



On a recent family vacation, Brenna (U11 [VA Rush Academy Black](#)) and her family ran into some players from their favorite English Premier team, Tottenham Hotspurs.

Below is an account of the chance meeting of some of the worlds top stars:

A much-anticipated family vacation to see two powerhouses of English football playing relatively close to home turns into a meeting of a family's favorite team and players. After dropping the family off at the front of the Waterside Marriott in Baltimore, I parked the van in the hotel garage. When I got to the room, my entire family began excitedly telling me that Tottenham FC, our favorite team, was staying at the same hotel. So we did what any football-crazy family would do, we stalked the lobby. The first player we saw was veteran American goalkeeper, Brad Friedel, who was very gracious and gave my daughter, Brenna, an autograph. A little later, my wife and son pointed out Gareth Bale, one of our all-time favorite players, hurrying across the lobby. We asked if we could possibly get a picture and even though he was in a hurry he said ok and the request was granted. It was truly a fantastic family vacation.

[Tottenham](#) are off to a slower start in the Premier League with a 1-2-1 (W-D-L) record through four games.