

CLEVELAND CITY STARS



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CITY STARS TO HOST USL-2 SEMI FINALS AGAINST HARRISBURG THIS SATURDAY

CLEVELAND, OHIO The Cleveland City Stars hope to be playing for a championship next weekend. They are the next Cleveland Sports franchise in line to win it all, but first they have to get past the Harrisburg City Islanders in a USL-2 Semi-Final match scheduled for this Saturday August 18th, 2007 at 7:00pm at Krenzler Field.

As they begin preparing for their first ever post-season match, which will be a replay of Cleveland's final regular season home game, the individual honors keep piling up for Stars players. Every week since the beginning of the season, the City Stars have had at least one player selected to the USL-2 Team of the Week, most recently Adam Moffat, whose inclusion in the elite group was announced yesterday. Hunter Gilstrap, the Star's beast between the posts, who was last week's USL-2 Player of the Week, earned top USL-2 Goalkeeper honors for the 2007 campaign with a record of 6-1-5 including 6 shutout games.



This has been a fairytale season for the expansion team, and the Stars are the quintessential Cinderella. They have done all the hard work, and even though they secretly longed to be invited to the Dance, they knew they didn't have the pedigree to be automatically added to the guest list. They were, however, their own fairy godmother, winning enough games, and tying all but 1 of the others to find themselves in second place at the end of the season, and hosting a party of their own.

The City Stars have all the elements necessary to bring home a championship, a goal that was always in the back of Head Coach Martin Rennie's mind, though he was focused enough throughout the season not to dwell on it. But as the first round of the playoffs approaches the excitement builds at practice, in the locker room and around the city.

General Admission entry fees for the face off between the Stars and the Islanders are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for youth ages 5-14 while kids under 5 are free. Anyone who buys season tickets for next year in advance will have their general admission ticket upgraded to a VIP ticket for Saturday's game. Season ticket prices for 2008 are \$90.00 for adults and \$75.00 for youth and are also available online.



Game day at Krenzler will offer several exciting opportunities for both adults and children. The half-time candy scramble will give every kid in attendance a chance to run out on the field and grab fistfuls of candy. A silent auction, which will run throughout the game, will feature original player jerseys, dinner with Anthony Stovall, Caleb Patterson autographed Keeper Gloves, and Coach Rennie's signed tactics board, to name a few of the treasures that will be available. This is your chance to own a part of this amazing season.

Many of the Star's faithful logged on to the website to witness the Richmond Kickers game live via webcast. Additionally, they had the chance to add their own comments and interact with other fans in the adjoining chat room. This may become a regular feature of away games next season and will be available for this weekend's game as well. If you can't make it out to Krenzler Field Saturday, check out the newest remote viewing option on the website.

It shouldn't be too difficult to get excited about this weekend's game. It is the biggest game of the year and has implications that are not lost on anyone. But if you are having trouble getting psyched make sure to log on to www.clevelandcitystars.com and watch the new promo video which is certain to get even the most complacent fan pumped for the match (top right corner)! This is it. Let's make it happen. See you Saturday!