



## CITY STARS # 6 ANDREW PETERSON SIGNS WITH THE COLUMBUS CREW

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007** The relationship between the United Soccer League and Major League Soccer has been developing for several years. The pairing of USL and MLS teams in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup as well as friendly matches between teams in the two leagues has gone a long way in solidifying the partnership.

Recently, the Columbus Crew, Ohio's Major League Soccer club borrowed a couple of Cleveland City Stars players for a match against the Chicago Fire. This is a common practice among soccer clubs all over the world, and is an important step in establishing a new franchise like the Stars.

Apparently, the management of the Crew were impressed with what they saw because they offered Cleveland City Stars defender #6 Andrew Peterson a contract for the remainder of the season. He will be moving up two levels in American soccer, bypassing the United Soccer League First Division and jumping right into the top tier of professional soccer in the United States.

"This season has been so much more than I ever expected when I signed on with the City Stars. I was just glad to be able to train and play on a regular basis and to contribute to a new team. I didn't imagine it would lead to an opportunity with an MLS club so soon, but I am grateful for the chance to prove myself at that level. I learned so much from Coach Rennie and my teammates, especially Schulte, this honor is as much theirs as it is mine." Commented Peterson

Congratulations to Peterson for his hard work and to the Columbus Crew for the addition of a solid defender and playmaker. Congratulations also go out to the Cleveland City Stars for providing a training ground for young players and adding to their own legitimacy as a professional level franchise.



Another important accomplishment that will help establish the City Stars in their first year is post-season play. The City Stars have already had a tremendous inaugural season, but the second leg offers a number of challenges the Stars will have to navigate in order to compete for the Division Championship.

Currently, the Stars sit in third place in the standings 7 points behind the reigning champion Richmond Kickers and 6 points in back of the Charlotte Eagles who handed Cleveland its only loss of the season back on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Charlotte. With a strong finish CCS could find themselves in the division playoffs with a chance to bring home a championship in their first season.

## DOUBLE HEADER THIS WEEKEND – BERMUDA HOGGES & CINCINNATI KINGS

The next step toward achieving that goal is a match with the Bermuda Hogges, another USL-2 expansion team who won their first game last week. The City Stars remain undefeated at home and hope to limit the Hogges' winning streak to one. The match will be Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Kickoff 7:00pm at Krenzler Stadium.

As part of the special Game Day Promotion - The first thousand people to attend this game will receive a FREE Charter One Soccer Ball and get them signed by all the City Stars Players shortly following the game.

For the first time this season, Cleveland will host a double header weekend with a second game on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with a special 5:00pm Kickoff at the Krenzler Stadium. The Sunday game is the final installment of the Battle for Ohio with the last meeting of CCS and the Cincinnati Kings this season. Cleveland wants to make a clean sweep of the Kings having won their first three meetings. All attendees for this game will receive a complimentary seating cushion!

Sunday's game is a special Cleveland Scores Night, a local charitable organization that uses soccer as a means to develop life skills, literacy and community service involvement in Cleveland's inner city.

To find out more about Cleveland Scores log on to [www.americascorers.org](http://www.americascorers.org).

Make it a soccer weekend. Support the City Stars in their quest for a championship. Be a part of it all this Friday and Sunday, and bring the whole family! Come out and play!!



## CLEVELAND CITY STARS – TWO HOME GAMES IN ONE WEEK

**CLEVELAND CITY STARS**

**vs. BERMUDA HOGGES (2-4-2) / 7:00 PM**  
(Game Day Promotion - Soccer Ball Night)

**vs. CINCINNATI KINGS (2-6-4) / 5:00 PM**  
(Game Day Promotion – Cleveland Scores Night)

**FRIDAY, JULY 6<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**@ KRENZLER STADIUM (CSU)**

