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#### **Atlético Ottawa Signs Canadian Goalkeeper Teodor Obadal**

**Ottawa, ON (April 22, 2021)** – Atlético Ottawa have announced the signing of 19-year-old Canadian goalkeeper Teodor Obadal.

Teodor joins from FK Lokomotiva Belgrad (ФК Локомотива Београд) of the Serbian League Belgrade (Српска лига Београд), third division in Serbia. He was recently invited to the U19 Serbian National Team camp.

Obadal, 19, was born and raised in Belgrade, Serbia, the capital and largest city in Serbia. He has Canadian citizenship through his mother who was a long-time resident of Canada.

Teodor joined the FK Lokomotiva Belgrad academy at nine years old, later he left to join the academy of Serbian top tier side FK Čukarički for three years.

Obadal returned to FK Lokomotiva Belgrad when he was 14 years old and made his debut for the senior team at 16 years old, making more than 70 professional appearances for the third-tier side. He was named captain for his final season in 2020.

“Teodor is a young player that has played professionally since he was 16 years old in Serbia. He is someone our staff can train and grow him into an outstanding keeper for our club,” says Fernando Lopez, Atlético Ottawa, CEO.

“Teodor brings a wealth of experience for such a young player. He has a strong aerial ability, and our staff is excited to see him grow into the player we know he can be,” says Mista, Atlético Ottawa, Head Coach.

“It means a lot for me to join Atlético Ottawa, as a young goalkeeper I see this as a big opportunity to improve and grow as a player. I can’t wait to get to Ottawa, meet the fans, see the city,” says Teodor Obadal, Atlético Ottawa, Goalkeeper.

Teodor Obadal is the 16<sup>th</sup> player and 2<sup>nd</sup> goalkeeper announced by Atlético Ottawa for the 2021 CPL season. He joins fellow Canadian goalkeeper Dylan Powley, in addition to Canadians Ryan Telfer, Zach Verhoven, Jordan Webb, Chris Mannella and Keesean Ferdinand as new signings for Atlético Ottawa.

In addition, to already announced domestic re-signings Milovan Kapor, Antoine Coupland, Ben McKendry, Brandon John, Malcolm Shaw, and international players Viti Martinez, Bernardinho, Tevin Shaw and Vashon Neufville.

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