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Ventura County Fusion to Host Combine for Professional Soccer Clubs

VENTURA, Calif. — December 19, 2011 — The Ventura County Fusion (<http://www.vcfusion.com>), the region's first and only world-class, championship-caliber PDL soccer franchise, today announced it will host a professional soccer combine at which professional coaches, scouts and agents will be in attendance. The combine will be held on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th, 2012, at Ventura College Stadium in Ventura, California.

The combine is specifically designed to give players of a suitably high standard a chance for full and accurate assessment of their chances of progression to the professional ranks. This event will include tactical and technical activities within small and full-sided game situations designed to facilitate a player's knowledge and ability. Professional coaches and staff from various teams including Mike Anhaeuser of the Charleston Battery and David Irving of the Wilmington Hammerheads of USL PRO will be represented at the two-day event. Last year five players from the Ventura County Fusion played for the Wilmington Hammerheads.

This will be the sixth year in which the Fusion has hosted combines of this nature. To date, 40 players have progressed to higher-grade professional soccer in USL PRO, MLS, the Serbian Super Liga and the EPL. These players have included a No.1 MLS draft pick and the 2011 USL PRO Player of the Year. This year is expected to be no different.

Combine Schedule

The schedule for the combine will be as follows.

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

- * 10:00am – 10:45am: Player Check-in
- * 10:45am – 11:00am: Welcome and Coaching Staff Introduction
- * 11:00am – 1:00pm: Combine Session #1
- * 1:00pm – 2:00pm: Lunch Provided at the Field
- * 2:00pm – 4:00pm: Combine Session #2

Sunday, February 5th, 2012

- * 8:45am – 9:15am: Player Check-in
- * 9:15am – 11:00am: Combine Session #3
- * 11:00am – 12:00pm: Lunch Provided At The Field
- * 12:00pm – 2:00pm: Combine Session #4

Combine Registration and Packages

The following two options are available for players to register for the combine.

Residential Option - \$375.00

- * Combine Fee
- * 2 nights hotel on Friday and Saturday at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach (double occupancy)
- * Breakfast at the hotel on Saturday and Sunday
- * Lunch at the field on Saturday and Sunday

Combine Only Option - \$175.00

- * Combine Fee
- * Lunch at the field on Saturday and Sunday

Please visit www.vcfusion.com or contact Brian Nowakowski at (805) 830-8027 or brian@vcfusion.com for more information or to register for the combine.

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About The Ventura County Fusion

Based in Ventura, California, the Ventura County Fusion is a successful world-class, championship-caliber soccer franchise and participant in the Western Conference's Southwest Division of the Premier Development League (PDL), an official operation of United Soccer Leagues (USL). Now in its sixth year of operation, the team completed its 2011 season undefeated in the Southwest Division and earned its third consecutive playoff berth. The Fusion's roster consists of members of the U.S.'s Under 20 National Team, players from well-respected NCAA Division I university programs, and highly-touted standouts from international squads throughout the world. In addition to PDL play, the Fusion competes in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, and in various exhibitions against some of the world's best professional squads, including Burnley, Everton, Manchester City, Portsmouth, and West Bromwich Albion, of the English Premier League; Chivas USA, Colorado Rapids, Columbus Crew, D.C. United, Los Angeles Galaxy, Portland Timbers, Real Salt Lake, San Jose Earthquakes, Seattle Sounders and Vancouver Whitecaps of Major League Soccer; C.A. Independiente of the Argentine Primera Division; and Club Tijuana of the Mexican Primera Division. The Fusion is one of the few PDL organizations to offer a broad range of soccer instructional programs, including camps, schools, free clinics, and a youth club academy, specifically designed for players of different experience levels. Fusion fans, sponsors, and journalists can follow the team on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VCFusion>; on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/VCFusion>; and on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/VCFusion>. For more information on the Ventura County Fusion, please visit <http://www.vcfusion.com>, or e-mail info@vcfusion.com.