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## Atlético Ottawa Signs Spanish-Dominican Attacking Winger Rafael Núñez

**Ottawa, ON (June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)** – Atlético Ottawa announced today that Spanish-Dominican Attacking Winger Rafael Núñez has joined the Club on loan from Atlético de Madrid for the 2021 season.

The 19-year-old joins Atlético Ottawa from the Atlético de Madrid Academy where he recently played for the Atlético de Madrid U19.

Núñez recently made his debut with the Dominican Republic U23 National Team where he appeared in three Olympic qualifying matches this past March.

"I have never been to Canada, so I am excited to come to the capital and meet the fans. As a young player I am looking forward to getting some professional experience in Canada's top league. I can't wait to play in front of the fans at TD Place," says Rafael Núñez, Atlético Ottawa, Midfielder.

Rafael was born in Bonao, Dominican Republic and raised in Spain, he has been in the Atlético de Madrid Academy system since 2015.

"Rafa is a young talented player, he is a very skilled-technical player in the midfield and has a strong potential when attacking from the sidelines. We are excited to develop young players that have climbed through the ranks at Atlético de Madrid and start to build a path for the top juvenile players coming from our parent Club," says Fernando Lopez, CEO, Atlético Ottawa.

"Rafael is a very fast and versatile young player; he has a lot of experience through his career so far playing in the most competitive national existing league for his age in Madrid. He will surely help us increase the level of the team and contribute to achieve the goals established by our Club," says Mista, Atlético Ottawa, Head Coach.

Rafael Núñez is the 21<sup>st</sup> player announced by Atlético Ottawa for the 2021 CPL season. He joins fellow Spaniards Viti Martinez and Miguel Acosta as the third Spanish player on the roster. Drew Beckie, Shawn-Claud Lawson, Brian Wright, Teodor Obadal, Dylon Powley, Ryan Telfer, Zach Verhoven, Jordan Webb, Chris Mannella and Keesean Ferdinand have also been announced 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 other international players like Tevin Shaw and Vashon Neufville.

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