train

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The Colorado Edge TOPSoccer team had a special guest at their soccer practice on Friday, May 1, 2009. Cory Gibbs, Colorado Rapids Defender, took time out of his busy schedule to drop by and run some training drills with the Edge TOPSoccer players. Cory worked with the players on their dribbling and shooting skills and it was difficult to tell who had more fun, Cory or the players! After practice Cory visited with the players, taking pictures and signing autographs.

TOPSoccer, The Outreach Program for Soccer, is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4-99, who has a mental or physical disability and improve the overall fitness, self-esteem and social skills of your child.

Colorado Edge TOPSoccer coaches, Bobbi Jo Beeble and Jill Polito have coached the team at the Edge for about 8 years and the program has grown to 40 players this season. The team has a spring and fall season, practicing on Friday evenings and playing games against other Edge teams on Saturdays at the Stenger Soccer Complex located at 58th and Quail in Arvada. At the end of each season the TOPSoccer teams from Edge and

Colorado Rush take turns hosting a mini tournament with a pizza party.

Cory Gibbs, who last played for Charlton Athletic in the English Premier League also played in the Netherlands and Germany, in addition to one season in the MLS with the Dallas Burn (now FC Dallas) before joining the Rapids in August of 2008, would like to become more involved with the Colorado youth soccer community by working with Colorado Youth Soccer on more TOPSoccer events.

If you are interested in registering your child, or would like to volunteer to help with the Colorado Edge TOPSoccer program you may get more information by calling their office at 303-403-0902 or visit their website at edgesoccer.net. If you would like to see if there is a TOPSoccer program closer to you, call the Colorado Youth Soccer office at 303-346-2777.

