

Under-17 Men's National Team Arrives in Montevideo, Uruguay for Training Camp

- *Team Will Play Four International Friendlies Against Uruguay, Argentina and Chile*
- *U.S. Will Train in Montevideo, Uruguay and Rosario, Argentina During 14-day Trip*

CHICAGO (July 1, 2008) – The U.S. Under-17 Men's National Team has arrived in Montevideo, Uruguay to kick off a two-week training camp that includes a total of four international friendlies against Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

Head coach Wilmer Cabrera has chosen 24 players who will compete for playing time against Uruguay on July 2 and July 4 in Montevideo, Argentina on July 9 and Chile on July 11 in Rosario, Argentina. The team will also play a friendly against regional side A.R.F. on July 8 in Rosario.

Of the 24 players on the roster, 18 have been a part of the U.S. Under-17 Residency Program in Bradenton, Fla. for at least one semester, while six will be among the candidates to join the program for the upcoming Fall 2008 semester. All six players on trial – **Michael Ambrose**, Sean Davis, George Malki, Victor Pineda, Soony Saad and Eriq Zavaleta - played with the U.S. team at the recent Development Academy Summer Showcase in Greensboro, N.C. before leaving for Montevideo on Monday evening.

All players on the roster are age-eligible for the 2009 FIFA Under-17 World Cup, with 19 players born in 1992 and the remaining five born in 1993. Qualifying for the World Cup in Nigeria will take place in the Spring of 2009 in Trinidad & Tobago.

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	Club
Ambrose, Michael	D	5-7	135	10/05/93	El Paso, Texas	Texas Fire
Arjona, Julio	D	6-0	155	03/10/92	Germantown, Md.	D.C. United Academy
Badr, Samir	GK	6-2	165	04/02/92	Fairfax, Va.	Bethesda Roadrunners
Davis, Sean	M	5-8	140	02/08/93	Holmdel, N.J.	Matchfit Academy
Derschang, Rob	M	5-11	145	03/16/92	Englewood, Colo.	Real Colorado
Duran, Bryan	M	5-4	135	01/25/92	Duncanville, Texas	Latino Americana
Edwards, Earl	GK	6-3	210	01/24/92	San Diego, Calif.	La Jolla Nomads
Gil, Luis	M	5-7	140	11/14/93	Garden Grove, Calif.	Pateadores
Gutierrez, Jaime	F	5-11	170	01/21/92	Lake Forest, Calif.	West Coast FC
Gyau, Joseph	F/M	5-8	140	09/16/92	Silver Spring, Md.	FC DELCO
Herold, Zachary	D	5-9	145	06/07/92	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	West Pines United
Jerome, Stephan	F	6-0	160	08/11/92	Davie, Fla.	West Pines United
Kitchen, Perry	D	5-10	150	02/29/92	Indianapolis, Ind.	Chicago Magic
Malki, George	M	5-11	155	04/21/92	Scottsdale, Ariz.	SC Delsol
Martinez, Carlos	M	5-9	150	08/05/92	Las Vegas, Nev.	Downtown Las Vegas
McInerney, Jack	F	5-9	150	08/05/92	Alpharetta, Ga.	Cobb SC
Miller, Chase	D	5-7	160	02/12/92	Duncannon, Pa.	Super Nova SC
Phillips, Shaquille	D	6-0	160	04/21/92	Greenbelt, Md.	DC United
Pineda, Victor	M	5-11	140	03/15/92	Boilingbrook, Ill.	Chicago Fire Academy
Polak, Tyler	D	5-8	135	05/13/92	Lincoln, Neb.	Capital Soccer Academy
Richey, Spencer	GK	6-1	165	05/30/92	Seattle, Wash.	Crossfire Premier
Saad, Soony	F	5-9	155	08/17/92	Dearborn, Mich.	Vardar SC
Shinsky, Alex	D	5-9	135	04/02/93	York, Penn.	Super Nova FC
Zavaleta, Eriq	D	6-2	175	08/02/92	Westfield, Ind.	FC Pride

U-17 Men's National Team Roster by Position

GOALKEEPERS (3): Samir Badr (Fairfax, Va.), Earl Edwards (San Diego, Calif.), Spencer Richey (Seattle, Wash.)

DEFENDERS (9): Michael Ambrose (El Paso, Texas), Julio Arjona (Germantown, Md.), Zachary Herold (Port St. Lucie, Fla.), Perry Kitchen (Indianapolis, Ind.), Chase Miller (Duncannon, Pa.), Shaquille Phillips (Greenbelt, Md.), Tyler Polak (Lincoln, Neb.), Alex Shinsky (York, Pa.), Eriq Zavaleta (Westfield, Ind.)

MIDFIELDERS (7): Sean Davis (Holmdel, N.J.), Rob Derschang (Englewood, Colo.), Bryan Duran (Duncanville, Texas), Luis Gil (Garden Grove, Calif.), George Malki (Scottsdale, Ariz.), Carlos Martinez (Las Vegas, Nev.), Victor Pineda (Boilingbrook, Ill.)

FORWARDS (4): Jaime Gutierrez (Lake Forest, Calif.), Joseph Gyau (Silver Spring, Md.), Stefan Jerome (Davie, Fla.), Jack McInerney (Alpharetta, Ga.), Soony Saad (Dearborn, Mich.)

Under-17 Men's National Team Staff

Head Coach:	Wilmer Cabrera	Lakewood Ranch, Fla.
Assistant Coach:	Paul Caffrey	Bradenton, Fla.
Assistant Coach:	Paul Grafer	Bradenton, Fla.
Program Manager:	Tim Ryder	Lakewood Ranch, Fla.
Equipment Coordinator	Jason Peters	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Athletic Trainer:	Paul Rushing	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Team Doctor:	Daryl Rosenbaum	Mocksville, S.C.
Team Doctor:	Craig Johnson	Wilmington, N.C.



Michael Ambrose wearing #3 bottom right.



Michael Ambrose wearing #3 next to GK.