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Players Score with Sports Medicine Partnership

Orthopedic Associates of Lancaster, LTD (OAL) and Pennsylvania Classics (PA Classics) proudly announce a newly formed sports medicine partnership. OAL will provide exclusive athletic training coverage for all Development Academy games, soccer tournaments and events hosted and attended by PA Classics players. Additionally Dr. Michael W. Gish will serve as the Medical Director overseeing OAL's athletic trainers and overall sports medicine services.

"All of us at OAL look forward to working with the players and families of PA Classics. When soccer injuries occur, our goal is to provide prompt treatment, return athletes to play as soon as is safely possible and strive to keep them active for life," says Gish.

Sprains and strains are the most common soccer injuries among youth athletes. Recent news attention has also focused on repetitive and overuse injuries. According to the Center for Disease Control, more than half of these repetitive use sports injuries in children are preventable. Focus is now also on injury prevention, especially trying to minimize ACL injuries in both female and male athletes.

"Soccer is a contact sport so injury prevention, care and education are essential to the health and success of our athletes," notes Vice President Mike Henning. "OAL offers access to immediate care so our players can be treated quickly and begin the healing process. We're thrilled to establish this partnership with a state-of-the-art organization like OAL."

OAL also serves as official team physicians to the U.S. Women's National Field Hockey team and the Lancaster Barnstormers. OAL's athletic trainers and physicians support numerous local school districts including Hempfield, Manheim Township and Lancaster County Christian Schools.

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About Orthopedic Associates of Lancaster

Founded in 1972, OAL was one of the first orthopedic specialty practices in Lancaster County. OAL provides full-service orthopedic care including the diagnosis, treatment, outpatient surgery and rehabilitation of all orthopedic conditions and injuries: hand, shoulder, spine, trauma, total joint replacement, pediatrics, sports medicine, and foot and ankle.

OAL will be opening a comprehensive orthopedic practice and outpatient surgery center in Lebanon County in Fall 2015.

About Pennsylvania Classics

PA Classics is a non-profit, soccer organization serving families and players in south and central Pennsylvania. Established in 2004, PA Classics offers travel and academy level soccer teams for male and female athletes ages 6 – 18. In addition to club soccer, PA Classics hosts six tournaments annually, runs team camps and offers elite level training services. PA Classics home is located at the 34 acre Classics Soccer Park on Route 72 in Manheim.