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Alumbaugh Selected to Coach at the adidas MLS Player Combine

Major League Soccer announced today the final rosters for the MLS Player Combine January 9-13, 2009 to be held at Lockhart Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Players from NCAA Division I and II programs are included as well as Generation adidas players. All eligible players will be able to be selected at the MLS SuperDraft to be held January 15, 2009 at the NSCAA Convention in St. Louis, MO.

Springfield Soccer Club Director of Soccer Operations Jeremy Alumbaugh has been selected by the Combine Committee to serve as an Assistant Coach during the MLS Player Combine. Alumbaugh will assist Bobby Clark from the University Of Notre Dame with the adidas adiPure team. "I'm excited to have been selected to attend the MLS Player Combine and work with the next generation of MLS and hopefully US National Team Stars." said Alumbaugh. "Having worked with some current MLS players and National Team players in the past, it will be good to be back in that environment again. I want to thank MLS and adidas for this opportunity and it will be an honor to work with someone like Bobby Clark." MLS Head Coaches, Technical Directors as well professional scouts from other levels of play are expected to be in attendance at the combine.

The 2009 season will see the MLS expand to 15 teams with the Seattle Sounders FC joining the league. Philadelphia will join the league in 2010 and two additional expansion cities are to be announced by April 2009 to begin play in 2011. St. Louis, Portland, Vancouver, and Miami are all forerunners in the expansion race. "It is my hope that when I return back to the Springfield Soccer Club that I'll be able to pass along some new tidbits, of what it takes to play at the highest level to the players in our club. I know we have players at all of the age groups who aspire to play at the next level and some who have professional aspirations. Hopefully, this experience is a benefit for everyone within the Springfield Soccer Club organization. This is just another benefit of being involved with the top youth soccer club in the area." said Alumbaugh

The 2009 MLS SuperDraft takes place at the St. Louis Convention Center - America's Center (America's Ballroom) on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. ET. The first hour will be broadcast live on ESPN2; the remainder of the draft can be followed on MLSnet.com.

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