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*Joshua Nias, former BU14 Burlington Soccer Club OPDL Player, Heads to TFC to Join the Academy.*

“When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success” (Diego Maradona). At the Burlington Soccer Club (BSC) we believe success is achieved if our players achieve their goals as we strive to help them on their path. In July, we supported a few of our Boys OPDL members on their path to success as they attended the TFC Academy training for the opportunity to be identified. Many players from across the Province attended, and one of our own, Joshua Nias, was selected to join the TFC Academy.

Josh, a former BU14 OPDL player, understands the importance of hardwork and a supportive environment to help you achieve your goals. “Being a Bayhawk has definitely impacted my soccer journey in an extremely positive way” said Josh. “With the help of my coaches, Coach Julio and Coach Jamie, their feedback and some hard work, I was able to improve as a player and develop as a leader on the team.” He continued to say “..with the help of the Club, I was able to turn around my soccer journey and eventually sign for one of the biggest clubs in Canada.” This sentiment was further echoed by Josh’s father, Colin “The club and the coaches have done an excellent job of providing the boys with opportunities and a pathway to move to the provincial level and ultimately to TFC Academy. Coach Julio and Coach Jamie have been integral in helping Josh develop as a player and leader on the team.” Colin continued to say “Josh was on a good trajectory, however, it accelerated when we joined the Bayhawks who single-mindedly focused on developing and supporting him in a positive manner while also providing him opportunities to be seen.”

Josh’s love of the beautiful game began at the age of five (5) and has only deepened these last eight (8) years. From winning the Jefferson Cup as a Bayhawk, to playing for the Provincial team, Josh has accomplished quite a bit on the pitch. His advice for the next generation of Bayhawk is simple, “...always chase your dreams. No matter who says you can’t do something or who may not believe in you. No matter what other’s opinions of you are ...just keep going.” Certainly some sage and wise advice for those who want to follow a similar path.

It takes a village in competitive sports to get a child to this pivotal point in their soccer journey and Josh’s parents have some great words of wisdom to pass along to those who child is starting their own soccer journey “Encourage a love for the game – we really wanted him to focus on enjoyment and skill development. Focus on technical skills- we believe there is a great deal of value in fundamentals. Be patient and supportive- understand development takes time, a good mix of encouragement, tough love and support will be critical throughout their journey.”

We wish Josh nothing but the best as his soccer journey takes him to the TFC Academy with some of the best resources in the country. *Once a Bayhawk, Always a Bayhawk.*



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### **ABOUT BURLINGTON SOCCER CLUB**

The Burlington Soccer Club is a non-profit soccer provider located in the City of Burlington. Since 1962 the BSC has continued to serve Burlington and surrounding area with programs for 18 months to adults, embracing all abilities and all skill levels through their recreational, supplementary and competitive programs.

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