

USL Alumni Off to National Team Camps



Tarpley is one of 10 current W-League players called into first US camp of 2006

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23 USL players go to US Men's, 17 to US Women's, 16 to Women's US and Canadian U20's team camps

The US and Canadian National Team programs are getting off to a busy start to the year with training camps followed by various competitions. Fifty current and former USL players were summoned to the US Men's and US Women's National Team camps as well as the US and Canadian U20 Women's camps.

US Women

The US Women's National Team travels to China for the highly competitive Four Nations Tournament that will be contested from Jan. 18-22 featuring the USA, Norway, France and China. Seventeen W-League alumni, including 10 from the 2005 season, were named to the 28-player roster by head coach Greg Ryan.

Ten of the 17 played in the W-League last season with Lindsey Tarpley, Heather O'Reilly, Christie Welsh and Kendall Fletcher representing the W-League champion New Jersey Wildcats. Carli Lloyd of the unbeaten 2004 W-League finalist Wildcats was also invited to the camp.

Heather Mitts and Danielle Fotopoulos played for the semifinalist Central Florida Krush. Jenni Branam and Amy LePeilbet played for the Arizona Heatwave last season while Tina Frimpong saw action with the Seattle Sounders for the third straight year and Marci Miller played in her sixth W-League campaign with the expansion Atlanta Silverbacks.

The USA's tournament opener against Norway could mark a historic milestone for U.S. captain and former Delaware Genie Kristine Lilly, as she is poised to earn her 300th cap.

Lilly heads a roster that features nine members of the 2004 Olympic gold medal winning squad, including goalkeeper Briana Scurry (Delaware Genies) and defender Christie Rampone (New Jersey Lady Stalions).

The training camp roster also features the USA's leading goal scorers from 2005 in Welsh, former Rochester Raven Abby Wambach and Fotopoulos, as well as forward Tiffeny Milbrett and her 100 career goals.

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Coast Soccer League Joins Super Y-League

United Soccer Leagues (USL) announced a multi-year partnership with the Coast Soccer League (CSL) in Southern California.

The details of the partnership were announced by USL President Francisco Marcos, USL Super Y-League Director Matt Weibe, CSL President Bernie Towers, CSL Premier Division Chairman Gary Sparks and CSL Executive Director Karen Sparks. The relationship includes the CSL's Premier Division becoming the Pacific Southern California Division of the USL Super Y-League as a part of its current gaming structure, and developing the division's player identification system for US National Team Programs through the USL Super Y-League's Olympic Development Program, better known as ODP.

"This is the most significant development in the history of the USL Super Y-League since its inception. This partnership for USL will have a positive effect on the evolution of elite youth competition in the United States and Canada, as well as strengthen the structure of the Super Y-League," said Weibe. "Southern California has produced some of the country's top youth clubs, teams, and players; and the CSL has had a lot to do with that."

"The SYL has grown tremendously over the last few years in North America, and the inclusion of the Southern California region, regarded as one of the best in the nation, is one of the final
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SYL Side Captures First Title for MetroStars

The 10 Super Y-League 2005 North American Champions for the U13-U17 Boys and Girls were crowned in Tampa, Florida at the Ed Radice Sports Complex with teams from nine different clubs raising the cup after three were decided via penalty kicks and one in overtime. Match Fit Academy was the lone club with two teams capturing titles while the U16 MetroStars Boys made history by claiming the first championship for the organization.

Match Fit Academy was the lone club to capture two Super Y-League titles this season in the 14 leagues with the U14 Girls downing the Cleveland Internationals 5-4 in penalty kicks after a scoreless draw and the U17 Girls topping Charlotte Soccer Club 1-0 on a goal from Brooke Keany in the second half. Sarah Frylak got the shutout for the U17s while Lianne Maldonado

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Eric Wynalda Joins Brigade Staff



The Bakersfield Brigade of the PDL announced that they have reached an agreement with soccer icon Eric Wynalda to join the Brigade as their Technical Director of Player Development. As Technical Director, Wynalda will assist Head Coach Jay Gore with recruitment for the upcoming 2006 season. Financial terms were not disclosed. Wynalda is a three-time World Cup veteran and is currently contracted with ABC and ESPN to cover the 2006 World Cup in Germany.



Kickers Future's Dominic Oduro invited to MLS Combine

Suzanne Kisteiner

High number of PDL players invited to 2006 MLS Combine

Premier Development League-experienced players accounted for 43 of the 61 players invited to the 2006 Major League Soccer Combine January 12-15 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California.

Thirty-three of the players played during the 2005 PDL season with three attending the MLS Combine from the league champion Des Moines Menace. Cory Farabi and Matt Wieland helped lead the Menace to the title in front of the outstanding goalkeeping of Andy Gruenbaum, who was named the Championship MVP in the scoreless final against the El Paso Patriots that was decided in seven rounds of penalty kicks. Gruenbaum also posted a 0.97 GAA over 15 regular season games with a record of 11-3-1 and five shutouts.

An amazing tally of 14 players head to the combine after having played for the Chicago Fire Premier over the course of the last five seasons, including Blake Camp, Jimmy Klatter and Brandon Moss from their unbeaten 17-0-1 squad from the 2004 regular season. Eight players from the combine were with Chicago in 2005, including Hermann Award finalist Jeff Rowland, who also played for the Indiana Invaders in 2004, finishing fifth in points on the season. Brian Plotkin, the other Hermann finalist, played for the Fire Premier in 2003.

Five players from the Boulder Rapids Reserve were also invited to the combine, including the 2004 finalist's Kyle Brown, Brian Civilikas, Aaron King and Wieland, who returned to the final this year with the Menace to win the title.

Other standout PDL players attending the combine include the Carolina Dynamo's Justin Moose, Richmond Kickers Future's Dominic Oduro and Ocean City Barons' Ryan Carr.

Moose was honored as the 2004 PDL Rookie of the Year and returned to be named All-League in 2005, scoring 16 goals and six assists over two seasons with the club.

Oduro was part of a striking tandem with Cristian Neagu, who has since signed with the USL Second Division Kickers. Oduro accounted for 16 goals and eight assists as the pair registered 31 goals between them. Oduro ranked third in the league in points.

Goalkeeper Ryan Carr was a PDL All-Conference selection in 2005 after helping lead the Barons to an unbeaten 14-0-4 record in 2004.

PDL, W-League Players Shine in NCAA Competition

Garey, Sinclair win MAC Hermann Trophies, 71 USL players named All-Americans

The Premier Development League and W-League saw 40 of its players compete in the NCAA Division I College Cups with nine of those players winning National Championships. Five more alumni earned a title in the Division II championship.

On the men's side, former Chesapeake Dragons forward Jason Garey and eight other PDL alumni led the University of Maryland Terrapins to the championship. Garey led the team in scoring with 22 goals and seven assists for 51 points. He was tabbed as Soccer America's Player of the Year and won the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy.

For the women, former Vancouver Breakers and Whitecaps forward Christine Sinclair earned a championship for the University of Portland, along with two other W-League alumni. The Pilots finished the season unbeaten at 23-0-2. Sinclair, a member of the Canadian Women's National Team, set an NCAA single-season record after scoring two goals in the final to give her 39 on the year. She also won the Hermann Trophy.

Brian Plotkin (Chicago Fire Reserves-2003, Indiana Invaders-2005) of Indiana University and Jeff Rowland (Indiana Invaders-2003-04, Chicago Fire Reserves-2005) of the University of New Mexico were the other two finalists for the men's Her-



The Vancouver Whitecaps' Kara Lang nearly led UCLA to the women's title, falling to Portland in the final

mann Trophy, making it a certainty that a PDL alum would win men's college soccer's most coveted award.

Joining Sinclair on the list of women's finalists was fellow Canadian Katie Thorlakson, who won a W-League championship with the Vancouver Whitecaps and an NCAA title with the University of Notre Dame in 2004.

The 2005 NSCAA/adidas Men's Division I All-America Teams were announced and a staggering 26 of 38 players named to the squads played in the PDL, including eight on the First Team. Ten PDL players were named to the Division II All-America Teams while nine made the Division III list.

Fifteen W-League players were named to the 2005 NSCAA/adidas Women's Division I All-America Teams, six to the Division II squads and five to the Division III teams.

In the Division II championship game, Fort Lewis College defeated Franklin-Pierce 3-1 in the championship match to cap off an undefeated 22-0-1 season with five former

PDL players. Former Denver Cougars defender/midfielder Ben Gantenbein registered the game winning goal at the 81:21 mark off an assist by Boulder Rapids Reserve forward John Cunliffe. A two-time captain, Ben Eisenbraun (Bakersfield Brigade-2005) earned Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Defender of the Year.



Yankey Receives Prestigious British Honor

Former New Jersey Wildcats forward Rachel Yankey will receive one of Britain's highest honors. The English international was named to the New Year's list in the United Kingdom to become a Member of the British Empire, commonly referred to as an MBE.

Yankey, currently leading Arsenal to a potential double as league and league cup champions after guiding the Wildcats to the 2005 title, is being recognized for her 'services to sport' for her role in advancing women's soccer and for her work in the community coaching children.

The prestigious award will be made by the Queen later this year at Buckingham Palace. The MBE is a level of The Order of the British Empire, which was created in 1917 by King George V to recognize all levels of service to the country during the first world war. It has evolved to honor service and achievement in all fields, with military and civil divisions.

Three Lynx Juniors SYL players invited to U20 Camp

Three players from the U17 Toronto Lynx Juniors Super Y-League squad accompanied Dale Mitchell's Canadian U20 team to the Chivas Cup in Mexico from January 7-11. All three players previously played on the squad coached by Tom Croft in 2004 when they went undefeated and were semifinalists at the Super Y-League North American Finals.

Alex Ruhe-Lischke, Daniel Revivo and John Jonke joined Canada on their trip south. Both Revivo and Jonke also played for the Toronto Lynx U19 team which was the first Canadian team since the 1980's to gain a final berth in the prestigious Dallas Cup in 2005.

Three other Junior Lynx alumni were also involved in the recent U20 identification camp in Toronto two weeks ago. Taylor McNamara, Adam Catley and Erik Di Lorenzo joined the three other Lynx players to form a strong Junior Lynx presence at the camp.





USL Expands to Miami

Traffic Sports USA announced the acquisition of an expansion professional soccer franchise that will represent Miami and South Florida in the United Soccer Leagues' First Division beginning in the 2006 season. The team, MIAMI FC, will join 11 other teams in the USL First Division.

Traffic Group is one of the leading sports event management entities in the world. It is headquartered in Brazil and has regional offices in the U.S. and Europe. Traffic Sports USA (formerly Inter/Forever Sports), based in Miami for the last 15 years, commercializes and/or currently owns rights to top sports properties in the North American, Central American and Caribbean region including the majority of CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying matches, five of the last six CONCACAF Gold Cups, the Central American (UNCAF) Nations Cup, the Central American (UNCAF) Club Championship and individual team rights. In addition, Traffic Sports USA represents Traffic Group's properties such as Copa America and Copa Sudamericana.

Julio Mariz, President of Traffic Sports USA and Head of Soccer for Traffic Group commented, "We are proud to bring a top notch professional sports team representing the world's most popular sport to South Florida and its passionate soccer fans. We have a long track record organizing soccer events in this community and are grateful for the support and commitment that we have received. We look forward to further developing our relationship with the community and to fielding a winning team that all of us in Miami and South Florida will feel proud of."

Francisco Marcos, Founder and President of United Soccer Leagues commented, "We are thrilled to welcome Traffic Sports and their new USL First Division Franchise, MIAMI FC, into our ever-growing soccer family. Given their global soccer expertise and credibility, we are confident that Traffic will contribute greatly to the further development of USL and that MIAMI FC will be a success story both on and off the field."

MIAMI FC General Manager Luiz Muzzi added, "We want the fans to play an active role in the development of MIAMI FC from the very start. For example, we will soon let them know how to participate in choosing a nickname and mascot for the team. In addition, over the coming weeks and months, we plan to announce the home of MIAMI FC as well as details regarding coaches, players and much more."

MIAMI FC will be play 14 regular season home games and 14 regular season away games in 2006. In addition, MIAMI FC will host pre-season matches beginning in March as well as several friendly matches during the course of the year. MIAMI FC will also compete in the 2006 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

Year Three of SYL National ODP Camps in January and February

College coaches and USSF Scouts for Men's & Women's National Team programs to attend



The Super Y-League will hold its National ODP Camps for the third year in January for the boys and February for the girls in Cocoa, Florida.

The nation's top youth players gathered in Cocoa, Florida for four Super Y-League Olympic Development Program National Camp weekends that scouted over 1,100 players between January 6 and February 6 of 2005 that included an appearance by the U17 US Men's Residency program for a pair of matches against select players from the SYL U17 and U16 ODP National Camps.

"Our first two years of National ODP Camps have been very successful and with our continued partnership with US Soccer to identify and develop players, we are excited about the future with our third edition of the camps and beyond," said SYL Director Matt Weibe. "Our relationship with the Women's National Team program in particular has improved significantly over the past year and we look forward to its increased presence

at the camps and interaction in our ODP identification system."

US Women's National Staff Coaches Mike Dickey and David Robinson will be in attendance for the girls SYL National ODP Camps in February to assist in evaluating players.

US Women's National Team Head Coach Greg Ryan was recently at the W-League Championship to witness the top level of the USL pyramid for women that many SYL players have already begun to advance to, commenting, "The standard of play has been very, very good. I've been so impressed and just enjoyed being a fan of the game this weekend and watching the W-League Championship."

SYL ODP National Camp Schedule

Boys U15-U17 - January 12-15	Girls U15-U17 - February 2-5
Boys U13-U14 - January 26-29	Girls U13-U14 - February 9-12

SYL 2006 ALIGNMENTS

Over 800 teams are set for the 2006 season for boys and girls divisions U13-U19. For info on the 2006 alignments, check out the SYL home page at USLSoccer.com

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steps in completing the map. This coincides with our plans to add a Texas-Oklahoma Division in the near future to complete the geographic scope of the league."

The CSL is the largest league in the nation in membership with over 1,900 teams featuring over 30,000 players that compete in over 15,000 games on 540 fields throughout Southern California. The CSL Premier Division, the organization's top flight in ages 16 thru 19, is comprised of from 8 to 12 of the top teams in each of these age groups for boys and girls. In addition to its' other national sanctions, the CSL Premier League will also be operating concurrently as the Pacific Southern California Division in the Super Y-League.

The newly created relationship will allow the elite youth teams in Southern California to compete for a North American Championship through the USL Super Y-League. Of the expected 120 teams within the division, the likes of the Irvine Strikers, Arsenal FC, Slammers FC, San Diego Nomads, CRSC Infinity, West Valley Samba, Pateadores, as well as many other clubs will compete for a league championship. They join other elite clubs in the region such as the Vancouver Whitecaps, Washington Crossfire, SCC Breakers, Santa Rosa United, FC Portland, Santa Clara Sporting Ruckus and Spokane Shadow, who were all recently in the Top 22 of the first edition of the Super Y-League Club Rankings.

"We are excited to partner with USL as members of the Super Y-League, giving our teams the opportunity to compete at the North American level," said Sparks. "The strength of the Super Y-League is going to provide the CSL with greater development opportunities for our clubs and players at the youth level and beyond. We are impressed with the league's ODP identification system and look forward to playing an active part in this process to aid our US National Team programs."

"This relationship will go a long way towards achieving our ini-

tial objective of making the Super Y-League the most competitive league program in North America, and one which will play a significant role in developing players that will one day win the World Cup. I thank the leadership of the CSL for taking the bold step of joining forces with us and making the American game better and stronger," said Marcos.

The CSL operates the Player Development Program (PDP), a program designed to provide players the opportunity to further develop their game, as well as aid the identification of players for National Team Programs. Through the relationship with the USL, this program will participate in the Super Y-League's ODP system, which provides a framework and structure that helps identify, evaluate, and develop players for the US National Teams Program. All other age appropriate CSL players will be identified over the course of the 2006 season for selection to a divisional ODP team to participate in the ODP National Camp.

With divisions in the three main geographic regions of the Pacific Northwest, Pacific Northern California, and Pacific Southern California, the SYL will begin introducing cross-divisional competitions to enhance competitive opportunities within the league over the course of the season.

The top performing clubs in the new Pacific Southern California Division will have the opportunity to win a North American title and compete with teams from the Chicago Magic, Match Fit Academy (NY), Richmond (VA) Strikers, Seacoast United (NH), Ottawa Fury (ONT) and West Kendall (FL), who were also recently named to the Top 22 of the SYL Club Rankings, along with youth programs of Major League Soccer teams like DC United and the MetroStars.

They will also be linked with US Club Soccer, the largest growing youth governing organization in the United States, through the organization's player registration services. US Club Soccer, which helped foster the relationship between USL and the CSL, is an official partner of both USL and the CSL.

Agnello Appointed Top of Timbers as GM/Coach

The Portland Timbers announced that former two-time USL Second Division champion coach Chris Agnello, a veteran United Soccer Leagues coach and administrator with an impressive array of soccer experience at a variety of youth and professional levels, has been named the franchise's new head coach/general manager.

Most recently, Agnello, 37, served as an assistant coach with Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer. There, Agnello assisted with the training and coaching of Real Salt Lake's first team and reserve team during the franchise's inaugural 2005 season. Prior to joining Real Salt Lake, Agnello helped establish the Utah Blitz of United Soccer Leagues. While assuming both the general manager and head coaching duties for the Blitz franchise, Agnello led the team to five conference titles and two league championships in five seasons. In 2001, he guided the Blitz to a USL Second Division championship and

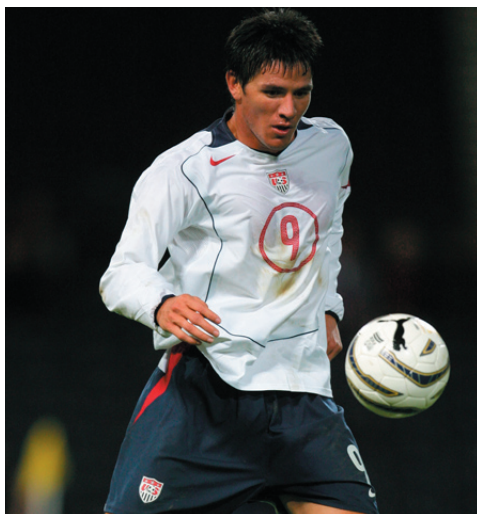
duplicated the feat by guiding the Blitz to a second title in 2004. Agnello, the USL Second Division's Coach of the Year in 2002, compiled a 64-21-11 regular-season record over five seasons (2000-04) with the Blitz, with his "building-from-the-back" coaching philosophy reflected in the fact that his team annually ranked among the league leaders in fewest goals allowed and most goals scored.

As the chief administrator for the Blitz on and off the field, Agnello and his staff were honored by USL as the Organization of the Year after the team's inaugural 2000 season. Under his direction, the Blitz consistently ranked near the top of the league in attendance, leading the USL Second Division in 2003 and 2004. Additionally, Agnello developed the Jr. Blitz recreation program and was the coaching director for Blitz FC, Utah's largest elite youth program, which has expanded to include more than 50 teams in Utah and Montana.



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In addition to Lilly, Scurry, Rampone and Wambach, the 2004 gold medalists on the training camp roster include defender Mitts, midfielders Shannon Boxx (Boston Renegades), Tarpley and Aly Wagner and forward O'Reilly.



US forward Brian Ching played in the PDL and USL First Division before becoming an MLS star and US international (ISI)

US Men

Seventeen former USL players were among the list of 30 players invited to the upcoming US Men's National Team training camp January 4 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. by team manager Bruce Arena. The group will prepare for a series of friendlies to take place in January and February.

Highlighting the list is current Chivas USA goalkeeper Brad Guzan, who was honored as the Premier Development League Goalkeeper of the Year just over a year ago. He led the Chicago Fire Premier to an unbeaten 17-0-1 season in 2004 with a league-low 0.39 goals against average, allowing just five goals in 13 games.

The Fire Premier will also have two other alumni at the camp with 2002 midfielder Ricardo Clark and 2003-04 striker Chris Rolfe on the list. The Boulder Rapids Reserve and Bradenton Academics each had two players on the list with Kyle Martino representing Bradenton, Nate Jaqua representing Boulder and Heath Pearce, the lone European-based player on the roster, representing both. Overall, nine players have PDL experience, while half of the USL alumni have played in the USL First Division. Brian Ching, now in Houston with MLS, is the lone representative to have played at both levels, earning the 1998 PDL Rookie of the Year honor in his first of two seasons with the Spokane Shadow and 2002 USL First Division All-League First team honors in his second season with the Seattle Sounders.

Canadian & US Women's U20

Canadian Women's U20 National Team coach Ian Bridge announced

his 20-player roster for a training camp to prepare for the U20 Women's CONCACAF Qualifying Tournament January 18-27. Thirteen W-League players were invited to the camp, including 10 from the 2005 season. Three W-League veterans were also invited to the US Camp.

Ten of the 13 Canadians played in the W-League last season with five representing two of the four semifinalists. Goalkeeper Erin McNulty and midfielder Veronique Miranda are from the finalist Ottawa Fury while Jodi-Ann Robinson, Sophie Schmidt and Emily Zurrer played for the third-place Vancouver Whitecaps.

Amanda Cicchini and Robin Rushton played for the expansion Toronto Lady Lynx, who reached the Eastern Conference final. Stephanie Labbe and Katie Radchuck played for the Western Mass Lady Pioneers last season while Caroline Vanderpool was a member of the first-year Vermont Lady Voltage.

Three USL players with two or more years in the W-League headed to the US Camp with Lindsay Beam (Charlotte Lady Eagles 2002-04), Nikki Krzyysik (New York Magic 2005, New Jersey Lady Stallions (2002-04) and Jessica Rostedt (Cleveland Internationals 2004-05) on the 30-player list named by US U-20 Women's National Team coach Tim Schultz.

US Women's Camp with USL experience (Four Nations Tournament Roster underlined)
GOALKEEPERS: Nicole Barnhart, Jenni Brannan (Arizona Heatwave 2005), Briana Scurry (Delaware Genies 1998), Hope Solo -- DEFENDERS: Lori Chalupny, Kendall Fletcher (New Jersey Wildcats 2005, Carolina Dynamo 2004), Tina Frimpong (Seattle Sounders 2003-05), Amy LePeilbet (Arizona Heatwave 2003, 2005, Chicago Cobras 2000-02), Stephanie Lopez, Heather Mitts (Central Florida Krush 2005, Tampa Bay Extreme 2000), Jill Oakes, Christie Rampone (New Jersey Lady Stallions 1998, Central Jersey Splash 1997) -- MIDFIELDERS: Shannon Boxx (Boston Renegades 1999), Carli Lloyd (New Jersey Wildcats 2004, South Jersey Banshees 2001, New Brunswick Power 2000, Central Jersey Splash 1999), Kristine Lilly (Delaware Genies 1998), Marci Miller (Atlanta Silverbacks 2005, Charlotte Lady Eagles 2004, Chicago Cobras 1997-00), Leslie Osborne (Chicago Cobras 2001), Lindsey Tarpley (New Jersey Wildcats 2005, Kalamazoo Quest 1998-99), Stacey Tullock, Aly Wagner, Angie Wozniak -- FORWARDS: Danielle Fotopoulos (Central Florida Krush 2005, Tampa Bay Extreme 1998), Tiffany Milbrett, Heather O'Reilly (New Jersey Wildcats 2004-05, New Brunswick Power 2000), Megan Rapinoe, India Trotter, Abby Wambach (Rochester Ravens 1998), Christie Welsh (New Jersey Wildcats 2005, Hampton Roads Piranhas 2001-02, Long Island Lady Riders 2000).

US Men's Camp Roster with USL experience

Goalkeepers: Brad Guzan (Chicago Fire Premier 2004), Kevin Hartman, Matt Reis (Orange County Wave 2000), Jonny Walker (Jacksonville Cyclones 1997) -- Defenders: Chris Albright (US Pro 40 1999), Jimmy Conrad (US Pro 40, San Francisco Bay Seals 1999, San Diego Flash 1998), Todd Duvivant, Frankie Hejduk, Ugo Ihemelu, Chad Marshall, Heath Pearce (Boulder Rapids Reserve 2004, Bradenton Academics 2001-03), Eddie Pope -- Midfielders: Freddy Adu (U14 SYL D.C. United 2001), Brian Carroll (Richmond Kickers 2003), Ricardo Clark (Chicago Fire Premier 2002), Clint Dempsey, Landon Donovan, Justin Mapp (Richmond Kickers, Hampton Roads Mariners 2002), Kyle Martino (Bradenton Academics 1998), Pablo Mastroeni, Pat Noonan (Michigan Bucks 2001-02, Kalamazoo Kingdom 2001, Team St. Louis 1999), Ben Olsen (Hershey Wildcats 2001), Santino Quaranata (D.C. United), Steve Ralston (New England Revolution) -- Forwards: Brian Ching (Seattle Sounders 2001-02, Spokane Shadow 1998-99), Nate Jaqua (Boulder Rapids Reserve 2002), Eddie Johnson, Chris Rolfe (Chicago Fire Premier 2003-04), Taylor Twelman, Josh Wolff (US Pro 40 1998)

U20 Camp Selections with USL experience

CANADA: Adams, Paige F., Alexander, Molly M., Beckles, Vonya D/M; Cicchini, Amanda M (Toronto Lady Lynx 2005); Collison, Lisa F (Toronto Inferno 2004); Hingwing, Eden O.; Iacchelli, Selenia M (Edmonton Aviators 2004); Jamani, Aysa F (Edmonton Aviators 2004); Kyle, Kaylen M.; Labbe, Stephanie GK (Western Mass Lady Pioneers 2005, Edmonton Aviators 2004); Maranda, Veronique M (Ottawa Fury 2005, Montreal Xtreme 2004); McNulty, Erin GK (Ottawa Fury 2005); Radchuck, Katie D (Western Mass Lady Pioneers 2005, Montreal Xtreme 2004); Robinson, Jodi-Ann F (Vancouver Whitecaps 2005); Rushton, Robin D (Toronto Lady Lynx 2005, Toronto Inferno 2004); Schmidt, Sophie M (Vancouver Whitecaps 2005); Scott, Desiree F.; Sleiman, Rhianne F.; Vanderpool, Caroline M (Vermont Lady Voltage 2005, Montreal Xtreme 2004); Zurrer, Emily F/D (Vancouver Whitecaps 2005)
US (W-League): Beam, Lindsay M (Charlotte Lady Eagles 2002-04); Krzyysik, Nikki D (New York Magic 2005, New Jersey Lady Stallions 2002-04); Rostedt, Jessica F (Cleveland Internationals 2004-05)

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Both Match Fit Academy teams also accomplished a remarkable feat in finishing unbeaten on the year and winning a championship. They were two of four to do so, joining the U14 Boys De Anza SC and the U13 Boys Michigan Wolves, who were perfect through the tournament with zero goals allowed in five games.

The Match Fit Academy U14 Girls came in at 11-0-0 and 3-0-0 in group play before downing Mid Atlantic Soccer Academy 2-0 in the semifinals and drawing Cleveland in the final before winning the title on the penalty kick tiebreaker for a final record of 15-0-1. The U17 Girls Match Fit Academy side went 12-0-0 in the regular season before posting a 1-0-2 group play record to advance to the semifinals. They then topped Reston FC in penalties 3-2 after a scoreless match before winning the title against Charlotte Soccer Club 1-0 for a final overall mark of 14-0-3.

De Anza SC finished 14-0-2 with a 10-0-1 regular season record and a mark of 2-0-1 in group play. They advanced to the final with a 2-0 win over the Michigan Wolves and won the championship with a 1-0 decision against fellow unbeaten Chicago Magic (14-0-0 overall) on a goal from Justin Fitzgerald in the second half. Larry Jackson posted the shutout.

The U13 Michigan Wolves' 15-0-0 overall unbeaten run was capped off in fantastic fashion with their shutout run at the finals to finish as the only team with a perfect record that also did not include any draws. They went 10-0-0 in the regular season, swept their group and downed the Washington Crossfire 1-0 in the semifinals to reach the championship match. In the final, they continued their dominating ways, downing the SCC Breakers by a stunning 6-0 scoreline, giving them an aggregate score of 19-0 for the finals in addition to their 47-3 total during the season.

A bit of history was also made with the U16 Boys claiming the first-ever championship for the MetroStars organization, which celebrated its 10th season in MLS this past year and saw the U19 Boys finish unbeaten on the year at 12-0-4 overall, falling in the championship earlier this year in penalties 6-5 after a 1-1 draw against HC United. The MetroStars downed Santa Clara Sporting Ruckus 2-1 in overtime for the title.

Schulz Academy also made headlines for their repeat championship performance.

The Chicago Magic, who were the top overall club on the inaugural First 11 club rankings for the Super Y-League in early October, saw just one of three finalists capture a title. The U15 Girls claimed the championship in penalties 3-0 against the Spokane Shadow after a scoreless draw. In addition to the U14 Boys loss to De Anza, the U17 Boys were downed 2-0 by Storm Academy.

While the Cleveland Internationals were unable to repeat in the U14 Girls age group with their penalty kick loss to Match Fit Academy, they did win the U13 Girls championship with a 2-1 victory over Cavitt Academy

Another Cleveland side also came up just shy of winning a title as the Cleveland Soccer Academy U16 Girls were edged out in the sixth round of penalty kicks by Parsippany SC 4-3 after a 1-1 draw.