



# CREW YOUTH NEWS

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Our CSA teams are gearing up for our season kick-off in Detroit Michigan against our Great Lakes Divisional opponents, Derby County Wolves and Vardar, on March 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited about including our U14 CSA team (players born '96 and '97) in our academy programming alongside our U16 and U18 teams. The academy continues to strive to develop the next generation of this country's best soccer players by emphasizing quality training and limited, meaningful competition. As the program enters its fourth year of competition, we are encouraged and fully expect that our Crew Academy teams will compete and succeed at the highest level.



The Crew Juniors Gold teams are winding down their indoor winter training as we prepare to head outside. We have the boys teams gearing up for The Alliance Cup in Annandale, VA, March 11-13, which always proves to be great competition. Our older girls had a good showing at several showcases late fall, in Germantown and The Midwest College Showcase in Xenia. The Crew Juniors will be helping to host and participate in the Crew Juniors Showcase, March 24-26th in Columbus. Everyone is excited to get their spring season started. Please visit [www.thecrewyouth.com](http://www.thecrewyouth.com) for more information on all Crew Youth programming.

WORTHINGTON



Worthington Crew Juniors teams are eagerly preparing for the spring season. Older teams took to the training pitch recently, while younger teams are wrapping up their final indoor trainings. This year marks the first time in which all team schedules have

included indoor trainings prior to the start of the spring season. The introduction of indoor trainings has been well-received and should help teams be better prepared for the start of the spring season. Teams will be competing in a wide variety of tournaments this spring and several different leagues, including Ohio Champions League, Mid Ohio Select Soccer League and Buckeye Premier League.

[www.worthingtoncrewjuniors.com](http://www.worthingtoncrewjuniors.com)

PHOENIX



The inaugural year for the Phoenix Crew Juniors has been a very busy one, and the term off-season doesn't apply here... with the operation of our winter program that came to a conclusion on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our program provided a comprehensive weekly training curriculum and weekend game environment for over 250 players U7-U18

throughout the November to February off-season. As we prepare for the start of the spring season and begin to move all of our teams outside for training and pre-season games, we welcome the addition of 7 new teams to the program and 5 experienced coaches to our rapidly expanding staff. We will kick off the spring season with the Crew Juniors Preseason friendlies for all teams U7-U18; prior the Crews home opener on Saturday 26-March against the New York Red Bulls and look forward to some unique soccer experiences this spring with all players and staff.

[www.TheCrewYouth.com/PhoenixCrewJuniors](http://www.TheCrewYouth.com/PhoenixCrewJuniors)



CUP Crew Juniors teams participated in several exciting tournaments, leagues, showcases and friendlies over the fall/winter and our players are looking forward to some very competitive events this spring. A few highlights include: The U-16 and U-17 boys Gold teams participating in the USYSA National League, the

U-15 Girls Gold team winning the Disney College Showcase, the U-13 Boys Gold and the U-11 Boys teams winning the Mead Cup. CUP Crew Juniors is honored to announce that 30 members of the Senior Class of 2011 recently committed to attend the College or University of their choice. This April we will be hosting the girls only CU Elite Invitational.

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GRAND RAPIDS



Grand Rapids Crew Juniors is proud to announce several players with outstanding successes! Kosti Moni and Peter Brown from the U14 boys Gold team were invited to play on the U14 boys US National team. Isabella Fiorenzo, Mon-reau DeVos, Clare Carlson and Mariah Otolski, all from our U15 Gold MRL team, were invited to the Super Y league ODP National camp. Our U15 girls Gold MRL team were invited to participate in the National league tournament. We are very excited to have such talent developing within our club. Congrats to those players!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ...

## 2011 CREW YOUTH SPRING SHOWCASE & FRIENDLIES

Featuring MLS Youth Academies:

Columbus Crew, Chicago Fire, Sporting Kansas City and Toronto FC

Crew Juniors Friendlies with Boys and Girls ages U7—U18

- Crew Juniors Gold
- CUP Crew Juniors
- Grand Rapids Crew Juniors
- Phoenix Crew Juniors
- Worthington Crew Juniors

WORK HARD. PLAY HARDER.

March 25-27, 2011  
Columbus, Ohio



### Game Venues:

- Columbus Crew Stadium
- Crew Training Facility in Obetz
- Value City Fields at Easton-Operated by CESA
- Worthington
- New Albany

For more information and to register, contact Karen Crognale  
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The Columbus Crew schedule for the 2011 Major League Soccer season will begin on Saturday, March 19, against D.C. United. Entering its 16th season, the Black & Gold will then host its first home match of the season the following Saturday, March 26, when the New York Red Bulls visit Crew Stadium.



### When did you know you wanted to be a professional soccer player?

Honestly, I've never really thought about it. This sounds so cliché but I've always wanted to be the best that I can be, everyday. I guess playing for the best club teams, the best college teams it just prepares you for that. I never thought where do I need to go to be a pro, I thought where do I go to be the best, I always want to win. That's always been my motto. For me it's no fun to play if you're not playing to win.

### What have been the most challenging part of your career?

Right now. I've never really had an injury like this before. I tried playing through it for a long time, it just got to a point where I was being detrimental to my future and my team. As much as it hurt physically, the mental part of not being able to perform up to your standards is very taxing.

### Dealing with challenges and setbacks what gives you strength?

Faith, first and foremost. Faith that when things aren't going your way it's because they are not going your way for a reason. My family is really supportive and there is that inner drive, you can't really describe it. The little things you do off the field, or the little things you do in practice that drive you to be successful.

### What is success in your mind?

I characterize it in two ways. On the field it's winning, I'm there to win. No one goes out there trying to lose. Off the field it's about character. I think success is not about your reputation, it's about your character and how you go about things. In this day in age and in sports with the professional athletes it can be forgotten, a lot of people take that for granted but it's one of the most important things.

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