

"adidas Futbol Showcase" Achievements

ANB Futbol celebrated the end of the 2015 season by hosting its 2nd annual "adidas Futbol Showcase" over the weekend 18 – 20 Dec. 2015. In total, ten teams representing Soccer Academy Alliance Canada organizations & local GTA clubs participated in the event. Players born in 1999 & 1998 played on Friday night & Saturday, while younger 2000 born players competed on Sunday.

All teams performed well & exceptional individual talent was on display. Approximately 20 coaches representing Canadian universities & colleges, NCAA Div. 1 & Div. 2 universities, and a European scout were in attendance over the course of the weekend. The coaches were impressed with the technical & tactical quality of the players, team play and the overall organization of the event.

"The event was extremely well run and organized. I know all the coaches appreciate the work put forth and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the participating organizations. To go even further, the event confirmed something we already knew in that ANB Futbol produces the best young players in Canada," said the Ryerson Men's Head Coach, Filip Postran.

Chase Wileman, U. of Kentucky Men's Asst. Coach indicated, "It was fantastic to see so many elite level athletes in one location competing against each other. The games were on time & the organization was of a professional class. Over the next few weeks, we will definitely be contacting players seen at the event."

Lastly, Niagara University Men's Asst. Coach, Miguel Rodrigues, praised the quality of the players, "It is commendable what ANB Futbol is doing with their players and helping other athletes in the Toronto area obtain their goals. We have already circled next year's event on our calendar & we look forward seeing the growth of young players in Ontario."

During the Saturday morning games, Ontario Soccer Association President, Ron Smale, also made an appearance to watch the games and support local youth soccer. Mr. Smale had the opportunity to meet some of the coaches and discuss the state of the game in Ontario with them.

Overall, the "adidas Futbol Showcase" hosted by ANB Futbol was a success. ANB Futbol Academy Director, Bassam Naim states, "We hope many young athletes are contacted by university & college coaches in the coming weeks as part of the process in obtaining an athletic scholarship to assist with their post-secondary studies. We will continue to work with all athletes in developing their futbol skills and achieving their personal objectives."

ANB Futbol's vision is to become Canada's leading soccer development organization. Its mission is to identify Canadian soccer talent, and to maximize the potential of players at any level, through professional coaching and training.

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