



PLAYER COMBINE

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54 College Seniors Invited to 2013 adidas MLS Player Combine

Invited players look to impress 19 MLS clubs in Fort Lauderdale Jan. 11-15

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NEW YORK (Tuesday, December 11, 2012) - Major League Soccer today announced the fifty-four NCAA DI college seniors invited to participate in the [2013 adidas MLS Player Combine](#).

Two MAC Hermann Trophy Finalists, 15 All-Americans and eight Men's College Cup Final Four participants are among the players that will take the field in Fort Lauderdale from January 11-15. All invited players will be eligible for selection in 2013 SuperDraft presented by adidas which will take place on January 17 in Indianapolis (12 p.m. ET).

A committee of NCAA Division I coaches from every conference, as well as MLS representatives, selected the invitees, all of whom completed their college eligibility this season. Generation adidas signings, non-collegiate players, and additional college seniors will be announced in the coming weeks.

[Ryan Finley](#) and [Jose Gomez](#), two of the three Missouri Athletic Club's (MAC) Hermann Trophy finalists, are among those looking to impress the 19 MLS clubs.

Despite coming off the bench in every match throughout his senior season, Finley, a forward for Notre Dame, tallied 21 goals, including six multiple-goal games, and earned the 2012 BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year award.

Gomez, a creative attacking midfielder from Creighton, claimed one of three finalist spots after being overlooked in the preliminary MAC Hermann Trophy watch list at the start of the season. The Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year started every game for the Blue Jays in 2012, leading the team to the Men's College Cup semifinal.

The Division I Men's All-America teams will again be well represented at the MLS Combine. Fifteen of the invited seniors were named to All-America teams: five First Team selections, five Second Team selections and five Third Team selections. Three of those 15 players, [Ashton Bennett](#) (Coastal Carolina, forward), [Carlos Alvarez](#) (Connecticut, midfielder) and [John Stertz](#) (Maryland, midfielder) are repeat All-Americans.

Eight players that participated in the 2012 Men's College Cup Final Four this past weekend are among the Combine invited player list: two players from Creighton ([Jose Gomez](#), [Andrew Ribeiro](#)), three from Georgetown ([Tommy Muller](#), [Jimmy Nealis](#), [Ian Christianson](#)), two from Maryland ([Taylor Kemp](#), [John Stertz](#)) and one for the 2012 Men's College Cup Champion Indiana University ([Luis Soffner](#)).

- Media interested in covering the 2013 adidas MLS Player Combine should contact Lauren Brophy (Lauren.Brophy@MLSsoccer.com) to request a credential for the matches.
- Media interested in covering the 2013 SuperDraft presented by adidas should contact Susan Marschall (Susan.Marschall@MLSsoccer.com) to request a credential for the event.

To download the SuperDraft logo, please [CLICK HERE](#).

To download the Combine logo, please [CLICK HERE](#).

To view the schedule of Combine matches, please [CLICK HERE](#).

2013 adidas MLS Player Combine NCAA DI College Senior Participants*(By Last Name)*

Last Name	First Name	School	Position	Hometown
Alvarez	Carlos	University of Connecticut	M	Los Angeles, Calif.
Anding	Don	Northeastern University	F	Amity Harbor, N.Y.
Bates	Will	University of Virginia	F	Chester, Va.
Bekker	Kyle	Boston College	M	Oakville, Ontario
Belshaw	James	Duke University	GK	Nottingham, England
Bennett	Ashton	Coastal Carolina University	F	Clarendon, Jamaica
Christianson	Ian	Georgetown University	M	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Cintron	Marc	Providence College	F	Piscataway, N.J.
Cochrane	Greg	University of Louisville	D/M	Holland, Pa.
David	Machael	University of California, Santa Barbara	M	Tacoma, Wash.
Delgado	Danchrisandre (Dan)	University of San Diego	M	Escondido, Ca.
DelPiccolo	Paolo	University of Louisville	M	Wheat Ridge, Colo.
Etuk	Uwem	University of West Virginia	M	Herndon, Va.
Finley	Ryan	University of Notre Dame	F	Lumberton, NJ
Fisk	Ben	University of Washington	M	Federal Way, Wash.
Foster	Shaun	Hofstra University	D	Southport, England
Franco	Joe	California State University, Northridge	D	Monrovia, Calif.
Gafa	Jordan	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	D/M	San Diego, Calif.
Gallagher	John	Pennsylvania State University	D	Pine Bush, N.Y.
Gomez	Jose	Creighton University	M	Santa Ana, Calif.
Goodwin	Scott	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	GK	Raleigh, N.C.
Griffiths	Brenton	University of South Florida	D	Spanish Towne, Jamaica
Henning	Coleton	Furman University	M/F	Shawnee, Kan.
Hollingshead	Ryan	University of California, Los Angeles	M/F	Granite Bay, CA
Hurtado	Erik	Santa Clara University	F	Beaverton, Ore.
Jackson	Larry	Santa Clara University	GK	East Palo Alto, Calif.
Kemp	Taylor	University of Maryland	D/M	Highland Ranch, Colo.
Kindle	Kory	California State University, Bakersfield	D/M	Ventura, Calif.
Mendoza	Jonathan	Stetson University	M/F	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Meves	David	University of Akron	GK	Arlington Heights, Ill.
Monge	Fernando	University of California, Los Angeles	M/F	Seattle, WA
Muller	Tommy	Georgetown University	D	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Murphy	Colin	Boston College	M	Hollywood, Fla.
Nealis	Jimmy	Georgetown University	M/D	Massapequa, N.Y.
Nelson	Tommy (T.J)	Southern Methodist University	M	Garland, Texas
Opore	Kofi	University of Michigan	D	Niagara Falls, Ontario
Paul	Leston	University of South Florida	M	Mayaro, Trinidad
Powers	Dillon	University of Notre Dame	M	Plano, TX
Ribeiro	Andrew	Creighton University	M/F	Green Bay, Wis.
Sandoval	Devon	University of New Mexico	F	Albuquerque, N.M.

Schoenle	Eric	University of West Virginia	D	Yardley, Pa.
Smith	Blake	University of New Mexico	M/F	Boerne, Texas
Smith	Donnie	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	M/F	Matthews, NC
Smith	Yannick	Old Dominion University	F	Hillsborough, NJ
Soffner	Luis	Indiana University	GK	St. Louis, Mo.
Spencer	Luke	Xavier University	F	Cincinnati, Ohio
Stertzer	John	University of Maryland	M	Oakton, Va.
Stuver	Brad	Cleveland State University	GK	Twinsburg, Ohio
Thomas	Chris	Elon University	F	Snellville, Ga.
Tucker-Gangnes	Dylan	University of Washington	D/M	Bainbridge Island, Wash.
Welshman	Emery	Oregon State University	F	Mississauga, Ontario
Wenzel	Danny	Wake Forest University	D	Federal Way, Wash.
Withrow	Daniel	Marshall University	GK	Rochester Hills, Mich.
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