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#### MANITOBA PLAYERS CALLED TO NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is delighted to announce that Alison Clarke, Desiree Scott and Caley Miskimmin have been called to participate in National Team projects.

Clarke has been selected to the U17 National Team that will participate in the World Cup Qualification competition for the CONCACAF region that will be held in Costa Rica from March 9-20. The teams that qualify will represent CONCACAF at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in Trinidad and Tobago in September 2010.

Alison commented that, "This is a very exciting time for me, and the greatest opportunity I could have hoped for. Making the U17 National Team has been a culmination of hard work, perseverance and personal sacrifice. I've had great support from my coaches, family and friends. I'm so excited about the upcoming tournament in Costa Rica."

MSA Technical Director, Rob Gale, indicated, "Alison is a terrific example for all Manitoba players. She has wanted to be a National Team player ever since I first met her but unlike others who dream of it she has worked harder than anyone else to achieve it. She has always questioned how she can improve and has been willing to learn. She has excelled at the Regional Training Center. She has done extra work before and after practices and on her own to reach this goal. I am delighted for her and know she will be a great success at the World Cup qualifying and beyond for Canada."

Meanwhile, Desiree Scott and Caley Miskimmin have been called by the Women's National Team camp as the team prepares for the Cyprus Women's Cup from February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

Scott commented, "After being selected to my first Senior National Team training camp in Florida this past November, I got a taste of what it's like to play with some of the best players in our country. I got to experience the National team atmosphere for a good three week period. I am super pumped, after hearing that I had been selected back to the team for the Cyprus Cup which is a major International tournament. I am looking to participate in the games and show them what a Manitoban can do. The goal is to



continue to perform and be selected back to the team for future camps, World Cup Qualifying and the World Cup Tournament.”

MSA Executive Director, Héctor Vergara, mentioned that, “We are very proud and excited for these players who have dedicated countless hours to their development. It goes to show that with dedication and commitment playing at the highest level in the world is quite possible. All of the coaches at club and provincial levels should be proud of their contributions to their success. We are confident that they will continue to succeed and perform very well. We wish them all the best in all the competitions.”

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