



Fury FC Sign Brazilian Forward Oliver Minatel
Young Winger Has Developed in Brazil, Holland and Portugal

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Thursday, November 14, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC and head coach Marc Dos Santos today announced the signing of Brazilian forward Oliver Minatel to a one-year contract pending international transfer. Minatel joins the expansion North American Soccer League club from Brazilian Paulista second division side Velo Clube after spending two years in the Portuguese Premier League with C.D. Nacional.

"Oliver is a young player coming from two great development centres," said Fury FC Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. "He already has experience in UEFA competitions and in the Portuguese Premier League. He's a winger that works extremely hard on the field and I'm positive he will bring a lot to our club."

Minatel, 21, is a 5'8 winger who has tooled his game in Brazil, Holland and Portugal. The native of Campinas, Brazil has spent three seasons with Portuguese side C.D. Nacional that included two years in the Primeira Liga. Minatel became the youngest player in Nacional club history to start in an international match when he featured in their UEFA Europa League qualifier against Icelandic side FH Hafnarfjordur at 18 years of age.

"I am very excited to begin this new moment in my career and will do my best to help the club be successful," said Minatel. "I decided to join Fury FC because I believe in the club's vision and I am looking forward to working with Marc and his staff. This will be an excellent opportunity to grow more as a player."

Prior to joining the first team at C.D. Nacional, Minatel spent one year with their U19 squad where he finished second on the team in scoring with 18 goals from 22 matches. International soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo is a product of the C.D. Nacional Academy and Fábio Coentrão is a former player with the respected Portuguese club. Minatel made the move to Nacional after spending a year with the U19 side of Dutch soccer giants PSV Eindhoven. PSV discovered Minatel while scouting players in the Copa São Paulo – the biggest U19 National Tournament in the world.





After spending five years at his home club Guarani FC, Mintatel joined the esteemed academy of Paulínia in 2007 where he would play three seasons in the Campeonato Paulista and featured in the Copa São Paulo.

The Brazilian attacker returned home to Brazil and signed with Velo Clube where he has tallied 3 goals from 10 matches to date. Minatel holds both Brazilian and German citizenship and speaks three languages – Portuguese, German and English. He will arrive in Ottawa in February for the opening of Fury FC training camp. A complete bio on Oliver Minatel will be available at OttawaFuryFC.com.

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About Ottawa Fury FC

On June 20, 2011 the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced that Ottawa, ON had been awarded an expansion franchise. The new team, owned by the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG), will commence League play in the 2014 NASL season. On February 26, 2013 OSEG announced that Ottawa's NASL franchise would be named Ottawa Fury FC. 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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