

PRESS RELEASE

PRAGUE'S SUMMER IS ABOUT TO HEAT UP EVEN MORE AS SOME OF THE WORLD'S TOP FOOTBALL CLUBS GEAR UP TO FACE OFF

Prague, 8 July 2019: **Starting on July 24th and ending on July 30th, some of the strongest foreign football academies will match up during the CEE Cup, the U19 football tournament held every summer since 2011 in Prague.**

The program for the 9th edition of the CEE Cup has already been laid out.

Group A, which will take place in Sparta Prague's training center in Strahov stadium, will see the home team play against last year's finalist, Besiktas, Dinamo Zagreb from Croatia, and Shakhtar Donetsk from Ukraine.

The other four teams, which make up Group B, are Slavia Prague, last year's champions from Brazil, Palmeiras, the renowned Turkish team Altinordu, and finally Burnley, a team which has had a steady rise in the English Academy rankings.

Each tournament day will feature two Group A matches in the morning at the Sparta training center in Strahov, and then two Group B matches in the afternoon at the Evžena Rošický stadium, both in Prague 6.

The tournament Final is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 30th, at 6:00 pm at the usual venue, Dolíček stadium, the home of the Bohemians club.

"We are pleased that we have managed to secure such interesting roster for the Czech clubs and we are proud that a lot of interesting foreign football players will strive for a significant shift in their careers in Prague in front of scouts coming mainly from all over the continent", says Roberto De Blasio, Tournament Director.

Just like last year, the Kids' Football Day will be lead by Tomas Jun just before the final match. The former national will be devoted to small footballers and non-football players, boys and girls, starting from 3 p.m.

Participation is free for children aged 6-to-12 and their parents, but you must register via ceecup.org.

The tournament already boasts several players who have had very interesting careers after their participation in the tournament. Very talented foreign football players also got a chance to play in Prague. Currently Dwight McNeil (one of the most sought-after talents of the Premier League), a teenager who has made his way into the Burnley line up, played in the 2017 CEE Cup.

Everton striker Ellis Simms, who is considered the most talented Toffees' canonist since Wayne Rooney, is also poised to make his Premier League debut soon.

There is also Joshua Zirkzee, who will be covering Robert Lewandowski's back in Bayern Munich, László Bénéš who has joined Borussia Mönchengladbach's, and finally Ayrton Lucas, who joined the ranks of Spartak Moscow.

Scouts will also be present at the tournament.

In recent years, talent scouts from Juventus, Bayern Munich, Ajax Amsterdam and other famous clubs

have accredited here. For this very reason, this year the tournament organizers will provide a space for scouting course with IPSO – International Professional Scouting Organization.

The complete match schedule can be found at <http://www.ceecup.org/en/2019/rozpis>

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