

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

21st December 2015

THE ATLANTIC CUP 2016

After five very successful years, Sporting Events are delighted to announce the return of The Atlantic Cup from the 30th January to 7th February 2016 in the Algarve, Portugal.

This winter, eight clubs from across Europe will compete for the coveted pre-season trophy. Matches will be held across three venues – Estádio Algarve, Estádio Bela Vista and Estádio Municipal de Albufeira. Participating clubs are as follows:

Group A

AGF Aarhus (Danish Superliga)
Kalmar FF (Swedish Allsvenskan)
FK Jablonec (Czech Synot Liga)
Örebro SK (Swedish Allsvenskan)

Group B

FC Zenit (Russia Premier League)
FC Lokomotiv Moscow (Russian Premier League)
IFK Norrköping (Swedish Allsvenskan)
Brøndby IF (Danish Superliga)

The Atlantic Cup 2016 will consist of two groups of four teams ('Group A' and 'Group B'). Each team will play two games against opponents from within their group. The winner of each group will be determined by the team that accumulates the most points across their two fixtures. These two teams will play each other in the final of The Atlantic Cup 2016. The remaining teams will then go on to play the corresponding team in the opposing group in a Play-Off game. (2nd place v 2nd place, 3rd place v 3rd place, 4th place v 4th place). However, if two teams from one country finish in the same position in their relative group, fixtures will be adjusted to ensure that no teams from the same country play each other in the second phase of the tournament (this will not apply to the two finalists).

Sporting Events are honoured to announce that FC Zenit will be competing in The Atlantic Cup 2016. The Russian Champions, who have already qualified for the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League, make their Atlantic Cup debut this winter. With Portuguese coach Andre Villas-Boas returning to home soil and with a host of top names in his squad (Brazilian star Hulk, Belgium international Axel Witsel and former Man City midfielder Javi Garcia to name but a few), Zenit will feel confident about making their mark on the competition. Zenit will be joined by fellow Russian club Lokomotiv Moscow. After reaching the last 32 of the UEFA Europa League, they will keen to show the rest of the competition what they are capable of.

One of the most decorated sides in Denmark, Brøndby IF will make their third Atlantic Cup appearance. Last year, the 10 times Superliga Champions gave a good account themselves, winning two out of their three fixtures, and they will hope to better that this year to give themselves a chance of conquering

The Atlantic Cup. Brøndby will be joined by compatriots AGF Aarhus. The Danish outfit, who are holding their own in the Superliga after storming to promotion last season, will be eager to impress.

This year's Atlantic Cup showcases a strong Swedish contingent, with both IFK Norrköping, Kalmar FF and Örebro SK making an appearance. Norrköping, who clinched the Allsvenskan title in dramatic fashion on the final day, will hope to continue their strong form into pre-season and show their opponents why they are the Champions of Sweden.

The eighth and final team to participate in The Atlantic Cup 2016 are FK Jablonec of the Czech Republic. They return to Portugal after competing in the 2015 edition of the tournament and impressing with a win and a draw against Copenhagen and Midtjylland respectively. They will hope to better that form and make it to the final.

Tournament Schedule

Sunday 31 January – AGF v Jablonec – Estádio Algarve (13:00 GMT)

Sunday 31 January – Kalmar v Örebro – Estádio Bela Vista (18:00 GMT)

Monday 01 February – Lokomotiv v Norrköping – Estádio Algarve (13:00 GMT)

Monday 01 February – Zenit v Brøndby – Estádio Algarve (18:00 GMT)

Wednesday 03 February – Jablonec v Kalmar – Estádio Algarve (13:00 GMT)

Wednesday 03 February – Örebro v AGF – Estádio Bela Vista (18:00 GMT)

Thursday 04 February – Brøndby v Lokomotiv – Estádio Algarve (13:00 GMT)

Thursday 04 February – Norrköping v Zenit – Estádio Algarve (18:00 GMT)

Saturday 06 February – Third A v Third B – Estádio Municipal de Albufeira (13:00 GMT)

Saturday 06 February – Fourth A v Fourth B – Estádio Municipal de Albufeira (18:00 GMT)

Sunday 07 February – First A v First B (Final) – Estádio Algarve (13:00 GMT)

Sunday 07 February – Second A v Second B – Estádio Algarve (18:00 GMT)

For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.theatlanticcup.com>

For press accreditations, please contact press@theatlanticcup.eu

For club accreditations, please contact club@theatlanticcup.eu