



**2008 PSA WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT (BOYS UNDER-16)  
PREMIER SOCCER ACADEMIES CAMPUS – LORAIN, OH  
MATCHDAY 4 – Aug. 13, 2008**

**Blackburn Rovers 1, Club America 1**

Blackburn Rovers goal – Tom Hitchcock (5<sup>th</sup> minute). Saves – Lee Nicholls 6.

Club America goal – Diego Boyzo (73<sup>rd</sup> minute). Saves – Luis Robles 1.

Shots – Blackburn Rovers 5, Club America 11.

Lineups – **Blackburn Rovers:** Lee Nicholls, Phil Jones, Matthew Pearson, Kieran Cahill, Shane Birtles (Will James, 41<sup>st</sup> minute), Tom Murray, Jordan Bowen, Gearoid Morrissey, Jordan Philpott (Reece Hands, 41<sup>st</sup> minute), Tom Donegan (Micah Evans, 41<sup>st</sup> minute), Tom Hitchcock.

**Club America:** Luis Robles, Diego Reyes, Eric Carrillo, Ivan Mondragon, Alejandro Munoz, Luis Olvera (Diego Bueno, 80<sup>th</sup> minute), Ventura Alvarado, Jesus Leal (Octavio Mora, 66<sup>th</sup> minute), Diego Boyzo, Jorge Hernandez, Eduardo de la Pena (Jorge Luna, 41<sup>st</sup> minute).

**Chile U16 National Team 3, Premier Soccer Academies 1**

PSA goals – Ebby Perez (1<sup>st</sup> minute). Saves: Justin Luthy 12.

Chile goals – Cesar Valenzuela (59<sup>th</sup> minute), Mario Parra (61<sup>st</sup> minute), Santiago Dittborn (67<sup>th</sup> minute). Saves: Claudio Santis 0.

Shots – PSA 3, Chile 24.

Lineups – **PSA:** Justin Luthy, Juan Martinez (Joel Nash, 34<sup>th</sup> minute), Aslinn Rodas (Myles McGinley, 52<sup>nd</sup> minute), Visnu Maharaj, Zach Shaffelburg, Giakumis “Yaya” Kodogiannis, Will Trapp, Olakunle Banjo (Alex Obbey, 61<sup>st</sup> minute), Charles Root, Victor Garza, Ebby Perez.

**Chile:** Claudio Santis, Juan Gomez (Alvaro Ramos, 49<sup>th</sup> minute), Mario Parra, Alex Gonzalez, Matias Navarrete, Gustavo Ramirez, Cesar Valenzuela (Leonel Guzman, 76<sup>th</sup> minute), Claudio Sepulveda, Santiago Dittborn, Frank Fernandez (Piero Garate, 74<sup>th</sup> minute), Erick Mora (Cristian Contreras, 41<sup>st</sup> minute).

**GROUP B STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GD
Blackburn Rovers	1	0	1	4	1
Chile U16 National Team	1	1	0	3	1
PSA	1	1	0	3	0
Club America	0	1	1	1	-2

## MATCHDAY 4 RECAP

The 138-minute goal drought plaguing the Chilean Under-16 national team since the inaugural Premier Soccer Academies World Youth Tournament began finally came to an end on Wednesday. And when it rained goals, it poured. Premier Soccer Academies put forth a dogged, workmanlike performance until conceding three goals in eight minutes in the second half in a 3-1 defeat to Chile in Group B play.

In the earlier Group B match, Club America from Mexico earned their first goal, and point, of the tournament when Diego Boyzo's breakaway strike seven minutes from time offset Blackburn Rovers' striker Tom Hitchcock's second goal of the competition – a 5<sup>th</sup>-minute header from Jordan Philpott's left-side cross – in a 1-1 draw.

The point enabled Blackburn, from England, to move to the top of the Group B standings, and it will seal a berth in Sunday's World Youth Tournament championship match with a victory on Friday against PSA.

Venezuelan striker Ebby Perez scored his second goal in the World Youth Tournament for PSA 25 seconds into the match as he mishit what was meant to be a cross five yards from the left touchline. The ball wound up sneaking inside the near post behind Chile goalkeeper Claudio Santis, who cheated off his line to play a cross.

From there, PSA was under siege for the remainder of the match by what is popularly seen as the most skilled, technical team in the tournament. PSA's fate would be determined by how well it could maintain its defensive shape and how many shots PSA goalkeeper Justin Luthy, his team's Man of the Match with 12 saves, could deny.

Just as it controlled possession and the tempo in its match against Blackburn two days earlier, though in defeat after losing in second-half stoppage time, Chile was quicker to the ball and had PSA chasing. Chile registered 12 shots in each half to PSA's three (none in the second half) and took 14 corner kicks.

Luthy, the prized PSA recruit from Columbus, was up to the challenge, parrying balls around and over the goalpost as well as diving to his posts to thwart shots from Frank Hernandez in the 30<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> minutes. Surely, Columbus Crew coach Sigi Schmid had to be impressed as he watched the match from the PSA directors lounge. One that Luthy didn't get to was Hernandez's curling, right-footed attempt from 16 yards after a corner kick spilled long to him, but the ball rattled off the top, right corner of the frame.

The frustration mounted for Chile, but it was all of the sudden short-lived. Cesar Valenzuela, Chile's No. 10 in central midfield who plays with Chilean club Palestino, was first to an unsettled ball inside PSA's half, poked it past the last defender, walked in on Luthy and slotted it inside the left post in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute.

Two minutes later, defender Mario Parra, a Palestino teammate of Valenzuela, rose to head Santiago Dittborn's out-swinging corner from the right past Luthy from eight yards to give Chile the lead. Five minutes after that, Dittborn was brought down from behind in the penalty area and completed his own work by pulling a well-taken penalty kick away from Luthy, who guessed right on the spot kick, inside the right post.

For PSA to reach Sunday's tournament final, it needs to beat Blackburn on Friday and beat Chile on goal differential, or win and have Chile draw or lose to Club America.

"In my opinion, (Chile) is the best team here," PSA coach and director of scouting Desmond Armstrong said. "It was a great honor to play them and to lead in the first half. We're still in the competition. I fell we can have a good challenge with Blackburn."