

Aribim Pepple, Calgary Foothills Soccer Product, Signs Professional Contract with Cavalry FC, Called In For Canada U17 Men's EXCEL Camp

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Calgary Foothills Soccer Club would like to congratulate Youth Academy graduate Aribim Pepple for signing with Canadian Premier League side Cavalry FC on a 2-year contract. The 16-year old striker put pen to paper on the back of a tremendous season spent in the the USL II with Calgary Foothills FC (2019 Western Conference Champions). Over 12 games Pepple played 500 minutes, tallying 5 goals in the final 5 matches. Tommy Wheeldon Jr., Head Coach and GM of Cavalry FC, adds yet another young and prodigious Canadian talent to his squad: "Aribim is an exciting attacking player (16yo) that the Canadian Premier League has been designed for. His development has accelerated having had a great season with Calgary Foothills USL2 team. He will add pace, power and youthful energy to our team." Pepple made his professional debut for Cavalry FC in Saturday's 0-0 draw against the Halifax Wanderers.

Pepple has spent his entire youth career at the Calgary Foothills Soccer Club, beginning from grassroots at U10 and progressing through the ranks to the Generation Program and the USL II first team in 2019. Adding yet another feather to his cap, Pepple was recently called into the Canada Men's U17 EXCEL Camp in Montreal where the squad were commencing preparations for the U17 World Cup in Brazil later this year. This was the first call for Pepple into the Canadian Youth National Team setup.

Jay Wheeldon, Foothills Boys Generation Phase Manager and Cavalry FC player, noted: "Since Aribim was young he has always caught the eye and has been a difference maker in tight games. He is known for his goal scoring ability but is also an intelligent player who understands a number of different roles on the pitch. I am excited for him to take the next step into professional soccer. I personally hope that he will be the first of many to make the jump from being a player in the Foothills Generation Program to an eventual teammate with myself at Cavalry."



Leon Hapgood, Foothills Technical Director, echoed similar sentiments: "As Foothills Technical Director and former Boys Academy Director, I have had the distinct privilege of watching Aribim rise through the ranks over the past years. We hold him in extremely high regard and I am ecstatic that he has made the leap to professional soccer and broken into the CSA EXCEL Camp in the same week. We created the Foothills Generation Program specifically to springboard players with his mentality and capabilities to these levels. His story serves to emphasize the *why* for all the work we do behind the scenes. We will continue to build the program and bolster the player pathway in Calgary. Aribim is a testament to how passion, hard work, and commitment can pay dividends; he is more than worthy of this opportunity and we wish him all the best."

About Calgary Foothills Soccer Club

CFSC was established in 1972 and is the largest soccer club in Calgary and a Canada Soccer Youth Club Licence holder. The club currently provides soccer programming to 3000 members over 100 teams, ranging from grassroots to semi-professional levels. The club has won 6 Youth CSA National Championships and was the USL II Champion in 2018. In 2019, Foothills FC (USL II) and Foothills WFC (UWS) were winners of their respective Western Conferences, with the women's side finishing as Finalists in the UWS National Championship.