

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ASL BOYS COMPETE AT BETHESDA** **Thanksgiving Showcase Hosts Opening Weekend**

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**Bethesda, MD (November 21, 2011)** – The Atlantic Soccer league completed its opening event weekend on Sunday as 90 boys teams competed in U14-U18 age brackets at the Maryland Soccerplex as part of the Bethesda Thanksgiving Showcase. Teams from Atlanta to New York were treated to one of the top facilities in the country, with reasonable November temperatures, competitive matches and tremendous exposure with over 100 college coaches in attendance.

“The value and attractiveness of this league was evident over the course of the boys and girls weekends. Players, coaches, club directors, families and college coaches were very impressed with the level of the ASL teams and the overall event – and are looking forward to Event Weekend #2 at the Triangle Friendlies in late January.” Says ASL President Dewan Bader. “We were hopeful that the expansion from 56 boys teams in year one to 190 boys and girls teams in year two wouldn’t diminish the quality and mission of ASL, but after completing the opening event it is evident that the new member clubs have raised the level of competition and have more than held their own in the opening event weekend.”

The ASL will release “All Event Teams” following each of the event weekends recognizing the top players in each age group. “We will announce the boys and girls All Event Teams from the Bethesda tournament this week now that both event weekends are completed.” Says Kevin Darcy ASL Commissioner. “With over 275 ASL games being played over the 2 weekends and 4 players nominated per game (2 per team) it is a lengthy process to finalize the teams, but a process and initiative that ASL feels is very important to recognize and promote the league’s top players.” The All Event Teams will be announced by Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be listed on the leagues website at [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net).

ASL returns to Fayetteville, NC as part of the Triangle Friendlies in late January with the hopes of another great weekend with cooperative weather, great facilities, high level competition and top exposure for the players. To view the Bethesda opening weekend results check out the ASL website at [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net).

The ASL has scheduled three major events throughout the fall, winter and spring and will culminate in a season-ending championship tournament. The 2011 season has kicked-off at the Bethesda Thanksgiving Showcase in Maryland, and is followed by the Triangle Friendlies event weekend in Fayetteville, NC. The Richmond Strikers will again play host to ASL teams in the prestigious Jefferson Cup Tournament to finish the regular season and SAC will host the ASL Championships, on Memorial Day weekend in Columbia, Md.

For additional information on the Atlantic Soccer League, clubs are encouraged to view the league Web site at [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net). Specific questions on the league and the application process should be sent to ASL commissioner Kevin Darcy at [info@aslsoccer.net](mailto:info@aslsoccer.net).

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#### **About the Atlantic Soccer League:**

##### **Mission Statement**

To provide top level clubs in the East Coast region a high quality league (boys & girls) in a showcase format that has significant games, limits expenses, and provides a platform for collegiate recruiting. In addition, ASL will create a scouting program to identify the top players and will promote those players through the league website and the regional and national media. [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net)

##### **About US Club Soccer:**

US Club Soccer is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop competitive club soccer in the United States. A member of the United States Soccer Federation since July 2001, US Club Soccer has grown to include member clubs and leagues in all 50 states. In addition to sanctioning and administering tournaments, leagues and other competitions as well as offering a range of programs for its members, US Club Soccer annually conducts the *National Cup*. US Club Soccer also directs its own player identification and development program – *id*<sup>2</sup>. <http://www.usclubsoccer.org>

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