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41 PLAYERS SELECTED TO CHARLOTTE SOCCER ACADEMY'S US DEVELOPMENT TEAMS Season will begin in November

The Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) today announced the first 41 players to be named to their US Development Academy teams. The group includes four goal keepers and 37 field players. There are 22 players with previous Academy experience and 19 who are new to the CSA Academy program. The Under 16 team will be coached by Jeremy Gunn, the UNC Charlotte head soccer coach, and the Under 18 team will be coached by CSA US Development Academy Director, Richard Butler.

Preseason training will begin in mid November and the teams will travel to the Winter Showcase in Phoenix, Arizona December 4-7. The teams then open up their seasons with home games against South Carolina United FC on Sunday December 20th with games continuing through until June. "This is the first group of players that I have signed for the Academy for the 2009-2010 season," said Butler. "Congratulations to them all. By the time the season starts we will have a group of approximately 45 players who will be either full time Academy players or will be part of our Developmental Roster. I feel very good about the players we have already signed but we also have some very high quality players that will be added to this group prior to the season starting. It should prove to be a very competitive environment."



The boys in the squad are:

Tyler Adams
Thomas Allen
Nick Barnhorst
Robbie Beatty
Drew Benningfield
Jaron Bradley
Drew Brown
Matt Brown
Ben Burdon
Sean Cogan
Giuseppe Gentile
Nathaniel Goodwin
Jonathan Grad
Nick Hensley

Trent Johnson
Brandon Kardos
Jake Keating
Conor Keeley
Evan Kent
Ben Kern
Stefan Knapp
Asa Kryst
Alex Leonard
Brett Luccia
Connor Miller
Roland Minogue
Jordan Murphy
Michael Nelli

Will O'Brien
Kyle Parker
Santiago Patino
Keith Pittman
Kyle Searles
Andrew Sperr
Danny Sunol
Marco Sunol
Matt Van Dyne
Harper Williams
Zhuvonte Wilson
Austin Yearwood
Bennett Yort