

ELITE PROMOTIONS GROUP ANNOUNCES CRYSTAL PALACE V MILLONARIOS  
SEATGEEK STADIUM- WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023



(CHICAGO – May 12, 2023) – Elite Promotions Group announce today that they will hold The Chicago Nations Cup, a world class pre-season match between English Premier League Club, Crystal Palace FC, and Categoría Primera A’s Millonarios FC. The match will take place at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

The ticket on-sale date for the match is to be announced next week. To receive announcements and access to the latest information on presales and special offers, visit [www.nationscupseries.com](http://www.nationscupseries.com)

The Chicago Nations Cup will mark the return of International Football to Chicago, who has seen several matches over the years, the likes of which have included Manchester United, El Salvador, Bayern Munich, AC Milan, and Paris Saint-Germain. The match will be played at SeatGeek Stadium, former home of MLS’ Chicago Fire and current home of the NWSL’s Chicago Red Stars.

Michael Libber, Co-Founder of Elite Promotions Group said: *“The team at Elite Promotions Group are delighted to bring such prestigious clubs from both the English Premier League and Colombian Categoría Primera A. SeatGeek Stadium is such an iconic venue with an incredible atmosphere and the match itself will be a great spectacle for both sets of fans and soccer fans in general.”*

Competing in what is widely regarded as the best league in the world, London-based Crystal Palace is currently placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the English Premier League and the Eagles will enter their 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive season in the top-flight of English football next season.

The club is currently managed by former England Men’s National Team manager Roy Hodgson and their squad is packed full of international stars such as US Men’s National Team player Chris Richards, England international Marc Guehi, Ghana’s Jordan Ayew and Jeffrey Schlupp, and Denmark’s Joachim Andersen. Palace also have some of the most exciting, young attacking talent in the Premier League in Eberechi Eze and Michael Olise.

Crystal Palace Chairman Steve Parish said: *“We are absolutely delighted to return to the US for the first time since 2016. We have so many loyal supporters Stateside who regularly visit us in London, and even more who wake up early every weekend to watch on NBC – so it will be fantastic to play in front of them all against such strong opposition this July.”*

This match will act as Crystal Palace’s first match of their pre-season tour, with their second match taking place on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Detroit. The Chicago Nations Cup will simultaneously act as a mid-season match for Millonarios, who’s playing season runs through November.

Millonarios Fútbol Club, from Colombia, is one of the most successful and iconic football clubs in South America. Based in Bogotá it plays in the Categoría Primera A, the topflight of football in Colombia. They are currently top of the league and have won 15 league titles, 3 Colombian Cup titles as well as 1 Colombian Super Cup.

Millonarios President’s Enrique Camacho said: *“For Millonarios FC it’s an honor to continue representing Colombian football around the world, but even more when it’s about a match of these caliber with a huge rival as it is Crystal Palace from the Premier League. We will have the opportunity to meet again with the large number of blue fans who live at the United States, as every time we play there, we receive tremendous support from them.”*

The Chicago Nations Cup will highlight the continued expertise of Elite Promotions Group and their commitment to bring best in class international football events to the American market.

Elite Promotions Group will announce ways in which they will further engage with the local and international communities to build excitement for the match.

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#### **About Elite Promotions Group**

Elite Promotions is an agency dedicated to facilitating best in class events with major venues and elite sports brands. With offices in the US and UK, the agency provides a host of services including exhibition games, training camps and club tours around the world. [www.elitepromotionsgroup.com](http://www.elitepromotionsgroup.com)

#### **About Crystal Palace F.C.**

Crystal Palace F.C. was established in 1861, playing its first match in March 1862, and was a founder member of both the Football Association and FA Cup. The Eagles – who play in red and blue - have played their home matches at Selhurst Park in South London since 1924, in front of a passionate supporter base who are widely regarded as creating one of the best atmospheres in English football. US supporters will be familiar with the Eagles’ home stadium as it was the location for Ted Lasso and AFC Richmond’s home ground. [www.cpfcc.co.uk](http://www.cpfcc.co.uk)

#### **About Millonarios F.C.**

Millonarios FC was founded in 1946. Since then, it has been able to position itself among the greatest in Colombia winning 15 local titles, 3 Colombian Cup titles, one Colombia Super League title and one Conmebol Merconorte Cup. Also, it’s was considered as the greatest team in the world at the times of 50s’ and different world fans national figures passed wearing these colors like Alfredo Di Stefano, Adolfo Pedernera, Nestor Raúl Rossi, Arnoldo Iguarán, Delio Maravilla Gamboa among others.  
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