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**For Immediate Release: CSA Represented Well at NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Semi-Finals:
Unique Achievement with Former CSA Players on All Four Rosters**

This is a special year for Charlotte Soccer Academy, for the first time in the Club's history, all four NCAA Division 1 College Cup Final Four teams will have former CSA players on each team heading into this weekend's Semi-Final games.

This Friday December 9th, defending National Champions Stanford University and former CSA coach Jeremy Gunn (2016 Pac-12 Coach of the Year) along with former players Tomas Hilliard-Arce and Justin Kahl will take on The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and former CSA team mate James Pyle who will be UNC's starting Goalkeeper. On the other side of the bracket, Wake Forest University and former CSA player Jared Odenbeck will take on The University of Denver and anchoring their defense will be another former CSA Goalkeeper, Nick Gardner.

In addition to being a part of Stanford's defending National Championship team, CSA wants to take this opportunity to congratulate Stanford Junior Tomas Hilliard-Arce for being selected as The Pac12 2016 Defensive Player of the Year and one of the 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist, which is one of the most prestigious awards in collegiate soccer.

This is the third consecutive year CSA will have former players vying for a national championship. In 2014, former CSA standout Matt Brown won the NCAA title with the University of Virginia and last year both Justin Kahl and Tomas Hilliard-Arce were members of the 2015 National Championship team at Stanford University.

In addition to the success at the Division 1 level, CSA capped off a great week with another former player winning the Division II National Title. Former CSA player Jack Wlodyka attends Wingate University and they won their first NCAA Division II National Championship this past Saturday.

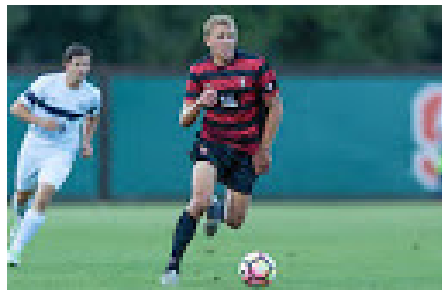
"To have representation in all NCAA final four teams is a tremendous achievement for our former players and on behalf of everyone at CSA, we want to congratulate Jack for his National title and wish the five boys playing this weekend the best of luck as they bid for the Division I title." states Executive Director Brad Wylde.

Semi-final games will be live this Friday on ESPN U with Denver playing Wake Forest at 6:00pm and UNC playing Stanford at 8:45pm, both EST.

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Justin Kahl



Tomas Hilliard-Arce



James Pyle



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