

The start of the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL - Girls) and US Soccer Development Academy (Boys) seasons are coming up. This week, [rushsoccer.com](http://rushsoccer.com) will run a series of Season Preview articles for the Rush clubs participating in these Elite leagues. Today's installment, the Academy Boys from Texas.

The Texas Rush Academy teams kickoff the 2012/13 season on Sunday September 8th when they host Texans SC out of Houston. Dave Dengerink, Director of Academy at Texas Rush previews the season below:

### **'Team to Beat':**

Opening camp in the Development Academy, the 16's look strong and positive. With the addition of a top class goal scorer this team has the chance to make the playoffs. It's also the first time in club history where a core number of players have been with the Texas Rush for several years. This is key to development and also key in their passion and pride in playing for the crest!



### **Rush Players to watch:**

U16 - Flavio Bonavides is coming into his own in attacking midfield and with a year of experience in the Academy we are looking for him to have a break through season.

U18 - Diego Coca is returning from a great summer performance with the U20 El Salvadorian National Team, where he helped them qualify for the next round of the U20 World Cup. Diego made great strides in adapting to the style of the league last spring and we are hoping he becomes a dominant force this fall.

### **Thoughts on the upcoming season:**

This is our second year going into a 10 month season, which is truly a grind. The mental challenge for the players and to remain focused and the coaches to balance preparation and fatigue over the course of the year is critical to success. Not to mention the Texas Conference with the addition of the three clubs from Colorado and Sporting Kansas City, makes the most intense conference in the country that much more difficult. This year there will be a battle to find success in every game.

2012/13 Season Schedule

[U16's](#)

[U18's](#)