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# CLEVELAND CITY STARS



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## US SOCCER ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND AND BRACKETS OF 2007 US OPEN CUP

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007** It has been an interesting week for the Cleveland City Stars. Although they remain undefeated after five games, the draw with the Wilmington Hammerheads puts the Stars (4-0-1) currently in third with 13 points due to lesser games played. Fortunately for them, the Richmond Kickers (5-0-1) also only managed a draw this weekend, which means CCS is keeping pace with the league leaders, a team the Stars have yet to face.

The Cleveland City Stars are scheduled to host the Kickers on July 21<sup>st</sup>, but may not have to wait that long. Provided both teams win their respective first round matches on June 12<sup>th</sup>, where the Stars will face the Kansas City Brass (PDL Team), CCS will play the Kickers in what would be a very meaningful game on June 26<sup>th</sup> in the second round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.



The winner of the June 26<sup>th</sup> match will have the opportunity to host an MLS team in the third round. "Of course just qualifying for the U.S. Lamar Hunt Open Cup so early in our franchise's history is a tremendous accomplishment. But that was one of our goals from the beginning. Making it to the third round and having an opportunity to host an MLS team would go a long way in establishing CCS in the community and getting some recognition at the highest level of American soccer," said Mark Geissbauer, CCS General Manager.

### US OPEN CUP – 1<sup>st</sup> ROUND DRAW

Cleveland City Stars (USL-2) at Kansas City Brass (PDL)  
William Jewell College; Liberty, Mo.  
Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30pm CT

## PRO TEAM FACE HARRISBURG ON SATURDAY – WIN A HISTORY MAKING JERSEY

Before any of that excitement, the Cleveland City Stars must first travel to Pennsylvania for their next regular season game this Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:05pm against the Harrisburg City Islanders at the Skyline Sports Complex.



Harrisburg (3-1-3) has also qualified for the U.S. Open Cup, a feat that eluded them during the three seasons the Stars midfielder Derek Potteiger spent with the Islanders. Not only will Potteiger be returning to face his old teammates and colleagues, he will also be going back home. Potteiger grew up in Mechanicsburg, the next city over from Harrisburg and undoubtedly still has a few fans in the area.

In honor of his homecoming game the Cleveland City Stars will raffle off the original jersey Derek Potteiger wore, when scoring the winning goal in the first-ever City Stars game on April 28<sup>th</sup> against the Cincinnati Kings. Limited Tickets for the #10 jersey are \$5 each and are available online at [www.clevelandcitystars.com](http://www.clevelandcitystars.com) (Ticket Store). The jersey will be autographed by Potteiger and presented to the winner at the next Stars home game on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Krenzler Field. The recipient will also line up with Derek and the team on the field during the team introductions. If you cannot make the game in Cleveland, the jersey will be mailed directly to you.

For anyone wanting to travel to Harrisburg this Saturday to catch the action live, join the CCS fan travel group. Simply drop an E-Mail to [Caleb@clevelandcitystars.com](mailto:Caleb@clevelandcitystars.com) or call 216-916-6586 for further details.

"It would be great to have plenty of support in the stands again for Saturday's match," said Coach Martin Rennie. "We want to get back to winning games and fans can be the difference makers, especially in the close ones." Be part of the team! Come out and support your Stars!

## **CCS RESERVE TEAM HEADS TO HAITI TO "CHANGE THE WORLD"**

During the last CCS home game, all fans had an opportunity to give to the poorest kids in Haiti. Haiti Night was an opportunity for fans to bring new or gently used soccer items including balls, cleats and ball pumps. All the donations from last week's game as well as donations collected in Baltimore when the Stars played Crystal Palace back in May will be personally distributed to the children of Haiti as the Cleveland City Stars Reserve Team (CCSR) begins their two week Goodwill tour tomorrow morning.

The CCS Reserve Team will have high-caliber matches with the Haitian Futsal National Team, the U-17 Haitian Outdoor National Team and three other matches in the cities of Flora, St Marc and Cap Haitian. For the first time, Haitians living outside Port-au-Prince will be able to enjoy watching their teams compete with players from another country.



In addition to playing matches CCSR will partner with Union Evangelique Baptiste de Haiti, Athletic de Haiti Soccer Academy, Servants for Haiti and Ambassadors in Sport to conduct soccer and futsal clinics for underprivileged and orphaned children. During these clinics the CCSR goal is to provide positive role models for Haitian kids and to use this as a platform to serve and direct individuals to something greater than themselves. For updates of the Reserve Team activities and pictures of the players check out the CCS website.

"This is our opportunity to fulfill the CCS vision of Serving the City & Changing the World. All players can hardly wait to leave for Haiti tomorrow. It will be a life-changing experience for all of us." commented Carlos Calderson, the CCSR Head Coach.

## **WELCOME BACK DANA & CONGRATULATION MARK SCHULTE**

While the Reserve Team is traveling away from Cleveland, the City Stars welcome the return of CCS Midfielder #16 Dana McGregor from his recent National Team Duties. McGregor spent the last two weeks in Brazil with the U.S. Futsal National Team preparing for the Pan Am games, which will run from July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> in Rio de Janeiro. The team played different matches including a game against the Brazil National Team that ended in a 4-0 loss for the new US Squad.

"It is always an amazing opportunity to represent your country, but now I am even more happy to be back in Cleveland and get to spend some more time training with our team." Said McGregor shortly after his return.



The Team also congratulates CCS Defender, Mark Schulte, for his election into the USL Second Division - Team of the Week after his strong performance in last week's match against the Wilmington Hammerheads. So far, each week a CCS player has been part of this special honor of the United Soccer League.

CCS Fans can follow the progress of the CCS First Team and Reserve Team, get club news, or purchase raffle tickets and tickets to all CCS home games online at [www.clevelandcitystars.com](http://www.clevelandcitystars.com).

