
Ratings

Posted by dpackard - 2008/05/29 15:07

Needless to say, this database is very impressive. Tracking all these players is no doubt a daunting task. I hope that there are team of people doing this and not just one person. Many of the ratings seem pretty accurate, but like in any list, some seem a little off.

I just hope that TopDrawerSoccer is able to keep up with these players to provide updates and accurate ratings as the players mature and improve.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by upper90fan - 2008/05/29 17:52

I am new to the board. My son is on the list of players to watch. They also have his club listing wrong. How did his name get there? He is a Regional Player. I am not a paying member of the database, so I can't see anything past the name, state, and incorrect club.

Thanks for your help to a newbie.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by dpackard - 2008/05/29 18:07

I've heard that players in the database can update their their own information. With such a large database there are bound to be mistakes and oversights. I think this is the link...
<http://www.topdrawersoccer.com/tools/players.php>

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Galaxy88 - 2008/05/29 20:19

Finally, a legit site for youth college soccer recruiting. There have been so many sites that have tried to rank teams and players but none have ever been as comprehensive or deep as TopDrawerSoccer's. Sure the rankings of both players and teams is somewhat subjective, but aren't all ratings? (Except for the oh so popular BCS rankings...) Keep up the good work Top Drawer.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by haphazard - 2008/05/29 20:35

this is an immense undertaking...good luck w/it. I just would not like to see this be a mirror of USYSA ODP selections. try and find the ones that don't get identified ! would like to see TDS get a spot of Fox Soccer Channel as well.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by diego - 2008/05/29 22:57

National exposure would be amazing for TDS. Unfortunately, if I have my facts straight, USYS has an exclusive contract with Fox Soccer Channel which might prohibit TDS from covering youth soccer as comprehensive as they'd ideally want to.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by lazer3 - 2008/06/02 14:16

Keeping up with the best players in the country is quite a tough job man! I do think its a great opportunity as a preliminary step in pursuing soccer after a high school career... a great way to get your name out there. I hope more players check this out!!!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by AZeda2 - 2008/06/02 14:53

I dont know about this... does anyone REALLY think that college coaches and scouts will do recruiting from TDS come on... lets be realistic here.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by mbman - 2008/06/02 15:32

you never know, i mean i hear that tons of college coaches come to this sight and value the rankings pretty highly because the people that do the ratings are very knowledgeable. I mean its obvious coaches come here look at all the ads for camps!!!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by BFUDGE - 2008/06/02 15:58

i've heard that too. with new technology such as this, it just makes it easier for coaches to access players and thier info. I actually heard that Santa Clara's mens and womens team coaches check this sight regularly becuae they trust the ratings of the players so much. And thats a 2 time WCC Champion team!!!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Pattyohsee5 - 2008/06/02 16:17

I will have to agree with all of you, these ratings are a good first look at players for many coaches im sure. Does anyone know if you can improve / lower your rating depending on how you play over being scouted a couple of times?

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Re:Ratings

Posted by ThEeKiNg7 - 2008/06/02 16:32

Yah man im sure you can it prob depends on how often the scouts see ya play though ya know... are the scouts at most of the major showcases or what? i wanna get on tha top 100!!!! B)

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Re:Ratings

Posted by SMclaughlin33 - 2008/06/04 12:07

I think the top 100 list is a good idea, and itd be cool to be on it, but i doubt its very accurate, and is probably very biased... i personally take these ratings with a grain of salt... i've never heard of any of these players!!!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Soccerstar54 - 2008/06/04 12:13

Maybe youre not in tune with the youth soccer program in america, but these players, having seen some of them play are the real deal!!! hey definately know how to play, and have a bright future in the NCAA

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Wenders00 - 2008/06/04 12:51

Quite the task i must say... they must have tons of scouts and connections at all of these showcases though, which is a great incentive for players to play their best knowing someone is always watching and evaluating their play for a chance to get on the top players list.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Aggie Soccer - 2008/06/04 21:01

I would say the current Top 100 list for the '09 class is pretty accurate. I have seen many of these prospects in person and I would have to agree with most of the rankings. Sure, there are some overrated and underrated prospects here, but for the most part it's pretty solid. I was at the Houston Shootout last weekend and one of the best players I saw there was Chelsea Jones, a midfielder for Lonestars Red '91, who has committed to Texas A&M. She tore her ACL last year and basically didn't play for about 9 months, but she has come back stronger than ever. Anyway, she's not even in the database at this point, and I would say she's easily one of the Top 50 prospects in America. I saw her run circles around some of the players on this list, so there are a few problems here. Also, I saw some 4-star players listed here that are not even close to a 4-star college level prospect. I think TDS has put together a good list, but it does need some re-evaluating every 3-4 months after tournaments, camps, etc.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Shesdawon - 2008/06/06 11:18

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Re:Ratings

Posted by LoveTheGame - 2008/06/25 07:40

What is the process for players being included in the "Watch List"? How submits, verifies, and rate/ranks players?

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Re:Ratings

Posted by lazer3 - 2008/06/25 11:18

I think that the process goes a little something like this:

Some players can submit their information via the website, as i know some of my team mates have, or, they are seen by the scouts. From there, i think that the players are all evaluated and given a rating from there.

The scouts are at most of the major academy showcases, and i know theyll almost for sure be there in NC this

weekend!!! good luck!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by LoveTheGame - 2008/06/25 11:34

Thanks for the feedback, Lazer3 (despite several typos in my first ever posting)! I'll have to do a better job proof reading next time!

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Re:Ratings

Posted by mbman - 2008/06/25 12:04

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Re:Ratings

Posted by ABSoccer23 - 2008/06/25 12:28

Yeah some of them really aren't. Who are these scouts and what is their background? How do we know they are credible sources?

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Re:Ratings

Posted by soccerman - 2008/07/02 10:25

The only reason I think the ratings are off is that they are never updated. There is no way a 2009 recruit can be #1 from now until the fall of 2009. Players get better as they grow up and the list should be constantly updated. If the "top 100" was considered a pool of players, then I have no problem with it. They are missing a few but overall a very good pool. Not a very good ranking at all.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by lazer3 - 2008/07/02 14:22

I think that the ratings are very accurate. Again, the pure form of evaluation allows there to be no bias in rating players. As we all know the pool of players is quite good, and the ratings are just icing on the cake for the top players in the country for their age group. I'm sure they will be updated soon as the current class is done with youth soccer.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Soccerstar54 - 2008/07/02 15:37

Just to be on the list I think would be quite an accomplishment. I don't think that any coaches would put precedent with regard to ratings. The player pool is as you said, legitimate, but the ratings I would say don't make THAT much of an impact on the coaches. Just the presence of a player's name in these lists speaks for itself and their high level of play.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by mbman - 2008/07/02 16:05

Agreed. A coach isnt going to look at a player or not look at a player because of his or her rank on the List. Just being on the list itself is the main thing. I think the rankings are simply a way of showing where players are with respect to the skill levels of other players.

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Re:Ratings

Posted by jjob123 - 2008/07/10 16:48

The college coaches will eventually make up their own minds on the credibility of the player rankings . It is all so new it will develop over time. No one else is doing anything close .

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Re:Ratings

Posted by Soccerstar54 - 2008/07/14 16:01

True. It only makes things easier for coaches in acquiring good players.

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