

Three Oregon ODP Players selected for Argentina trip

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Gemechu Abraham, Roberto Farfan and Connor Mitchell, all members of the 1990 boy's ODP team, have been selected to participate in Argentina with the US Regional team this week.

Players from the US Youth Soccer Boys 1990 Regional Teams will travel to Argentina this Friday, February 10th, to participate in a series of friendly matches with teams from the top clubs in Argentina. The annual event, known as the US Youth Soccer ODP Boys International Festival, features teams from each of the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Boys Regional Teams as well as eight Argentinean clubs.

While in Argentina each of the US Youth Soccer ODP Boys Regional teams will play four of the eight Argentinean teams. In 2005, the US Youth Soccer ODP Boys 1989 Regional Teams lost only two matches during the International Festival in Argentina. Three of the four teams went undefeated.

2006 US Youth Soccer ODP International Festival |Argentinean Clubs

River Plate
Boca Juniors
San Lorenzo
Velez Sarsfield
L.P.F. Select
C.A. Arsenal
C.A. Gimnasia
C.A. Huracan

Respected as the top clubs in Argentina, the trip is both a developmental and cultural experience for these athletes and yet another opportunity made available by the US Youth Soccer ODP. In addition to the US Youth Soccer ODP Staff Coaches, U.S. Under-17 Men's National Team Head Coach John Hackworth will be in attendance to further evaluate current members of his U.S. Soccer Residency Program and potential national team players. Fifteen members of the 2006 spring residency roster make up a portion of the regional teams in Argentina.

The teams will train in the morning of February 12 and then attend a professional match that afternoon. Match play will begin on February 13 and continue on February 14. Teams will have a day of rest on February 15 with match play continuing on the 16th and concluding on Friday, February 17.

Official results will be made available on www.USYouthSoccer.org throughout play. The entire 90' boys roster is listed below.

US Youth Soccer ODP Boys 1990 Region IV Team

Name (Last, First)	Hometown
Abraham, Gemechu	Beaverton, OR
Alvarez, Vincent	Lompoc, CA
Bennett, Chance	Vallejo, CA
Brungger, Brian	San Diego, CA
Da Silva, Rodrigo	Walnut Creek, CA
Farfan, Roberto	Portland, OR
Felipe, Cody	Pukalani, HI
Garcia, Adam	Avondale, AZ
Hustedt, Jacob	Sandy, UT
Jensen, Matt	Bountiful, UT
Kameya, Takahide	San Jose, CA
Mejia, Kevin	Pasadena, CA
Mitchell, Connor	Bend, OR
Murillo, Mauricio	Santa Clara, CA
Raynr, Evan	Calabasas, CA
Romero-Flores, Luis	San Diego, CA
Vazquez, Christian	Santa Barbara, CA