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**Cocoa Expos Vie for 1st Round Birth
2005 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup**

Cocoa, FL – Things are looking good for the Cocoa Expos after 2 games played in the 2005 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. The team was victorious in their first game of the Cup, defeating the Ajax Orlando Prospects by the score of 5-1 at home and then getting a win on the road against the Bradenton Academics by the score of 1-0.

This Saturday, May 21, 2005, the Cocoa Expos will face the Central Florida Kraze in a match-up that has quite a spin on it. The two teams originally met on May 6, 2005 at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center; however play was terminated at approximately the 69th minute due to complications with the lights.

After a complaint from the Central Florida Kraze and discussion with the two teams involved, the United Soccer Leagues ruled that the game be resumed from the start of the second half. The Expos have a 1-0 goal advantage over the Kraze as Michael Araujo converted on a penalty kick in the 17th minute of play in the teams' first meeting. Game time is set for 8 pm at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center.

With a win this Saturday the Expos hope to secure a spot in the first round of the 2005 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. The Expos are competing in the southern group of qualifying and are currently in second place behind the El Paso Patriots. Pairings will be announced on June 1st. The first place winner of the southern group will advance to the first round on June 15th, while the second place finisher will play in the qualifying round on June 8th.