<u>ANB Futbol Girls Program – Four Canadian female players offered trials in France</u> August, 2018 (RELEASE) --

Following ANB Futbol's successful ID Camp earlier this summer, four female players were identified as displaying exceptional futbol skills and will have an opportunity to trial and train in professional youth academies in France:

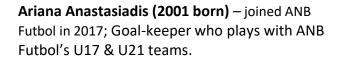
Tiam Pourbakhtiari Ariana Anastasiadis (GK) Daniela Stoica Trinity Esprit

All four players (2001 born) will be traveling to France at the end of August and have the chance to experience a professional youth Formation Centre environment for one week. They will train and play with female Academy players from **F.C. Lorient** (Bretagne region, France). Additionally, one female player (Ariana Anastasiadis) will extend her stay in France by one week to continue training with another club, **Paris St. Germain** (Paris, France). Three of the players are part of ANB Futbol, while Trinity Esprit trains and plays with Unionville Millikin SC.

This opportunity for ANB Futbol female players continues as there have been others who traveled to France in 2015 (Kelsey Araujo – Olympique Lyonnais) and earlier this year (Victoria Duraes & Trinity Da Monta Longo – HAC Le Havre).



Tiam Pourbakhtiari (2001 born) – member of ANB Futbol since she was 13 years old; central defender who plays with ANB Futbol's U17 & U21 teams.







Daniela Stoica (2001 born) – joined ANB Futbol in 2017; central mid-fielder who plays with ANB Futbol's U17 & U21 teams.

Professional scouts from major European clubs continue to be in contact with ANB Futbol. Club Academy Directors are waiting for approval from their clubs before finalizing trial opportunities for other ANB Futbol players identified at the International ID Camp.

"For a very small female program, the invitation of four Canadian players is an amazing achievement to ANB Futbol's training philosophy and European relationships with professional academies. We are confident the players will learn from the experience and be one step closer to their personal futbol goals. We will



continue to work with all ANB athletes to ensure their aspirations are achieved," said ANB Futbol Academy Director, Bassam Naim, who will be traveling with the players.

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. ANB Futbol is a proud member of Soccer Academy Alliance Canada (SAAC), whose mandate is to develop players in a professional environment.

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