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### **Alpharetta Super-Y Soccer Player Makes International All-Star Team**

Eighteen players for Disney's Soccer Showcase All-Star Team, which is comprised of talented high school soccer players from across the United States, were selected December 29. The Disney All-Star Team will represent the United States against top international youth teams in Europe during the summer of 2010. The players were selected for the All-Star Team after participating in a Soccer Showcase, with more than 520 teams from around the country, which annually attracts the most decorated high school soccer players in the nation. Based on performance during the Showcase, Stewart Abraham, a player for the Alpharetta Elite and Alpharetta United Super-Y team, and student at Greater Atlanta Christian School, was selected among the eighteen elite players. At a towering six foot, three inches, Stewart plays in defense as a Left Back.

The Super-Y League Soccer Club, "Alpharetta United", began during the summer of 2008 and is affiliated with and run by the Alpharetta Ambush Soccer Club, part of the City of Alpharetta's sports program. One of the top 140 clubs in North America, over 750 teams composed of nearly 20,000 players compete in nine geographic regions across the Super-Y League – which is designed to attract the most talented youth soccer players ages 13-17 years old.



*Stewart Abrahart and the Disney All-Star Team 2009*

Says Janet Rodgers, President and CEO of the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau, “Since its inception, the Alpharetta United Super-Y League has generated tremendous weekend business for our 23 upscale and modern hotels by bringing teams to the city for high-level regional competition. The Alpharetta CVB is proud to offer complimentary assistance to the Super-Y League by identifying soccer fields and hotels to be used by visiting teams and offers this level of service to any group looking to bring an event to Alpharetta.”

Says Mike Perry, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Alpharetta, “We are excited to have high level soccer clubs in Alpharetta and are proud that our recreational facilities are a perfect match for this competitive sport; soccer is the #1 participation sport in the City of Alpharetta and the presence of a Super-Y League in Alpharetta serves as an attraction – drawing visitors to the area. Stewart’s recruitment is a great honor and is reflective of the caliber of programs offered in Alpharetta.”

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### **Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau**

The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau serves as the destination marketing arm for the City, promoting tourism to Alpharetta, Georgia, and attracting visitors to all 23 of Alpharetta’s upscale and modern hotels. Visit [awesomealpharetta.com](http://awesomealpharetta.com) for additional information.

### **About the USL Super-Y League**

The USL Super-Y league, a partner of US Club soccer, is a developmental soccer league for talented youth players destined for college or professional careers. The Super-Y league partners with the top 140 clubs in North America, with over 750 teams competing in 9 geographic locations. Super-Y runs its own Olympic Development Program (ODP) and events such as the North American Finals where the nation’s top players are selected for the US National Team programs.

**About the West Ham Youth Academy**

The youth academy at West Ham United is widely regarded as one of the most successful youth player development programs in world football. Under the direction of Tony Carr since 1973, the academy has consistently produced young players that have gone on to perform at the highest levels of world football including Frank Lampard and Joe Cole (Chelsea FC), Michael Carrick and Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United) and current West Ham first team regulars Anton Ferdinand and Mark Noble. Collectively the academy has generated in excess of \$100 million in transfer fees. For more information please contact Jon Conway at [jconway@whufc-usa.com](mailto:jconway@whufc-usa.com).

**About Chelsea Football Club**

Chelsea Football Club's Academy aims to produce home-grown professional soccer players capable of competing with Europe's elite. Based at Chelsea's state-of-the-art training facility on the outskirts of London, the Academy nurtures talent from the age of seven upwards. Whether spotted locally or brought in from abroad, any young player wanting to join Chelsea must strive to be the best in the world.