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## **ADONIJAH REID SIGNS MLS CONTRACT**

ANB Futbol striker signs with MLS as part of the inaugural Generation adidas Canada class

ANB Futbol is proud to recognize the accomplishments of Adonijah Reid for being selected as one of the first recipients of a *Generation adidas Canada* contract with Major League Soccer.

Adonijah will travel to Los Angeles, CA next week to take part in the MLS Combine and will then be available for selection in the MLS SuperDraft on 13 January, 2017 (3pm EST). He will be the youngest player participating in this year's combine and draft as a 17 year old.



Adonijah has been a member of ANB Futbol since he was 12 years old. He has played at various age levels throughout his development, most recently on the U-20 team which won the Soccer Academy Alliance Canada (SAAC) league and cup titles. Additionally, he was a member of the inaugural ANB Futbol team playing in League 1 Ontario and finished their second season tied as top goal-scorer in the league in 2015, despite being three years younger than most of his teammates and opponents. Adonijah has participated in Canadian youth national team programs at various age levels and has had interest from multiple Champions League-level European clubs. However, he has elected to begin his professional career in North America.

No-one can be more pleased than ANB Futbol Academy Director, Bassam Naim:



“We have seen Adonijah grow as player and person through patience, hard work, and the full backing of the ANB Futbol Academy – teammates, coaches, managers, and his family. I could not be more proud to have been involved in his development and I look forward to seeing him face the next steps in his futbol career. I only wish him the best!”

“We would also like to thank his agent, Nicco Roffo of Global Premier Management, adidas, SAAC, and most importantly, Major League Soccer. They are getting a good one!”

Adonijah is very happy with his progress as well. “I am finally achieving a life-long goal. Since I was young, I have always dreamed of playing professional futbol and now it is becoming a reality. I want to succeed and will

work hard to keep improving day after day. I would like to thank my family, ANB Futbol & Global Premier Management for all their support!”

The player is the perfect fit for *Generation adidas Canada*, according to Roffo, “Adonijah is exactly the type of player they had in mind when MLS, the Canadian Soccer Association, and adidas formed this program. He is one of the top young players in all of North America and his potential is limitless. I am pleased for both him and ANB Futbol and I look forward to his future success!”



**Adonijah Reid collecting awards with, L to R, Marcelo Almeida (ANB GM), Chris Tallidis (adidas), Bassam Naim (ANB TD)**

A statement from MLS Soccer can be found here ...

<http://pressbox.mlssoccer.com/content/five-standouts-make-2017-generation-adidas-class>

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