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Wisconsin Players Identified for Regional and National Soccer Pools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. September 8, 2008 Milwaukee, WI When you watch the United States Women's and Men's soccer teams take the pitch in the Olympics or in the World Cup, you might wonder what path led to those players being identified for possible inclusion in those elite groups? Over two hundred and fifty young soccer players from Wisconsin may have begun that journey as a result of participation in the US Youth Soccer Region II Olympic Development Program (ODP) camps and tournament in Rockford, Illinois, last month. Thirty one of these players (see attached list) have been identified for participation on regional and even national teams through the ODP process. Over thirty college coaches and representatives from US national teams observed the US Youth Soccer Region II ODP trainings.

Nationally, ODP alums include seventeen out of eighteen players on both the current women's and men's US national teams, players on many collegiate, professional, adult amateur, international rosters and in the soccer coaching ranks.

"Many of these players will see international competition at a very early age," said Jim Launder, Director of Coaching, Wisconsin Youth Soccer. "However, the main purpose of ODP is to develop the individual player. Wisconsin has contributed significantly to raising the level of soccer in the United States over the years primarily through ODP."

While ODP supports the training by club soccer, it provides a venue for the best players to become better. ODP teams are formed at the state association and regional levels, made up of the best players in various age groups based on birth year. The US Youth Soccer ODP was formed in 1977 to identify a pool of players in each age group from which the national team is selected for international competition; to provide high-level training to benefit and to enhance the development of players. At the state association level, pools of players are identified in each eligible age group and brought together as a team to develop their skill through training and competition. From the state pools and subsequent teams, players are identified for regional and national pools and teams.

Wisconsin ODP is administered through the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) is affiliated with the US Youth Soccer Association and is a member of Region II, the Midwest region of the United States. WYSA has nearly 140 member clubs and has over 52,000 registered players throughout the State of Wisconsin.

For additional information on ODP registration and other youth soccer programs, go to <http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com>.



REGION II OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2008 REGIONAL POOLS – WISCONSIN PLAYERS



Girls:

Taylor Madigan(Waunakee), Amy Kauffung (FC Milwaukee), Emily Jacobson (FC Milwaukee), Kate Reigle (FC Milwaukee), Sara Stern (Waunakee Blaze), Madeline Vicker, Brittany Von Rueden(FC Milwaukee), Allyson Andreini (New United 94) and Lindsey Holmes (Madison 56ers)

Boys:

Lucas Davey(Bavarian SC), Adam Lysak(MYSC Blue), Sabastian Xiong (Princeton Power), Ryan Buda(Madison 56ers), Jesus Oseguera (Eclipse), Samuel Ramirez (Madison 56ers), Eric Schoendorf (Elm Grove Academy), Henrik Egly(Chicago Wind), Patrick Hodan(FC Milwaukee), Brock Menard(Bavarian SC), Dorian O’Lochlayne (Mequon FC), Logan Andryk (FC Milwaukee), Benjamin Borns-Moore (Madison 56ers), Lucas Cardona(MYSC), Dary DeWalt (Croatian Eagles), Cody Schueller(Bavarian SC), Braden Andryk(FC Milwaukee), Louis Bennett*(Bavarian SC), Emilio Lopez*(Madison FC), Dereck Ott(Madison 56ers), Jake Taylor* (BavarianSC) and Driton Zyteja*(Madison FC).

*Selected to attend the U-14 National Team Camp.

