

## News Release

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### Soccer Friendly Match Coming to Mosaic Stadium between the U23 Teams from Sunderland AFC & Toronto FC

**Regina, SK** – The Regina Exhibition Association Limited is excited to announce the beautiful game is coming back to Mosaic Stadium with a soccer friendly match on August 3.

The match will feature the U23 team from Sunderland Association Football Club (SAFC) and the U23 team from the Toronto Football Club (TFC).

“The last friendly match we held here was incredible,” said Tim Reid, President and CEO of REAL. “Soccer is a global sport that transcend borders and unites so much of our world. The opportunity to see this happen again in our community may just be what we all need at this time.”

SAFC is an English professional football club based in the city of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. They are known as the Black Cats. SAFC plays in League One, the third tier of English football. Since their formation in 1879, the club has won six top-flight (First Division, now Premier League) titles in 1892, 1893, 1895, 1902, 1913, and 1936. SAFC has finished runner-up five times. They’ve also won the FA Cup twice and have been Football League Cup finalist twice in 1985, and 2014.

TFC is a Canadian professional soccer club. They compete in Major League Soccer (MLS) in the Eastern Conference and are known as The Reds. They were the first Canadian-based franchise in the league, joining in 2007. In 2017, Toronto FC won the domestic treble with the MLS Cup, Supporters' Shield and Canadian Championship. They are seven-time winners of the Canadian Championship and were runners-up of the 2018 CONCACAF Champions League, as well as the MLS Cup in 2016 and 2019.

REAL extends its appreciation Tourism Saskatchewan, the Regina Hotel Association, and the City of Regina for their funding support to attract the soccer friendly match to Regina.

“We are excited a soccer friendly match is coming back to Regina,” said Mayor Sandra Masters. “We look forward to welcoming spectators and athletes to our city and delivering an exceptional fan experience at Mosaic Stadium this summer.”

The match kicks off at 6:30 p.m. at Mosaic Stadium. Tickets for the event range from \$18 – \$65 (plus applicable fees and taxes) and go on sale June 3 at 10 a.m. here:

<https://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11005CB4AB82574D>. The friendly match is taking place during the first night of the Queen City Ex presented by SaskTel. Entrance to the fair for August 3 is included with your friendly match ticket. Hitting the Queen City Ex Original 16 Stage after the match is Street Heart and the Headpins.

For more information on this international event please visit [www.realdistrict.ca](http://www.realdistrict.ca).

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