

Colin Rooney

Professional soccer scout with over 10 years of experience in North America, Central America and throughout Europe. Dual American and Croatian citizen who can adapt to different environments and challenges.



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Experience

2014 - Present Head of European Scouting

Toronto F.C.

- Work closely with the Scouting Director, Assistant General Manager and General Manager on specified targets throughout my markets
- Create and manage long lists, shortlists and assignments for players in my territory.
- Conduct background research on targeted players and use my network to gain character references
- Build out our scouting network throughout Europe
- Contact agents and/or clubs to obtain financial information to determine salary cap hit and all-in costs
- Watch 10+ games per week and submit match summary reports and individual player reports into Scout7 with video clips created on Wyscout for all levels internationally and domestically
- Travel domestically and internationally to attend live games at all levels and player/agent meetings
- Attend NCAA player combines in preparation for MLS SuperDraft and scout, identify and obtain character references on draft eligible players
- Conduct weekly general research for assigned markets with the goal of building a database of vital information regarding players and teams
- Managed one European Scout - weekly meetings and updating of lists along with a professional evaluation
- Work with Data Scout to evaluate targeted players identified through data
- Created opposition analysis profiles of Liga MX teams in preparation for CONCACAF Champions League play

2012 - 2014

Technical Scout - North America

Galatasaray

- Receive scouting assignments from the technical scout and evaluate players accordingly
- Write scouting reports, and edit and tag videos for players in Major League Soccer and Mexico's Liga MX that I deemed capable of playing in the Turkish Super Lig
- Assist with player recruitment
- Build an In-depth database of players of interest
- Develop relationships with agents and former teammates, and use personal contacts to gather background information on players

Education

BA, Criminal Justice

- Saint Louis University, 2005-2008
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004

Certifications

- Statsbomb - Intro to Football Analytics
- PFSA Scouting Education Course, Dallas, TX, April 2018
- Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Courses, United States Soccer Federation

Professional Skills

- Spanish - High intermediate
- Croatian - beginner
- Wyscout
- Scout7

Professional Achievements

- 2020 Canadian Cup Champions
- 2019 MLS Cup Runners up
- 2018 Canadian Cup Champions
- 2018 CONCACAF Champions League Runners up
- 2017 MLS Cup Champions
- 2017 Supporters Shield Winners
- 2017 Canadian Cup Champions
- 2016 MLS Cup Runners up
- 2016 Canadian Cup Champions



Character References

"I hired Colin in 2014 during my time at Toronto F.C. when we started building out our scouting department. He is a reliable, hard-working team player who is open minded and able to adapt to new challenges. He always put the team and department ahead of everything in order to reach our goals. His ability to speak multiple languages and his knowledge of different markets on the global stage would bring tremendous value to any club and I would have no problem recommending him to any club looking to enhance their scouting department"

- Corey Wray, Assistant General Manager, Columbus Crew



"I was Colin's boss from 2014 up until this past April and I have nothing but positive things to say about him when it comes to his desire to outwork everybody and hunger to learn and to be educated on new things. He took on new responsibilities each year as he grew into his role in our scouting department and was a big time help when translating for our Argentinian based scout. Clearly has an eye and the talent to find correct positional profiles but the work he did in order to build and expand our network in Europe was exceptional. I can't say enough about him as a person and professional and he would be a huge asset to any scouting operation both domestically and abroad."

- Jack Dodd, Technical Director, Portland Timbers

