



**2008 PSA WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT (BOYS UNDER-16)
PREMIER SOCCER ACADEMIES CAMPUS – LORAIN, OH
MATCHDAY 5 – Aug. 14, 2008**

Chivas (CD Guadalajara) 3, PSA Reserves 1

PSA Reserves Goal – Joey Haught (52nd minute). Saves – Brendan Cash 10.

Chivas XI goals – Carlo Lopez (42nd minute), Jesus Leyva (54th minute), Oscar Rubio (77th minute). Saves – Pedro Preciado 0.

Shots – PSA Reserves 3, Chivas 28.

Lineups – **PSA Reserves:** Brendan Cash, Sam Bradley, Andrew Souders, Vlad Lekarev, Cheo Malachi (Theodore Sachem Wilson, 68th minute), Matt Foldesy (Zach Martin, 24th minute), Matthew Dunn, Collin Martin (Carlos Salcedo, 57th minute), Romain Gall (Khari Celestine, 53rd minute), Juan Martinez (Kemar Headley, 53rd minute), Joey Haught.

Chivas: Pedro Preciado, Jairo Gonzalez, Hector Casas, Cesar Vazquez (Carlos Esparza, 70th minute), Edwin Mojarra, Jose Santos (Oscar Torre, 64th minute), Armando Escobar (Cristian Ruiz, 15th minute), Adan Avalos, Carlo Lopez, Emanuel Hernandez (Oscar Rubio, 58th minute), Jesus Leyva (Abraham Coronado, 74th minute).

Venezuela U16 National Team 2, Rush Select XI 0

Rush Select XI saves – Roberto Perez 4.

Venezuela goals – Fernando Aristeguieta (2nd minute), Raigel Marquez (29th minute).

Saves – Jesus Escalona 0.

Shots – Rush Select XI 2, Venezuela 9.

Lineups – **Rush Select XI:** Roberto Perez, Joseph Chabries (Trey Saunders III, 41st minute), Zachary Davis, Tadd Kilmer, Jared Roberts, Matt Kerridge (Zachary Portillos-Grant, 41st minute), Kenneth Tribett, Alex Vaughan, Cole Chapleski, Paolo Delpiccolo, Zach Foxhoven (Richard Diaz, 78th minute).

Venezuela: Jesus Escalona, Alexander Gonzalez, Carlos Rivero, Cesar Cedeno, Carlos Suarez, Luis Sadovnic (Joseff Martinez, 63rd minute), Raigel Marquez, Josmar Zambrano, Yorman Suarez, Alejandro Valero, Fernando Aristeguieta.

FINAL GROUP A STANDINGS

(NOTE: PSA Reserves matches are friendlies and do not count in standings (default 0-3 scores))

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GD
Rush Select XI	2	1	0	6	4
Venezuela U16 Ntl. Team	2	1	0	6	3
Chivas (CD Guadalajara)	2	1	0	6	2
PSA Reserves	0	3	0	0	-9

MATCHDAY 5 RECAP

The Rush Select XI squad from the Littleton, Colo.-based Rush Soccer Club advanced to Sunday's 1:30 p.m. final at the inaugural Brad Friedel's Premier Soccer Academies World Youth Tournament in winning Group A at the eight-team boys under-16 tournament. Though Rush Select dropped its first match of the event on Thursday, 2-0 to Venezuela's under-16 national team, it won the group on goal differential.

In the early match, storied Mexican club Chivas (CD Guadalajara) scored three times in the second half to defeat PSA Reserves 3-1. In a 12-minute whirlwind of goals, Carlo Lopez lifted a 25-yard shot from the right over PSA goalkeeper Brendan Cash (10 saves) to open the scoring two minutes after halftime.

PSA evened the ledger in the 52nd minute as Sam Bradley carried the ball past a defender into the left side of the penalty area, pulled the goalkeeper off his line before feeding Joey Haught for an eight-yard volley into the open net.

Chivas regained the lead two minutes later as Jesus Leyva received a pass, got behind the PSA backline and rolled a hard shot inside the far, left goal post from just above the penalty spot. Oscar Rubio provided the final tally in the 77th minute as he took a right-side cross that was headed down to him by Oscar Torre and blasted home, inside the right post, from 13 yards.

Venezuela U16 national team will play for third place at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Chivas will play in the fifth-place match at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. PSA Reserves will play in the seventh-place match at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Though it seemed Rush would safely reach the final, given it could only lose the group with a three-goal loss to Venezuela, matters became interesting when Venezuela forward Fernando Aristeguieta got in behind the defense and scored in the second minute.

Then, Raigel Marquez displayed a piece of individual brilliance in the 29th minute when he carried the ball from the right flank into the middle, past two defenders and curled a 21-yard, left-footed shot around and over Rush goalkeeper Roberto Perez and into the top, left corner of the net. Suddenly, the fate of Group A hung in the balance.

Rush's game plan was clear – manage its three-goal cushion coming into the match with disciplined, organized defending rather than play Venezuela straight up in a wide-open, attacking affair.

Venezuela outshot Rush Select XI 9-2, controlled most of the possession and Rush did not record a shot for the first 60 minutes. Having to keep Venezuela scoreless for the remaining 51 minutes, Rush stuck to the game plan. Perez went to ground to make saves from Marquez in the 44th minute and Aristeguieta just three minutes from full time.

Rush defender Zachary Davis made two critical defensive plays in the second half to thwart Venezuela's attacking momentum. He tackled the ball from behind in the 68th minute before Marquez could get a shot off from point-blank range inside the penalty area. A minute later, he won a crucial 50-50 ball with Aristeguieta as the last defender.

"We needed a result to get to the final and we got exactly what we wanted," Rush Select XI coach and Rush Soccer Club technical director Erik Bushey said. "We held our composure very well. We held our discipline very well. It is certainly not natural for our boys to stick in (with the game plan) when they are losing. They (Venezuela) are a team that has dangerous players everywhere on the field. We've never faced teams with weapons like this."