



Dear La Roca FC Family,

2020 has been a stellar year for some amazing former La Roca players who signed contracts to play professional soccer. See more about them in the story below.

UYSA again reminded all club administrators about the COVID guidelines for Fall season. The guidelines are provided here for your review.

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La Roca Players Turn Pro

La Roca Futbol Club continues to build upon its record of producing more professional soccer players than any other soccer club in Utah.



South Weber, UT, September 09, 2020 --([PR.com](#))-- In a year that has been plagued by an abundance of bleak news, great things continue to happen at La Roca Futbol Club and for its players. La Roca FC prides itself on the development of players and, to date, has produced 16 professional players in its 15 short years of existence, making La Roca FC Utah's best pathway to a professional soccer

career.

In 2020 alone, Averie Collins, Bode Davis and Nico Ovalle, all products of La

Roca FC, signed professional contracts and have been given the opportunity to continue their love for the game and play at the next level. Averie Collins, La Roca FC's first female professional player, joined NWSL Washington Spirit; Bode Davis, just 18 years old, signed with the RSL Monarchs, and Nico Ovalle signed with Toronto FC II.

Alongside these amazing players is another former La Roca FC player who has been given the opportunity of a lifetime. Zach Booth is the newest addition to the list with his transition from Real Salt Lake's Academy to the English Premier League club Leicester City just this past week. Chad Booth, father of both professional players Zach and Taylor Booth said, "We have had four sons play for the La Roca soccer club. La Roca, for our family, has been more than just a soccer club, it has been a nurturing environment where our children have been taught by top-notch coaches who have a passion and love for the game. Through their experiences with La Roca, our boys have learned the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, responsibility, and commitment. La Roca developed them as soccer players and as young men. It has been a joy to see two of our sons take the skills they gained at La Roca and now be playing in Europe for Bayern Munich and Leicester City."

"It's fascinating to see our own players achieve this type of success," La Roca FC Founder and Technical Director, Adolfo Ovalle said. "When I see these opportunities present themselves for our players, it confirms we are doing the right thing and have the best program in Utah. With hard work, great coaches and supportive parents, our players can achieve their highest dreams. It's beyond satisfying and I'm so grateful that La Roca FC could be part of the process and their success."

La Roca FC has developed a strong relationship with its local MLS team, Real Salt Lake (aka RSL). Over the past 15 years, several La Roca FC players have launched their professional careers with RSL. "La Roca FC has done an excellent job in consistently developing soccer players for several years now. They have always been consistent with producing the type of players we desire," said Arnold Rijsenburg, Director of Coaching for RSL Academy. "At RSL we constantly keep an eye out for what great talent they are developing next. La Roca FC has been a fantastic resource for RSL, and we look forward to having a long-lasting relationship with them."

La Roca FC's first female professional, Averie Collins said, "La Roca provided the competitive and developmental environment necessary to reach my goals at the next level. Adolfo [Ovalle] and Pancho [Ovalle] are world class coaches who have built a program that breeds excellence and I am just so humbled to have been a part of it."

Bode Davis, who recently joined RSL Monarchs, adds, "La Roca FC has not only helped me to become a top footballer but has given me the chance to create relationships that will last forever. La Roca FC will always be more than just a football club to me, and I am forever grateful for that!"

Toronto FC II team member, Nico Ovalle, said, "La Roca FC has been there for me since I became a young footballer at the age of 7. The club and coaches taught me how to become a good footballer but more importantly how to be a good person. I will be eternally grateful. Thank you, La Roca FC."

La Roca FC's pathway to the professionals have included other notable athletes such as Taylor Booth (Bayern Munich), Danny Acosta (LA Galaxy), Fito Ovalle (Toronto FC II), Kyle Coffee (Real Monarchs), Sebastian "Bofo" Saucedo (Pumas UNAM), Julian Vazquez (Real Salt Lake), Jordan Pena (Real Monarchs), Emil Cuello (LA Galaxy), Jayden Wagoner (Las Vegas Lights), Giovanni Vazquez (NISA), Taylor Bowlin (Swedish FA Pars FC Orebro), and Maikon Orellana (Real Monarchs).

[Learn more at laroca.com](http://laroca.com)

[PR.com Press Release "La Roca FC Propels More Players to the Pros"](#)

UYSA Issues COVID Reminders

Utah Youth Soccer Association sent the following email to La Roca administrators and coaches last week:

With the Fall season in full swing, we wanted to send out a friendly reminder of the COVID protocols and guidelines.

Based on feedback we are receiving, and after attending some matches, we must remind everyone that:



- Coaches need to wear a mask at all times while on the sidelines or interacting with players.
- Players should wear a mask to/from the match and while sitting on the bench.
- For athletes on the sidelines during matches, please consider:
 - *Adding an extra bench so players can social distance.
 - *Encouraging each player to bring their own chair instead of using team benches.
 - *Having players sit on the grass while not participating in the match.
- Clubs must report every positive COVID case to UYSA and jointly create a return-to-play strategy.
- Parents need to social distance on the sidelines, wear masks when social distancing is not possible.
- Team managers need to be symptom checking players before training and matches (ask the qualifying questions).

We understand some of these elements can be an inconvenience but it's what needs to be done to protect the health and safety of our players/coaches and gives us the best opportunity to complete the Fall season uninterrupted. Thank you for your continued support of these guidelines!

[UYSA's COVID Guidelines for Fall Season](#)

Big Wins for La Roca FC at DCL Event

The Desert Conference League kicked off its first event of the season this past weekend at Lakeside Sports Complex in Orem. All 3 La Roca FC teams did very well competing against visiting teams from Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado. Congratulations, teams!



La Roca Kelly Parke U13/2008 Boys (7-0, 2-2, 1-1)



La Roca South Jose Milla U14/2007 Boys (3-1, 5-1, 5-1)



La Roca South Flaviio Bleinat U13/2008 Girls (2-0, 8-0, 2-0)

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