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**CSA US Development Academy Start Atlantic Division Games**

Club travels to Richmond Kickers and Richmond Strikers this weekend

The CSA US Soccer Development Academy teams begin their Atlantic Division schedule this Saturday and Sunday playing against the Richmond Strikers and Richmond Kickers respectively. Game times and locations are as follows:

4pm U16 CSA vs. Richmond Strikers (Saturday @ Striker Park)  
6pm U18 CSA vs. Richmond Strikers (Saturday @ Striker Park)  
10am U16 CSA vs. Richmond Kickers (Sunday @ Ukrop Park)  
12pm U18 CSA vs. Richmond Kickers (Sunday @ Ukrop Park)

There will also be two pre-academy friendly U14 games at 2pm on Saturday and at 8am on Sunday. Admission is free to the public for all games.

“ As I mentioned in my last pre-game notes, I am especially looking forward playing against the two clubs from Richmond this weekend. I was a director of Coaching at the Williamsburg Soccer Club in Virginia for 14 years prior to coming to Charlotte and we had very good rivalries with both the Kickers and the Strikers over the years”, said Richard Butler, CSA’s Director of the US Development Academy program. “This is the opening of our divisional games this weekend and it is important that both squads get off to a good start. The U16 Strikers are unbeaten at 5-0-0 and the Kickers are in third place in the division so I expect two tough games on Saturday and Sunday. In the U18 division the two Richmond clubs are in the middle of the league and have played a tough schedule. As with us, they have been off for several weeks now and so I’m sure they will be very competitive. Both clubs have worked very hard to remove snow from their facilities so that the games can go ahead. Our boys have had three full training sessions this week and last Saturday both team played in very competitive friendly games against our top CSA USYS U16 and U18 teams. It was a good run out for all the boys involved and it also allowed me to see the boys who are playing at the level below our US Soccer Development Academy Program. We are relatively healthy at the moment, there has been a touch of the flu for some guys but apart from that we will have full rosters for the weekend. Thanks for all your support”.