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**Cocoa Expos Defeat Central Florida Kraze**

**Cocoa, FL** – The Cocoa Expos were victorious this past weekend in their second half rematch with the Central Florida Kraze, defeating the visitors by the score of 2-1. The Expos entered Saturday night's game with a 1-0 advantage over the Kraze from their original meeting on May 6, 2005 with a goal from Michael Araujo.

In the 68<sup>th</sup> minute, a couple of minutes after the Kraze tied the game 1-1, Pete Marino came through and put away the game winner on an assist from Greg DeVito. Marino has played in Germany with Bayer Leverkusen, was a member of the U.S. Olympic Soccer Team, and has played for the Columbus Crew and Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer.

The Cocoa Expos currently stand in first place in the southern group of the Premier Development League qualifying for the 2005 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Pairings will be announced on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the first place winner of the southern group advancing to the first round on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the second place finisher playing in the qualifying round on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

This Friday night, May 27, 2005, the Cocoa Expos will host the Bradenton Academics in regular season Premier Development League action at 7:30 pm at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center. The Cocoa Expos are currently in first place in the PDL southeast division of the southern conference with a record of 3 wins and 0 losses, totaling 9 points.

For more information on the Cocoa Expos, please call (321) 639-EXPO or visit the team's website at [www.cocoaexpo.com](http://www.cocoaexpo.com).