

Canadian U23 National Team Defender Andrés Fresenga Signs with Fury FC

Fresenga Becomes Third Canadian Signing for Fury FC

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Friday, January 10, 2014 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC today announced the signing of Canadian National U23 defender Andrés Fresenga who has been a recent call up to the Canadian National Team. Fresenga has spent the last seven years playing in Uruguay, mostly recently with First Division side Racing Club de Montevideo, and has agreed to a one-year contract pending international transfer.

"I can't wait for the season to start and take on this journey with my new family," said Fresenga. "I would like to thank Fury FC for this opportunity to represent not only the organization, but the wonderful people of Ottawa. To the fans, I promise that I will leave everything on the field for this team and I have a strong feeling this team will do big things."

Fresenga, 21, is a 5'9 defender who has been a recent call-up for Canada at the past two National Team camps in the United States and Spain. The right back debuted for Canada in 2011 at the CONCACAF U20 Championship and in 2012 was part of the Canadian U23 team alongside teammate Carl Haworth at the CONCACAF Men's Olympic Qualifiers. While Canada did not qualify, Fresenga's performance led to a trial with the Vancouver Whitecaps in early 2013.

"Andrés grew up playing soccer in Uruguay and his passion for the game is second to none," remarked Fury FC Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. "He is very aggressive, strong and committed in his play and this is why he has been recently called up to the National Team. We know what we look for in players and Andrés has the exact profile of an Ottawa Fury FC player."

Born in Toronto, ON, Fresenga first developed with Toronto Argentina before making the move to Uruguay in 2007 joining Club Nacional de Futbol and helping them win the Uruguayan U16 Championship. In 2008 he would move to Danubio FC with the same result – this time winning the Uruguayan U17 Championship. The following year Fresenga would move to Racing Club de Montevideo, a club known for its player development, where he featured in the U23 squad for one season before joining the First Division squad in 2010 playing through the 2013 season.





At the moment, the Fury FC updated roster for the 2014 season is as follows:

Defenders: Ramon Soria, Omar Jarun, Andrés Fresenga

Midfielders: Nicki Paterson, Richie Ryan, Mauro Eustaquio

Forwards: Oliver Minatel, Carl Haworth

Ottawa Fury FC open their inaugural season against the Fort Lauderdale Strikers on April 12 before hosting Minnesota United FC in their home opener on April 19. Fury FC season tickets can be purchased in person at the Stadium Preview Centre (Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm) located at 2016 Ogilvie Road, Unit 3 or by calling 613.232.6767. Tickets to the Amway Canadian Championship preliminary knock-out round featuring Ottawa Fury FC and FC Edmonton are included in all Fury FC season ticket packages. Single Game tickets will go on-sale March 1.

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About Ottawa Fury FC

Ottawa Fury FC plays in the 10-team North American Soccer League (NASL) and operates under the ownership of the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG). Fury FC begin play in the 2014 NASL season. Ottawa Fury FC season tickets can be purchased in person at the Stadium Preview Centre (Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm) located at 2016 Ogilvie Road, Unit 3 or by calling 613.232.6767. For more information about Ottawa Fury FC, visit www.OttawaFuryFC.com. Follow Ottawa Fury FC on Twitter @OttawaFuryFC and Facebook at http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC

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