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## **KEY PLAYER WATCHES FROM SIDELINES AS U.S. SOCCER HOPEFULS HEAD FOR INTERNATIONAL PLAY**

### ***U-17 Men's Division Team Heads to South America for Exhibition Game***

**Bradenton, FL (August 5, 2010)** — He doesn't don a jersey, and his view of the game is always from the sidelines, yet Coastal Orthopedics' Arthur Valadie, MD plays a vital role in the U.S. Soccer team's success. Dr. Valadie travels as team physician for U.S. Soccer, responsible for treating sport related injuries, as well as educating athletes on how to avoid them. This weekend he'll join the U.S. U-17 Men's Team in Columbia, South America for a scheduled tournament.

"It's essential to nurture the athletic development of these young athletes," said Dr. Valadie. "It is the priority of the medical team to keep these athletes healthy and on the field so they can continue to develop world-class skills."

With the help of Dr. Valadie as injury prevention goalkeeper, the U-17 U.S. Men's team plans to outlast and outplay their opponents, as they keep their eye on the prize – a chance to compete in a FIFA World Cup Championship.

In order to reach national team status, scouted players complete a residency program with US Soccer at the IMG Academy in Bradenton. From there, eligible players play in exhibition games all over the world. Since many participating countries differ in the way they practice and play the sport, the exhibition games allow young athletes to gain the much-needed experience of international play on the world stage.

In addition to Dr. Valadie, Dr. Daniel S. Lamar and Dr. Steven Schafer serve as team physicians for the U.S. Soccer Team players on the road and while they train at the IMG facility.

#### **About Coastal Orthopedics & Sports Medicine/Pain Management**

Coastal Orthopedics has been serving the Sarasota-Bradenton area for over thirty years. The company strives to repair and heal injuries relating to the entire musculoskeletal system. Coastal Orthopedics is comprised of a group of over 20 specialty and sub-specialty trained orthopedic surgeons and pain management physicians focusing on the care and treatment of patients. With physicians and surgeons ranging in specialty care in sports medicine, joint replacement, pain management and rehabilitation, patients can be treated for athletic injuries as well as restoration of function and activity through non-surgical, physician-guided strengthening, therapy, medications, injections, and stretching. For more information visit [www.coastalorthopedics.com](http://www.coastalorthopedics.com).

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