

## PLAYERS SELECTED TO CHARLOTTE SOCCER ACADEMY'S US DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

Season will begin in November

The Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) today announced the players named to their US Development Academy teams. The group includes four goal keepers and 36 field players. The Under 16 team will be coached by Jeremy Gunn, the UNC Charlotte head soccer coach, and the Under18 team will be coach 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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."



U16s: Back row (left to right): Nathaniel Goodwin, Drew Brown, Santiago Patino, Bennett Yort, Jaron Bradley, Brandon Kardos, Matt Brown, Stefen Knapp, Austin Yearwood, Jordan Murphy, Zhuvonte Wilson, Ben Burdon

Front row (left to right): Harper Williams, Roland Minogue, Asa Kryst, Philip Poole (Goal keeper Coach and Assistant Coach), Jeremy Gunn (Head Coach), Richard Butler (Academy Director and Assistant Coach), Conor Keeley, Ben Kern, Kyle Parker

Not pictured: Matt Van Dyne



U18s: Back row (left to right): Andrew Sperr, Michael Nelli, Thomas Allen, Jonathan Grad, Evan Kent, Trent Johnson, Keith Pittman, Conner Miller, Nick Hensley, Giuseppe Gentile, Will O'Brien, Jake Keating, Nick Barnhorst, Drew Benningfield

Front row (left to right): Brett Luccia, Sean Cogan, Kyle Searles, Tyler Adams, Philip Poole (Goal keeper Coach and Assistant Coach), Richard Butler (Academy Director and Head Coach), Jeremy Gunn (Assistant Coach), James Nero, Alex Leonard, Robbie Beatty, Gustavo Bustos