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LUCANIA FOOTBALL CLUB RANKED NUMBER ONE IN CANADA June 22nd, 2011

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is pleased to announce that the Lucania Football Club has been ranked as the most successful amateur soccer club at the Canadian Club Championships in the senior men category.

In a document by the Canadian Soccer Association that depicts the history of the Canadian Club Championships and that was updated in November 2010, the Lucania Football Club has been named as the top amateur club with 75 points. In second place is Edmonton Italia with 74 points and in third place is Calgary Caledonian with 72 points.

As explained in the document the purpose of the report is to identify Canada's most successful amateur soccer clubs in terms of their performance at the Canadian Club Championships (CCC) over the period 1984-2010. During this 27 year period 351 different clubs have appeared at the CCC. 1984 was chosen as the starting point as it represents the first year when the current CCC formula was fully adopted i.e. a truly national competition at one site for each age category.

Lucania Football Club President, Mike Nardiello, states "This is a proud moment to be shared by all members of the Lucania tradition, both past and present. As a club, we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year and achieving the top ranking among amateur clubs across Canada could not have been achieved without the hard work of our management team, coaches, players and supporters over the years. I would like to thank all of our loyal sponsors whose support has greatly contributed to the success of our club, and I would especially like to thank Gerry Rondinone and the late Joe Rondinone who have shared a passion for Lucania soccer for many years. We will continue to build on this strong tradition in the years to come."

Héctor Vergara, MSA Executive Director, added, "It is impressive and very good for soccer in our province to have a Manitoba club at the top of the rankings for performances at the Canadian Club Championships. We have had a number of Manitoba teams represent the province at the Championships, but none with the success that the Lucania Soccer Club has enjoyed."

More information on the history of the Canadian Club Championships can be found on the following link:

http://www.canadasoccer.com/documents/2010_CCC_byLabrom.pdf

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