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THE ATLANTIC CUP 2014

After three very successful years, Sporting Events are delighted to announce the return of The Atlantic Cup on the 4th – 13th February 2014 in the Algarve, Portugal.

This winter, eight clubs from across Europe will be competing for the coveted pre-season trophy. The tournament looks in great shape, with an exciting crop of sides set to go head-to-head this year. All matches will be played in the Algarve across three separate venues - The Estádio Algarve, the Estádio Municipal de Albufeira and the Estádio da Nora.

Participating clubs are as follows:

- FC København (Danish Superliga)
- FC Midtjylland (Danish Superliga)
- FC Spartak Moscow (Russian Premier League)
- FC Slovan Liberec (Czech Gambrinus Liga)
- Örebro SK (Swedish Allvenskan)
- FH Hafnarfjarðar (Icelandic Úrvalsdeild)
- Breiðablik UBK (Icelandic Úrvalsdeild)
- SV Mattersburg (Austrian Erste Liga)

The Atlantic Cup 2014 will be a 'Round Robin' tournament consisting of three games for each team. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. If a match ends in a draw after 90 minutes, the match will go straight to penalties. The winner of the penalty shootout will be awarded 1 extra point. The team that accumulates the most points across their three fixtures will win The Atlantic Cup 2014.

Danish Superliga heavyweight FC København make their Atlantic Cup debut this winter. The Danish outfit, who have faced Real Madrid and Juventus in this season's UEFA Champions League, will take on Slovan Liberec, Breiðablik and Spartak Moscow of Russia in what are set to be mouth-watering clashes. They will be joined by compatriots and former Atlantic Cup winners FC Midtjylland. Flying high at the top of the Danish Superliga this season, they will be eager to try and reclaim pride and glory after winning the tournament in 2012.

Spartak Moscow are another huge club that Sporting Events warmly welcomes to The Atlantic Cup for the first time. One of Russia's most successful teams, they will go head-to-head with FC København, Midtjylland and FH Hafnarfjarðar. With a host of exciting players, including former Borussia Dortmund forward Lucas Barrios, Spartak Moscow will certainly be many peoples' tip to conquer this year's Atlantic Cup.

With Icelandic football on the up after coming tantalizingly close to qualifying for the 2014 World Cup this year, two of the country's best teams will travel to Portugal to challenge for The Atlantic Cup. FH Hafnarfjarðar and Breiðablik UBK will look to proudly represent Iceland for the first time.

FC Slovan Liberec finished third in the Czech Gambrinus Liga last season, winning themselves a spot in UEFA's Europa League. Having now qualified for the knockout phase of the competition and facing dutch side AZ Alkmaar in the last 32, Liberec will want to be firing on all cylinders for their clashes with København, Midtjylland and Örebro in this winter's Atlantic Cup.

Örebro SK come into The Atlantic Cup off the back of a storming promotion campaign back into the Swedish Allsvenskan. With an undoubtedly tough 2014 season ahead, Örebro will look to replicate last season's form and help prepare for their upcoming campaign with matches against Midtjylland, Mattersburg and Breiðablik.

The eighth team to participate in this year's Atlantic Cup will be SV Mattersburg from Austria. The second division club, who competed in the tournament last year, will be hoping to challenge once again in 2014.

Tournament Schedule

04 February – Breiðablik UBK v SV Mattersburg – Estádio Albufeira (20:45 CET)

05 February – Örebro SK v FH Hafnarfjarðar – Estádio Algarve (17:00 CET)

05 February – FC Slovan Liberec v FC Midtjylland – Estádio Algarve (20:45 CET)

07 February – Breiðablik UBK v FC Midtjylland – Estádio da Nora (17:00 CET)

07 February – FC København v FC Slovan Liberec – Estádio Algarve (20:45 CET)

08 February – Örebro SK v SV Mattersburg – Estádio da Nora (17:00 CET)

09 February – FC Spartak Moscow v FH Hafnarfjarðar – Estádio Albufeira (20:45 CET)

10 February – Örebro SK v FC Slovan Liberec – Estádio Albufeira (17:00 CET)

10 February – FC København v Breiðablik UBK – Estádio Algarve (20:45 CET)

11 February – SV Mattersburg v FH Hafnarfjarðar – Estádio da Nora (17:00 CET)

11 February – FC Midtjylland v FC Spartak Moscow – Estádio Algarve (20:45 CET)

13 February – FC København v FC Spartak Moscow – Estádio Algarve (17:00 CET)

Following the last game on the 13th February, we will present the trophy to the winner of The Atlantic Cup 2014.

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