

Basque Soccer Friendly will feature Athletic Club de Bilbao versus Club Tijuana Xoloitzcuintles de Caliente on July 29, 2015 in Boise, Idaho

Boise, Idaho- This information was made public today at a Press Conference featuring Boise's Mayor Dave Bieter at the Basque Center 601 Grove St. Boise, Idaho. The Basque Soccer Friendly will feature Athletic Club de Bilbao from the Basque region of Spain versus Club Tijuana Xoloitzcuintles from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico for the July 29 matchup in Boise.

In their 117 years of existence, Athletic Club de Bilbao has never played a game in the United States so the Basque Soccer Friendly will be a historical game in the heart of the Basque American Diaspora of Boise, Idaho. Athletic Bilbao is one of only three clubs that have never been relegated from the Liga, the others being Real Madrid and Barcelona. In the table of Copa del Rey titles, Athletic is second only to FC Barcelona, having won the Cup 24 times. Athletic Bilbao and FC Barcelona will face each other in 2015 Copa del Rey on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Club Tijuana is currently ranked first in the 2015 Clausura in Liga MX. Founded in January 2007, Club Tijuana moved into Mexico's top division Liga MX in 2011. By winning the 2012 Apertura, Club Tijuana became the fastest club to win a championship following promotion to Mexico's top flight. Club Tijuana has seven American players on their roster, five of which are age 20 or younger and have played for the U.S. Youth National Teams. The most notable American is 24-year-old midfielder Joe Corona, who has two goals in 14 appearances for the U.S. Men's National Team. Corona has spent his entire professional career with Xolos.

The Basque Soccer Friendly is also excited to launch Kuadrilla, our exclusive membership club. Kuadrilla to the Basque community means a close group of friends. Members of the Kuadrilla will be the first in line and given access to purchase tickets before the general public, receive a limited edition t-shirt, a commemorative poster, and invitations to exclusive monthly events. The opportunity to join the Kuadrilla will only be available from Wednesday, April 8th until Wednesday, April 22nd. Kuadrilla membership is \$45 and can be purchased on www.basquesoccerfriendly.com

Tickets to the Basque Soccer Friendly will go on sale on to the general public on Monday, April 27th. More information at www.basquesoccerfriendly.com

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