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## **CUP DA ANNOUNCES 1<sup>st</sup> PARTNER CLUB FOR INAUGURAL BOYS US SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY SEASON**

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Cincinnati United Premier Boys Development Academy and Lexington FC - (Ky.) are excited to jointly announce the selection of Lexington FC (LFC) as the first Cincinnati United Premier Boys Development Academy “Partner Club.” CUP believes it is important that we have the support of local clubs to ensure that the Development Academy opportunity is successful for the city of Cincinnati and surrounding areas. We are excited to work with the leadership of Lexington FC (LFC) to provide a pathway for its players that are the right fit for the CUP DA program. With this partnership, we are confident that we can work together in unique ways to have the best prepared Lexington FC (LFC) players added into our Academy Program at the correct time of their developmental pathway to ensure the best chance of success for that specific player.

This select designation for Lexington FC (LFC) throughout Central Kentucky and partnership with the Cincinnati United Premier (CUP) Boys Development Academy “...recognizes Lexington FC (LFC) as the principal source of the region’s top youth soccer players and Lexington FC’s (LFC) success in and commitment to developing top youth soccer players,” said Scott Bower, CUP Development Academy Technical Director.

“We are excited to partner with the Cincinnati United Premier (CUP) Boys Development Academy as a US Boys Development Academy “Partner Club” and are thrilled to be able to offer to those elite players within the Lexington FC (LFC) family a direct and efficient path to the US Soccer Boys Development Academy and US Soccer’s Youth National Team program,” said Parviz Zartoshty, Lexington FC (LFC) Director of Coaching. “This preferred partnership with the Cincinnati United Premier (CUP) Boys Development Academy further recognizes the achievements of all our teams and players and validates Lexington FC’s (LFC) commitment to developing the region’s top youth soccer players.”

## **About Cincinnati United Premier and the Development Academy**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, US Soccer announced that Cincinnati United Premier was added as a Member Club of the highly-regarded US Soccer Development Academy. For the upcoming 2017/18 season, CUP Boys DA will field 4 teams total in the U12 (2006/2007), U13 (2005) and U14 (2004) age groups.

The Development Academy was created in 2007 by US Soccer in response to a full review of elite player development in the US. The DA program is a partnership between US Soccer and top youth clubs around the county, designed to provide education, resources, and support to develop and produce the next generation of world-class National Team players.

Cincinnati United Soccer Club is an unprecedented unifying of soccer at all participation and skill levels in the Greater Cincinnati area. It brings together four of the area's top, most recognized Clubs, Cincinnati United Premier (CUP), Lakota United Soccer Club, Sycamore Soccer Club (Arsenal), SCSA and combines them into one exceptional program. Employing top coaches and trainers in a player-centric environment that focuses on training, development, and fostering a life-long love of the beautiful game at all levels make Cincinnati United the destination soccer club in Ohio South. Cincinnati United Premier provides an educational and competitive environment that consistently produces the most accomplished players in Ohio South and USYS Region II. The CUP Boys program has produced teams with multiple Championships as well as having 7 players selected in the MLS draft since 2006.

<http://www.cincinnatiunitedsoccer.com/programs/boys-development-academy>

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