



## **Fury FC Sign Canadian Youth International Mauro Eustaquio**

*Midfielder Mostly Recently Played for Canada at the Francophone Games*

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Friday, December 20, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC and head coach Marc Dos Santos today announced the club's sixth signing as Canadian midfielder Mauro Eustaquio agreed to a one-year contract. Eustaquio brings international experience to the expansion North American Soccer League club having donned the maple leaf with U19 and U20 teams and most recently represented Canada at the Francophone Games.

“Mauro is a young player that has been regularly called up to our youth National Teams. He's a defensive midfielder that has a lot of potential and he will definitely grow inside this environment,” said Fury FC Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. “We believe that Mauro has a big margin to progress and we hope he will become an important piece in the future of our Club.”

Eustaquio, 20, is a 6'0 midfielder whose skillset is known to the club's technical staff having played under Fury FC Technical Director Phillip Dos Santos who served as the Head Coach for the Canadian U20 squad at the Francophone Games. Eustaquio also represented Canada in two matches at the CONCACAF Men's U20 Championship this past February scoring one goal in a winning effort against Nicaragua. Phillip Dos Santos served as Canada's U20 Assistant Coach during this tournament.

“It is the biggest step in my short career,” said the club's newest Canadian signing. “I am sure that with a lot of hard work and big ambition, I can help Fury FC succeed in achieving its goals. I can see myself learning a lot from the more experienced players and from the coaching staff and could not ask for more from Ottawa Fury FC.”

Born in Nazaré, Portugal his family moved to Leamington, ON when he just 13 months old. Eustaquio returned to Nazaré at age 11 where he joined the Academy of Nazarenos. After six seasons he made the move to U.D. Leiria of the Primeira Liga playing for their U20 squad where he was named Rookie of the Year. In 2012, the 19 year old Eustaquio signed his first professional contract with Portuguese Third Division club Sporting Pombal and would complete the 2012/13 season on loan to Naval.





Eustaquio is the Club's second Canadian signing following the announcement of Carl Haworth on November 20. He will join fellow midfielders Nicki Paterson (Scotland) and Richie Ryan (Ireland) along with forward Oliver Minatel (Brazil) and defender Ramon Soria (Spain) in Ottawa for the opening of Fury FC training camp in late February. [Click here](#) for a complete bio on Mauro Eustaquio.

The NASL released the 2014 Spring Season schedule on Thursday that will see 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](http://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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