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# Press Release

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## Corey Hertzog Turning Pro!

*Reading United star and 2010 NCAA D1 leading scorer to forgo final year of eligibility and enter MLS draft*

**READING, PA (December 22, 2010)** – Reading United A.C. and Penn State University forward Corey Hertzog will be forgoing his final year of NCAA eligibility and entering the 2011 MLS Draft. Not long after his interview on the Monday December 20 Reading United Soccer Scene TV show, Hertzog declared his intentions of making the jump to the next level of his soccer career. “My three years at Penn State were the best three years of my life....I am going to leave Penn State early and go into the draft with Generation Adidas. I can honestly say that it was the hardest decision that I have ever made in my entire life”, stated Hertzog in correspondence with Penn State alumni earlier today. Generation Adidas is a joint venture between Major League Soccer and U.S. Soccer, aimed at raising the level of young soccer talent in the United States. The program, sponsored by Adidas, encourages early entry (without college graduation) of American players into MLS. In addition, players are provided with money to continue their education. Money is held in escrow by the League and the players just draw off their account registering for classes and get reimbursed. They have essentially ten years to finish their degree. Scouts and coaches alike agree that Corey likely will be a top prospect in the 2011 MLS Draft. “I am very thankful for the opportunity provided by Reading United’s staff and coaches. I enjoyed the chance to train, play, and be exposed to a higher level with some of the top collegiate talent in the country. Reading United helped me to build the confidence to make me the player I was this season.”, said Hertzog via phone call to Reading United Vice President and Technical Director (and former US National team and Penn State player) Troy Snyder.



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The Reading, PA native firmly established himself as one of the nation's most talented and prolific offensive players in 2010. His nomination (along with Reading teammate Andrew Wenger) as a semi-finalist for the MAC Hermann Award cemented his status as one of the top forwards in the nation. His 16 goals place him in a tie for the Big Ten lead and his 37 points in 19 games are the most by a Nittany Lion since Chad Severs totaled the same number in 26 games in 2002. Hertzog's five game-winning goals are also conference best. Late in the 2010 season, he broke the Penn State record for shots in a season (103), surpassing the previous mark owned by Hermann Trophy winner Jim Stamatis (95). An All-Big Ten Second Team honoree in 2009, Hertzog is Penn State's leading active scorer, totaling 29 goals and 13 assists (71 points) in 57 career games. Hertzog has captured national attention for his exceptional 2010 season, receiving TopDrawerSoccer.com National Player of the Week (Sept. 19), Top DrawerSoccer.com Team of the Week (Aug. 30 & Sept. 19), College Soccer News National Team of the Week (Sept. 5 & 19), and Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 18) honors. He was also named tournament MVP of the 2010 Wolstein Classic and to the Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team and was the Philly Soccer News Player of the Week for Sept. 5.

Reading United A.C. will host winter tryouts for their 2011 Super 20 teams and PDL team on December 27 & 29. Tryouts will be held at two locations to further reach out into the region served by Reading United, and their partners, Body Zone, YSC Academy, and the Philadelphia Union. Reading United tryout information is as follows:

**Reading United MEN Super 20 & PDL**

Monday December 27 12:00-2:00PM at YSC Sports-King of Prussia ([www.yscsports.com](http://www.yscsports.com))  
 11:00-12:00 Player Check-In/Registration  
 Wednesday December 29 3:00-5:00PM at Body Zone Sports & Wellness – Reading ([www.bodyzonesports.com](http://www.bodyzonesports.com))  
 2:00-3:00 Player Check-In/Registration

**Reading United WOMEN Super 20**

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More details available at <http://www.readingunitedac.com/2011-team-tryouts.html>

**ABOUT READING UNITED AC**

Reading United A.C. is the Greater Reading area's premier minor league soccer team. Led by the ownership group of Berks Professional Sports, Inc. the club was founded in 1995 as the Reading Rage. As the club entered the 2010 season a name, logo, and color change was made to better feature the ties to the local and state community as well as the soccer goals of the team and its partners. Reading United is a Player Development Partner of the Philadelphia Union MLS team. For more information about Reading United AC, visit [www.readingunitedac.com](http://www.readingunitedac.com).



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