



**2008 PSA WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT (BOYS UNDER-16)
PREMIER SOCCER ACADEMIES CAMPUS – LORAIN, OH
MATCHDAY 6 – Aug. 15, 2008**

Chile U16 National Team 6, Club America 0

Chile goals – Alvaro Ramos 2 (71st and 74th minutes), Santiago Dittborn (PK, 11th minute), Frank Fernandez (29th minute), Alex Gonzalez (38th minute), Cristian Contreras (51st minute). Saves – Claudio Santis 1.

Club America saves – Luis Robles 5.

Shots – Chile 18, Club America 3.

Lineups – **Chile:** Claudio Santis, Juan Gomez (Matias Jadue, 52nd minute), Mario Parra (Pedro Salgado, 55th minute), Matias Navarrete, Claudio Sepulveda, Alex Gonzalez, Gustavo Ramirez, Cesar Valenzuela (Piero Garate, 55th minute), Santiago Dittborn, Frank Fernandez (Alvaro Ramos, 41st minute), Cristian Contreras (Diego Inostroza, 62nd minute).

Club America: Luis Robles, Diego Reyes, Eric Carrillo, Giovanni Guerrero (Jorge Luna, 24th minute), Ivan Mondragon, Alejandro Munoz, Luis Olvera, Ventura Alvarado (Edgar Antonio, 41st minute), Jesus Leal (Octavio Mora, 16th minute), Diego Boyzo, Jorge Hernandez.

Blackburn Rovers 1, Premier Soccer Academies 0

Blackburn goal – Tom Hitchcock (78th minute). Saves – Josh Swann 2.

PSA saves – Justin Luthy 8.

Shots – Blackburn 17, PSA 7.

Lineups – **Blackburn Rovers:** Josh Swann, Phil Jones, Matthew Pearson, Kieran Cahill (Alex Billington, 41st minute), Will James, Jordan Bowen, Gearoid Morrissey, Tom Donegan (Tom Hitchcock, 41st minute), Micah Evans, Jadan Hall (Tom Murray, 41st minute), Joel Sturgess (Reece Hands, 61st minute).

PSA: Justin Luthy, Aslinn Rodas (Matthew Dunn, 70th minute), Visnu Maharaj, Zach Shaffelburg, Giakumis “Yaya” Kodogiannis, Wil Trapp (Myles McGinley, 73rd minute), Olakunle Banjo (Juan Martinez, 52nd minute), Alex Obbey (Andrew Souders, 61st minute), Victor Garza, Ebby Perez, Joey Haught.

FINAL GROUP B STANDINGS

| Team | W | L | T | Pts | GD |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Blackburn Rovers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| Chile U16 National Team | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 7 |
| PSA | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | -1 |
| Club America | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -8 |

MATCHDAY 6 RECAP

Blackburn Rovers have had a flair for the dramatic at the inaugural Premier Soccer Academies World Youth Tournament. When the drama has involved Blackburn striker Tom Hitchcock, it has ended happily ever after.

Following up his second-half stoppage time goal in his team's 1-0 Group B-opening win over Chile's U16 national team on Monday, the Rovers front man put his side atop Group B and into the World Youth Tournament final with a 78th-minute goal (just two minutes from full time) in a 1-0 win over Premier Soccer Academies.

Blackburn, the only undefeated squad of the eight teams at the PSA Campus through group play, will play Group A winner Rush Select XI in Sunday's final at 1:30 p.m. Also on Friday, Chile's U16 national team beat Club America 6-0 to finish second in Group B and earn a third-place match with Venezuela's U16 national team at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Chile's win meant Blackburn had to beat PSA to keep Chile out of the final.

PSA will feature in a doubleheader today – its first team playing Chivas (CD Guadalajara) in the fifth-place match at 1:30 p.m. and the PSA Reserves playing Club America in the seventh-place match at 11:30 a.m.

Hitchcock's goal was the climactic moment in a second half that saw Blackburn turn up the pressure, outshoot PSA 13-0 and earn all five of its corner kicks.

The match opened up in the last five minutes as Reece Hands served a ball from the right flank that just missed a touch from Hitchcock atop the 6-yard box. Teammate Micah Evans ran the ball down on the left side and drove the ball hard back across the same area, where Hitchcock headed the ball off his defender's midsection before sneaking inside the right goal post past diving PSA goalkeeper Justin Luthy.

"I just ran across and was lucky to get my head in," said Hitchcock, who came on to start the second half and has tallied all three of Blackburn's goals in the tournament. "It was just a good feeling, really. A good feeling to get to the final."

Luthy was PSA's top performer for the second consecutive match, stopping eight shots and again making stellar reaction saves on several point-blank shots. Wil Trapp cleared a Hitchcock volley off the goal line from a short corner in the 60th minute.

PSA's best scoring chance came in the 22nd minute as Olakunle Banjo's side-volley from 12 yards was saved by Rovers keeper Josh Swann at the right goal post. Swann charged out to take a 50-50 ball from Victor Garza on the slide in the 43rd minute.

Chile leads the tournament with nine goals scored. Chile's goal parade began in the 11th minute as Universidad Catolica commodity Santiago Dittborn was fouled inside the penalty area and finished the job off by sending Club America keeper Luis Robles the wrong way and sealing his penalty kick in the left-side netting.

Chile's 29th- and 38th-minute goals had Frank Fernandez and Alex Gonzalez providing for each other, with Fernandez making a diagonal run into the area first to finish a first-time strike, and then feeding Gonzalez for a blast that went off Robles' hands and into the net.

It didn't help Club America's fortunes that it lost two players to red cards in the 35th and 50th minutes, and Chile scored its fourth on another penalty kick in the 51st minute. Cristian Contreras, who plays in Chile for Colo Colo, was fouled to set up the spot kick and calmly scored it. Second-half substitute Alvaro Ramos made the most of his time with goals in the 71st and 74th minutes.