



Fury FC Sign Former Benfica U19 Goalkeeper Marcel DeBellis
DeBellis Becomes Fourth Canadian Signing for Fury FC

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Monday, January 13, 2014 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC today announced Marcel DeBellis as the club’s first goalkeeper signing. The former Benfica U19 keeper joins the expansion North American Soccer League club after impressing at the Open Tryout in November. DeBellis, who spent last season with Italian Serie B side Ascoli, has agreed to a one-year contract pending international transfer.

“I am very excited to be joining Ottawa Fury FC and returning home to Canada after playing in Portugal and Italy,” said DeBellis. “I am looking forward to growing as a goalkeeper with Marc, David and the rest of the staff. The organization is getting a determined goalkeeper who will always be right behind his team. I can’t wait to get started and meet all the Fury FC supporters.”

DeBellis, 22, is a 6’3 goalkeeper who split the 2012/2013 season between Italian Fourth Division club AC Bellaria Igea Marina and Serie B side Ascoli. He has spent the last four years developing his game in Italy that also included seasons with Trento Calcio and Vicenza Calcio.

“Marcel will definitely push for the number one position,” said Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. “We had great information about him and he was able to confirm and show all of his qualities during the Open Tryout. He will certainly grow and help the club going forward.”

Born in Oakville, ON, DeBellis first made the move to Europe in 2008 signing with Portuguese powerhouse Benfica and suited up for their U20 squad. Prior to his European odyssey, DeBellis developed with Erin Mills Soccer Club and won Provincial and National gold medals with the club in 2005.

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

Goalkeeper: Marcel DeBellis

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](https://twitter.com/OttawaFuryFC) and Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC>

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