
Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth socce

Posted by wdavitt@MSN.COM - 2008/06/05 18:24

I can't under stand how you ommitt players from your list who have been selected to this years Adidas all star selections at Cal Poly Pomona in Feb of this year. Were they mistaken in selecting them?

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by ABSoccer23 - 2008/06/09 14:09

i think that the majority of the players present at esp are on or at some point will be on the top 100 list. I think that one thing topdrawersoccer.com does well is evaluate players from a strictly objective standpoint. i think that with a lot of things like odp and esp, politics and "who you know" comes into play a bit too much. anyone agree?

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by CC7@aol.com - 2008/06/09 14:24

i am going to have to agree with ABSoccer23. The TDS system of pure evaluation of youth soccer eliminates for the most part all politics and favors from coaches. The best players will be on the list, and the ones who dont deserve it wont be on it. I mean, its constantly changing, people being added and dropped, so its obvious that is a very pure evaluation, as ESP and other programs are often freinds of coaches etc.

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by soccerman - 2008/07/02 11:03

Let's not get out of control here. ESP has a far better selection process then Top Drawer. Adidas contacts college coaches from around the country and they select the top recruits who they'd like to see participate against each other. National team scouts also provide input on the selections. Not to say Top Drawer doesn't have good scouts but they don't have a say in the youth development or the credentials of those who actually give the advice and make the decisions.

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by lazer3 - 2008/07/02 14:17

regardless of who is doing the scouting, Top Drawer aside, the idea of a no bias evaluation of a players skill is still better. We all know that there are countless politics involved with soccer and no matter how much they say there not involved, they are. A pure evaluation from someone who knows nothing about ny of the players is a better way to do it as far as im concerned

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Posted by CC7@aol.com - 2008/07/02 14:41

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Posted by soccerman - 2008/07/02 22:18

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Posted by wdavitt@MSN.COM - 2008/07/04 07:30

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth socce

Posted by haphazard - 2008/07/07 11:08

I'll chime it....regarding the selection process, how does the Chicago Magic merit EIGHT players selected....VARDAR 4

WOLVES 3....seems to be a lot of players overlooked with specific clubs benefiting...just an observation.

Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by soccerman - 2008/07/08 08:28

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Know your facts before you post on here again. At ESP, all the players are in 10th grade and younger. College coaches aren't allowed to make contact with these players. They can receive a phone call but that's it. So, they are "observing them" with no connection to the players. They are evaluating these players and advising on selections. National team scouts also advise on selections. All of these evals are from qualified observers whose job is to watch and coach soccer. Bottom line, a kid and his PARENTS will complain no matter what. But in this case, all the players are getting the best look and being evaluated fairly.

Let's make something else clear. As fun as this site is, there aren't any super qualified soccer minds making decisions. IE the rankings of the top recruits, which is way off in many cases and should NEVER be taken seriously. When top drawer has the best scouts in the country, which they won't because they are all working in soccer somewhere, they can pick the ESP list. Fair deal?

Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by jjob123 - 2008/07/10 16:37

I think their analysis of players and elite youth soccer has been the best I have seen on the web . Nothing is perfect but they have done a great job in a short period of time . It should only get better

Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by rziegler - 2008/07/12 23:04

of course the part about the top 100 doesn't apply because this year's event was for 2010 and 2011 grads, and the top 100 is for 2009. Now there will be a 2010 list coming out later this summer.

I would also note that the list is completely dynamic. We are adding players all the time, c hanging ratings and adding information on already-listed players. We're talking up to 4,000 players before we're done so how could there not be a lot of dynamism, including the ongoing process of identifying players.

And this just reflects the soccer world. Players' stock is rising and falling all the time. It's inexact in some ways yes, but not due to a lack of energy or willingness to rexaming on our part.

I think now you'll see every ESP player on our list somewhere.

Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth so

Posted by Soccerstar54 - 2008/07/14 15:15

Do you guys think then that the ESP All Star Game reflects the BEST youth soccer players in the nation for that age level?

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth socce

Posted by haphazard - 2008/07/21 20:25

IRT ESP all star best players...absolutely not !

The invitations IMO were definitely "selected"...too many times were groups of players taken from the same club(s). There was alot of areas not represented, Southern Cal, Northern Cal, Texas, Florida, NY-NJ, New England area. The Chicago Magic had what like 6-7 players ? How does that happen ????

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Re:Adidas ESP 2008 showcase America\'s top youth socce

Posted by soccertramps - 2008/07/24 12:12

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