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South Valley Chivas U17 tour Mexico and 4 players are invited for tryout with the Fuerzas Basicas of Club America and Real San Luis

South Valley Chivas U17 had a successful two week tour of Mexico City where 6 players were recommended for the fuerzas basicas of Club America of the Mexican Professional Soccer League and the 3rd Division Real San Luis team. At the end of the tour, four of the players stayed an extra 2 weeks as they signed a 10 day trial contract with Club America.

During the two week tour the South Valley Chivas team played against fuerzas basicas teams, semi-pro teams, and affiliated academy team. Club America legend and current 1a division coach, Vinicio Bravo, was the contact and coordinator of all the matches and events, which were attended by the academy members during the tour. South Valley Chivas members had the opportunity to play against Club America Fuerzas Basicas 91, 3rd Division German Villa America, 3rd Division Cobijeros de Chiconcoac affiliated to Real San Luis and played in the Copa Pato Baeza in Texcoco, Estado de Mexico where scouts from

America, San Luis, Necaxa and Pachuca got to see our members in competitive games. The South Valley Chivas team placed 4th in the 90 category.

First game was played at Club America installations known as the "Nido Aguila" (Eagles Nest). In attendance were ex-Americanista, ex-National, and current Director of Sports Development, Alfredo Tena and scouts Jose Valdez and Pepe Vaca. After the game players Alexis Hernandez, Ivan Yanez, Omar Cardenas and keeper Francisco Reyes were invited by recommendation of the scouts in attendance to a 2 week tryout from August 6 to August 16.

Third game was against the 3rd Division Cobijeros de Chiconcoac affiliated to Real San Luis. Profe. Juventino Paredes, ex-Americanista and Director of Fuerzas Basicas for Real San Luis would invite players Alexis Hernandez, Ivan Yañez, and Francisco Reyes to a trial and would later offer them a 10 month contract.

On a rest day, South Valley Chivas members were able to take a tour of the world famous Estadio Azteca (Aztec Stadium). Members were able to go through the America home locker room and visit the stadium museum which is located at the stadium. On another rest day our members attended the Mexican Federation Soccer Expo where they had the opportunity to meet soccer stars and legends like Jared Borgetti (Cruz Azul), Efrain Velarde (Pumas), Enrique Borja, Daniel 'Russo' Brailovsky and Cristobal Ortega.

During the tour a group of South Valley members also had the opportunity to see South Valley Chivas Academy member, Amber Hernandez train and play with the Mexican Women U17 National Team at the Centro de Alto Rendimiento (CAR) which is the center for all national team trainings. Amber had been in training with the national team since the beginning of July.

South Valley Chivas Academy would like to thank our colleague and good friend Vinicio Bravo for all the time and effort put into coordinating every game and event which was attended. Also special thanks to Jose 'El Cocodrilo' Valdez and Pepe Vaca from Club America and el Profe. Juventino Paredes from Real San Luis.

Please visit www.chivassouthvalley.com for more info and images of the tour



South Valley Chivas with Club America Fuerzas Basicas 91

Misc. pictures from Mexico Tour*Game against 3rd Division Real San Luis**Estadio Azteca Tour**"Nido Agulla", Club America Installations**America locker room, Estadio Azteca**Jared Borgetti with Carlos Loza**Enrique Borja with Chris Aldaco*

Amber Hernandez with the Mexican Women U17 National Team

Member of our academy and only a fourteen year old soccer player, Amber Hernandez is still on the Mexican Women U17 National Team. Currently she is in training with the national team at the CAR (Centro de Rendimiento) in Mexico City.

Next January 2008, she will be in training for three straight months and hopes to fight for one of the 22 players which will participate at the 2008 U17 Women World Cup being held in New Zealand.

She is currently one of the starting eleven and is being used as a right wing.

*Amber Hernandez with Mexican Women National Coach*