



CLEVELAND CITY STARS SIGN GILSTRAP, RIGBY & WILLIAMS

March 16th 2007 After a flurry of activity over the past month, the Cleveland City Stars continued filling their roster by announcing the additions of **Hunter Gilstrap**, **Stephen Rigby** and **Luke Williams**. Given their season opener away from home against the Cincinnati Kings on April 28, the City Stars have now signed a number of strong players and their roster is beginning to take shape. The team will have further decisions to make regarding their roster as training camp starts early next week.



Coming to Cleveland for the 2007 season is highly sought after goalkeeper, **Hunter Gilstrap**, a former USL Division One player for Miami FC. Gilstrap was drafted thirteenth overall in 2006 in the USL draft and played in five regular season games for Miami FC. In addition to this, he played a number of high profile exhibition matches against Guatemalan, Spanish and Brazilian professional teams. Gilstrap graduated from Clemson University in 2005 and currently runs Clean Sheet Goalkeeping which offers training sessions for aspiring goalkeepers in South Carolina.

Stephen Rigby, a standout at Wheaton College, will help patrol the midfield for the City Stars in the upcoming season. Rigby has a wealth of experience in the USL's Premier Development League (PDL) playing with the Cape Cod Crusaders in 2006 and the Cascade Surge in 2005. In both seasons, Rigby helped lead his respective teams to the playoffs and conference finals. Rigby graduated from Wheaton College where he was a two-time NCAA Division III All-American with the Thunder.



The third player added to the City Stars roster is another midfielder, **Luke Williams**, who brings a great deal of quickness and versatility to the squad. Williams, a native of Boerne, TX, graduated from Westmont College in California after a stellar career with the Warriors. Alongside Rigby, Williams also played for Cascade Surge in 2005 where he helped the team reach the conference finals.

The Stars will open their first USL Division 2 Season at 7:00 PM on May 19th 2007 against the New Hampshire Phantoms at Krenzler Field in downtown Cleveland.

Tickets are going fast – So you better hurry!

FORMER CRUNCH & FORCE BOOSTER CLUB BECOMES OFFICIAL STARS FAN CLUB

The Booster Club has a 20+ year history of supporting professional soccer in Cleveland, first with the original Cleveland Force, then with the 3 time champions the Cleveland Crunch, and finally with the new Cleveland Force team. Many of their members also supported the Cleveland Caps for their two seasons.

"Creating a good and excited Fan Base, especially during the foundation of a new Franchise, is one of the major keys to our success. With the partnership to this well established and experienced Booster Club, I am convinced that it will be a great opportunity for all our fans to be even closer to the team and all our players." commented Mark Geissbauer, Stars General Manager earlier today.

Booster Club activities include Welcome and Holiday parties with the team as well as an End of Season Banquet where each player will be presented with an individualized scrapbook. Traveling with the Team on roads trips, by car, bus, and plane, not only to cheer but to socialize with away team's fan clubs and share the love for Soccer. Each Member will also receive a regular newsletter and is invited to the monthly Fan Club meetings with the participation of Cleveland City Stars players & coaches.

"In the past, we also held an auction of soccer memorabilia each season and donated a large portion of the proceeds to help bring underprivileged kids to a home game. As complies perfectly to the Stars Vision to support inner-city children, we are excited to do our part for the City of Cleveland aswell." added Joan Ibbett, President of the Booster Club.

All CCS Fans can also start sending their name suggestions for this new Stars Fan Club on the Cleveland City Stars Webpage soon!

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?

Just send an E-Mail to Fanclub@clevelandcitystars.com for more information or with any questions regarding the booster club and their new CCS Partnership. The Fan Club will also have a booth staffed by booster club members at each home game, so stop by and meet them.

ANNUAL FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Single:	\$ 8
Families:	\$ 12
Child/Sr/Disabled:	\$ 5

Membership runs from April 1st to March 31st with annual renewal!

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ON APRIL 4th 2007
FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM AT
THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL!**

