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New Scholar for APFA

The Asia Pacific Football Academy (APFA) is proud to announce the addition of a further scholar to their programme based at Lincoln University, Christchurch. APFA announced its initial scholarships for New Zealand based players to attend the Academy in September 2010 and has continued to work closely with football bodies throughout New Zealand.

APFA has two scouts based in New Zealand, Graham McMann and Paul Temple, who are in constant contact with coaches and organisations throughout New Zealand to ensure APFA identify any local talent.

“Recruitment is an ongoing process, and while we have been busy developing our network in Australia and throughout Asia to recruit players it is essential to make sure no Kiwi player slips through the net” said Rob Sherman the Academy Director.

The latest recruit is an example of this process in practise. “We have liaised with Mainland Football and local clubs over the last few months and extended an offer for local players to come in to the Academy regularly to be monitored with a view to securing a place at the Academy” said Graham McMann the Academy’s South Island scout.

Francis de Vries a pupil at Cashmere High School who plays for Cashmere Wanderers has secured a scholarship at the Academy after completing a 12 week monitoring programme. Francis was recommended to APFA by Fred Simpson at Cashmere Wanderers. “Cashmere Wanderers are dedicated to youth development and are always looking to present players with opportunities. We recommended Francis to APFA and are delighted with the outcome. We feel this is a great testament to the Club and we intend to continue our support of Francis in any way we can” said Fred Simpson.

“The programme has been really intense and so different from what I am used to. It was a bit nerve racking when I first started but I settled in well and just tried my best. I am really looking forward to the rest of the year and the overseas tour in December” said Francis.

APFA end of season a tour visits the UK and USA where they will play a series of games against English Premier League and MLS opposition.

Recruitment is a year round programme at APFA with selected trialists invited to attend the Academy to gain an insight into the unique experience offered at APFA. The Academy has decided to broaden the opportunity for talented players from around the world to see whether they have what it takes to secure a place at APFA in 2011 by holding a series of camps at APFA over the next 7 months. Full details are available at www.afpfa.co.nz .

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