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AUSTIN FC ANNOUNCES CECILIO DOMÍNGUEZ AS FIRST DESIGNATED PLAYER SIGNING IN CLUB HISTORY

26-year Old Paraguayan National Team Forward Acquired by Austin FC via Transfer from Club Atlético Independiente in the Argentina Primera División; former Club América Goal Scorer and 2018 Liga MX Champion Adds Attacking Power to Austin FC

Austin, TX (August 24, 2020) – Austin FC, the 27th Club in Major League Soccer (MLS), has announced today that Cecilio Domínguez, the 26-year-old Paraguayan National Team forward, will join the Club via transfer from Club Atlético Independiente of Argentina’s Primera División. Domínguez is Austin FC’s first-ever Designated Player and the Club’s second signing. He joins fellow Paraguayan Rodney Redes who was unveiled as Austin FC’s first player signing in July 2020.

Domínguez will formally join Austin FC in January 2021 ahead of Austin FC’s inaugural MLS season. Domínguez, who scored 21 goals while playing for Club América of Liga MX from 2016-2019, will be on loan for the remainder of 2020 before joining Austin FC in 2021.

“I am delighted that Cecilio will join Austin FC as our first Designated Player, and I look forward to welcoming him to Austin,” said Claudio Reyna, Austin FC Sporting Director. “Cecilio comes to Austin as a Liga MX champion, an attacking player with a proven goal-scoring record in the CONCACAF Champions League and Copa Libertadores alongside other elite league and cup competitions. He is going to score goals for our team, and he is another player who represents how we want to build our roster – young, dynamic, exciting and hungry to bring his talent to MLS and Austin.”

“Austin FC is building a very special Club in an amazing city, and I’m honored that I’ll be part of Austin FC’s inaugural roster,” said Cecilio Domínguez. “I’m excited about the move to Austin, and I look forward to working with Josh Wolff and the team as we head into our first season.”

“Cecilio is the type of player we wanted for our first Designated Player signing. He’s a young but experienced, attacking international who joins us from one of the biggest clubs in South America. His dynamic forward play will translate well to MLS,” commented Josh Wolff, Austin FC Head Coach. “He is an attacking player well known to Liga MX fans, with a broad skillset, good movement off the ball and the ability to come inside and create scoring opportunities by himself. He can score with both feet and...
his head, and he is a true team player. His club experience in Mexico, Paraguay, and Argentina, alongside his national team history with Paraguay, adds a significant threat to our forward line. He’s a player fans will be pleased to see when we start play in 2021.”

Domínguez (pronounced “doh-meen-gehz”) was born in Asunción, Paraguay in 1994, and was a graduate of the Sol de América youth program. At age 17, he made his Paraguayan Primera División first team debut with Sol de América in 2012. He is the second Paraguayan player to join Austin FC, following the recent announcement of Rodney Redes as the Club’s first signing.

In 2014, Domínguez transferred to Cerro Porteño where he scored 33 league and cup goals in 81 appearances after a short loan with Nacional where he played in the semifinal and final of the 2014 Copa Sudamericana and the Torneo Clausura 2016 (Paraguay). Domínguez then transferred to Club América in Liga MX, scoring on his debut against Veracruz. He went on to accumulate 74 league and cup appearances and 21 goals with Club América, being crowned Liga MX Apertura Champion in 2018. While with Club América, Domínguez competed in four (4) CONCACAF Champions League matches, scoring three (3) goals. In 2019, Domínguez was signed by Argentina’s Club Atlético Independiente, becoming the club’s record signing. In the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons, Domínguez made 29 league and 13 cup appearances, scoring eight (8) goals. To date in his professional career, Domínguez has scored 73 goals and registered 288 Club appearances in league and cup competitions.

Domínguez’s international career began with Paraguay’s Under-17 team in 2010. He then progressed to the Under-20 team in 2013, tallying one (1) goal in 12 appearances. In 2014, he made his Paraguayan senior team debut against South Korea. Domínguez has been capped at senior international level 17 times to date.

Transaction: Austin FC acquires Cecilio Domínguez via transfer from Club Atlético Independiente. Domínguez to join Austin FC in 2021 as a Designated Player.

Cecilio Domínguez Player Details

Name: Cecilio Domínguez (pronounced “seh-see-lee-oh-doh-meen-gehz”)
Position: Forward
Height: 5’10”
Born: August 11, 1994
Age: 26
Birthplace: Asunción, Paraguay
Nationality: Paraguay

LEAGUE STATISTICS

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**CUP STATISTICS (DOMESTIC / INTERNATIONAL)**

**COPA LIBERTADORES**
- Nacional (loan) 2014: 2 goals, 0 assists
- Cerro Porteño 2015: 2 goals, 1 assist
- Cerro Porteño 2016: 3 goals, 1 assist
- **TOTAL**: 7 goals, 2 assists

**COPA SUDAMERICANA**
- Cerro Porteño 2016: 7 goals, 6 assists
- Club Atlético Independiente 2019: 7 goals, 3 assists
- Club Atlético Independiente 2020: 2 goals, 0 assists
- **TOTAL**: 16 goals, 9 assists

**COPA MX**
- Club América 2016-17: 2 goals, 0 assists
- Club América 2017-18: 5 goals, 0 assists
- Club América 2018-19: 5 goals, 5 assists
- **TOTAL**: 12 goals, 5 assists

**COPA ARGENTINA**
- Club Atlético Independiente 2019: 2 goals, 1 assist
- **TOTAL**: 2 goals, 1 assist

**COPA DE LA SUPERLIGA**
- Club Atlético Independiente 2019: 2 goals, 1 assist
- **TOTAL**: 2 goals, 1 assist

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**
- Club América 2017-18: 4 goals, 3 assists
- **TOTAL**: 4 goals, 3 assists

**INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS**
- Paraguay U20 2013: 12 goals, 1 assist
- Paraguay 2014-19: 17 goals, 0 assists
Austin FC

Austin FC joined Major League Soccer (MLS) as the 27th club in January 2019 and is the City of Austin’s first major league team. Austin FC will officially begin play in 2021 in a new, 100% privately financed, $260 million, state-of-the-art soccer stadium and public park in Austin.

Austin FC operates Austin FC Academy, the fully funded developmental academy representing the highest level of competition for elite youth soccer players in Central Texas, while serving as the exclusive developmental pathway to MLS for the region’s most talented young players.