



## **Fury FC Add Size and Experience at Centre Back Position Signing Omar Jarun**

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Tuesday, January 7, 2014 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC today announced the club’s first signing of 2014 with defender Omar Jarun joining the expansion North American Soccer League club. Jarun brings international experience to Fury FC boasting 13 caps for Palestine including four matches in their effort to qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil. Jarun, a domestic signing, has agreed to a two-year contract pending international transfer.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Fury family and return to North America after recent stints in Belgium and Poland,” said Jarun. “My family and I have been waiting for the right opportunity to return to Canada and the vision of both the coaching staff and the club along with the growth of the NASL makes this an ideal fit.”

“I can promise the City of Ottawa that you are getting a hardworking and committed professional that will put the work in. I can’t wait to get started and meet my teammates, the rest of the staff and of course the Fury FC supporters.”

Jarun, 30, is a 6’5 central defender who spent last season with Belgian First Division club Charleroi after spending the previous three seasons in the Polish First Division with Arka Gdynia, Pogon Szczecin and Flota Swinoujscie. Before moving to Arka Gdynia, Jarun featured in the inaugural season of the NASL in 2011 as a member of FC Tampa Bay (now Tampa Bay Rowdies) playing in their opening 7 matches.

“Omar is a very experienced centre back and we needed a player like him to lead our back line,” said Fury FC Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. “Omar won two USL Championships, one each with Atlanta and Vancouver, and has grown a lot playing in Europe. He will also bring valuable experience to our younger players.”

Born in Kuwait City, Kuwait to Palestinian and American parents, Jarun first dressed for the Palestinian National Team in 2007 in a 2010 FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Singapore. Raised in Peachtree City, Georgia, forty minutes south of Atlanta, Jarun developed with Atlanta’s AFC Lightning before playing in the NCAA first at the University of Memphis before finishing his collegiate career at Dayton University. He was selected in the 2006 USL Draft by the Atlanta Silverbacks and spent two seasons with his hometown club, before moving to Canada to feature for





the Vancouver Whitecaps where he played alongside Fury FC Assistant Coach Martin Nash.

Jarun becomes the seventh signing for Fury FC joining fellow defender Ramon Soria (Spain), midfielders Nicki Paterson (Scotland), Richie Ryan (Ireland) and Mauro Eustaquio (Canada) along with forwards Oliver Minatel (Brazil) and Carl Haworth (Canada).

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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