

## **CUSA and Metro FC Announce Partnership**

The CUSA and Metro FC Youth soccer organizations are excited to announce the formation of a partnership at the high school level (U15 and above). These teams will be named “Metro Coraggio”, which means “courage” in Italian.

This partnership was established to create a working relationship between the existing clubs. This relationship will benefit soccer development through shared resources and will encourage players to remain with their home clubs in the U8 to U14 age groups. Those players will then have direct access to the Metro Coraggio High School Program through visible scouting, directors of coaching, and an established style of play as well as curriculum and training ties. All players in the Dayton and surrounding areas, regardless of their current club, will have the opportunity to try out and make one of the Metro Coraggio teams.

Players at the youth competitive levels (U8 to U14) will have the opportunity to experience the coaching staff from both organizations under one guiding principal; to develop players in a unified approach and to provide players the best opportunity of being selected into the best high school program in the Greater Dayton area. The development and education model instituted within this partnership will not solely be on the player level. Both organizations will also share coaching resources and philosophies that will continue to ensure that the players are receiving the finest soccer experience.

### **Kevin Arcuri, Director of Coaching for Metro FC**

“Metro FC and CUSA share the same vision about developing soccer in the Dayton and surrounding areas. Having two clubs that place the same level of importance on the development of soccer players and that work together, will undoubtedly increase the level of soccer throughout the area. Metro FC and CUSA have been producing good players and good teams individually. We feel that combining our resources in certain areas and sharing common goals will help the Dayton area compete more frequently at the State, Regional and National levels.”

### **Brett Thompson, Executive Director for CUSA**

“The purpose of this partnership is to create ‘A full cycle development program’ for members of the two organizations. Both clubs will work together and support each other through a number of programs that are intended to enhance player and coaching development. Both programs will share coaches for player education, and teams from each organization will come together at the younger ages for special events. I could not be more proud of what the CUSA and Metro FC organizations have done here, this is a huge step in the development of Dayton area soccer.”

For more information about this exciting partnership please contact Kevin Arcuri ( [kevinarcuri@aol.com](mailto:kevinarcuri@aol.com) ) or Brett Thompson ( [bwthompson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bwthompson@cinci.rr.com) ).