



ENGLISH TRADITION, AMERICAN TURF

After a 10-year hiatus, professional outdoor soccer is back in Baltimore as Crystal Palace USA opens its regular season April 25 at UMBC Stadium. In its second season, Crystal Palace USA, which played its home games in Annapolis last year, competes in the 10-team Second Division of the United Soccer Leagues and is the first professional soccer team in the USA with a direct link to a professional English team.

“This is a great soccer town, with a ton of tradition and history” Pete Medd, co-manager of Crystal Palace USA said at the February press conference announcing the move to UMBC Stadium. “We’re thrilled to be bringing professional, outdoor soccer back to Baltimore after a 10 year absence. ... Playing at UMBC will allow us to achieve our goal of providing world-class, family entertainment. We couldn’t be more excited.”

Similar to Major League Baseball’s farm system, Crystal Palace USA was created as a feeder organization to the world-renowned Crystal Palace Football Club, a \$100 million company founded in 1905 in south London. Crystal Palace UK chairman, Simon Jordan, saw an opportunity not only to develop the footprint of Crystal Palace worldwide, but more specifically to tap into the under-appreciated pool of American soccer talent.

The USL-2 season runs from April to August. The team will also compete for the U.S. Open Cup, a 100-year old, single-elimination competition open to professional and amateur teams alike. Every year, the later rounds of the U.S. Open Cup feature USL teams playing against Major League Soccer teams like D.C. United and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

After a poor start in the club’s inaugural season, Crystal Palace USA lost only two of its final 16 matches and finished the season one win from making the playoffs.

Crystal Palace USA’s 2008 season opener will take place at UMBC Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds. The final regular season home fixture is set for Aug. 3 against the Bermuda Hogges. •

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Back row: Karim Moumban (Goalkeeping Coach), Alex Ughiovhe, Sergio Flores, Zach Thompson, Val Teixeira (Captain), Brian Rowland, Andrew Marshall, Gary Brooks, Michael Kelly (Strength and Conditioning Coach).
Middle row: Derrick Marcano (Assistant Coach), Stephanie Marcano (Equipment Manager), Harold Urquijo, Shintaro Harada, Pete Medd (President and Co-Manager), Randy Medd (Chairman), Jim Cherneski (Sporting Director and Co-Manager), Dan Lader, Pat Healey, James Calder (Director of Communications), Leslie Dawson (Athletic Trainer), Melissa Bryant (Director of Operations).
Front row: Matthew Mbuta, Carlos Morales, Kevin King, Bryan Harkin, Cecil Lewis, Paul Robson, David Feazell.
Absent from photo: Ibrahim Kante, Mike Lookingland, Matt Nelson

CRYSTAL PALACE USA 2008 ROSTER

1 Brian Rowland (Goalkeeper)	10 Harold Urquijo (Midfielder/Forward)	19 Kevin King (Midfielder/Forward)
2 Alex Ughiovhe (Defender/Midfielder)	11 Sergio Flores (Midfielder/Forward)	21 Shintaro Harada (Defender/Midfielder)
3 Paul Robson (Defender)	12 Matthew Mbuta (Midfielder/Forward)	22 Carlos Morales (Midfielder)
4 Ibrahim Kante (Defender)	14 Mike Lookingland (Defender)	23 Zach Thompson (Goalkeeper)
5 Andrew Marshall (Defender)	15 Dan Lader (Defender/Midfielder)	24 Jim Cherneski (Defender/Midfielder)
7 Val Teixeira (Defender), Captain	16 Larry Mark (Forward)	27 Matt Nelson (Goalkeeper)
8 Bryan Harkin (Midfielder)	17 Cecil Lewis (Forward)	30 Gary Brooks (Forward)
9 Pat Healey (Midfielder)	18 David Feazell (Defender)	

Numbers subject to change before season; additional numbers possible during season.

STUDENT OF THE GAME

An individual team that purchases 15 season tickets will get each season ticket for \$100 (regular price, \$125) as well as three private training sessions with a Crystal Palace player and coach. If an individual team purchases 25 season tickets for \$100 they will receive six private training sessions with a Crystal Palace player and coach. A team picture will be posted at CrystalPalaceUSA.com under the Student of the Game.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE PALACE

- \$18 per youth ticket (under 18)
- Reserved Private Birthday Area
- 10 "English Tradition - American Turf" T-shirts
- 1 Autographed Soccer Ball
- Birthday child runs on the field with player at the start of the game
- Happy Birthday wishes announced in the stadium
- Minimum 10 youth tickets must be purchased for package. (Adult tickets are available at group rate of \$14 per ticket.)

HEALEY AMONG LOCAL FACES ON PALACE

When Crystal Palace Football Club decided to form a “farm” team in the Baltimore area it had plans to cultivate local talent on the pitch with hopes of finding the next star for the parent club in London. Crystal Palace USA took a big step in that direction in March when the team signed Baltimore native Pat Healey.

Healey, a Towson University product who was selected by the Kansas City Wizards in the first round of the 2008 Major League Soccer Supplemental Draft, was named 2007 Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year after leading the league with eight goals and nine assists.

“This is a big coup,” said Crystal Palace USA co-manager and president Pete Medd. “This is the way it really should be, with the top college player in the area signing with the home team. With Pat’s pedigree and background, it’s going to help focus local attention on Palace Baltimore.”

Co-manager and sporting director Jim Cherneski was equally enthusiastic.

“He’s a very intelligent player who can finish as well as orchestrate plays from centre-midfield, something we didn’t do enough of last year. His great awareness keeps him three or four steps ahead of the play.”

Healey is the son of Kevin Healey, president and general manager of the Baltimore Blast, which also drafted Pat Healey this year in the territorial round of the Major Indoor Soccer League Draft.

“It’s obviously very exciting for me,” Kevin Healey said. “I’m very proud of his accomplishments throughout his career.”

The accomplishments have been numerous. Pat Healey’s high school squad at Calvert

Hall won back-to-back championships. At Towson in 2006 and 2007, he was named to the All-CAA first team and the NCSAA All-South Atlantic Region Team.

“He really worked hard at his game and he’s a great kid,” Kevin Healey said. “I’m really proud of him. He worked hard to be a professional player. He’s been around that environment and this is the beginning of his career and I think he’s going to have a very successful career.”

Crystal Palace USA re-signed nine players from last season’s squad -- Gary Brooks, Sergio Flores, Shintaro Harada, Bryan Harkin, Ibrahim Kante, Andrew Marshall, Matthew Mbuta, Brian Rowland and Alex Ughiovhe. ●

TICKET INFORMATION

Season Tickets -- \$125 per person

Package Includes:

- All 10 league home matches, including opponents such as USL2 Champion and MLS giant killers Harrisburg, perennial power Richmond Kickers and new local rival Real Maryland
- Up to three possible US Open Cup home matches, which could include fixtures against the likes of DC United or David Beckham and the LA Galaxy
- Possible home playoff matches, as Palace compete for the USL2 title
- Official 2008 “English Tradition, American Turf” t-shirt
- Free Parking


Single Game Tickets -- \$16

Group Tickets -- Groups of 10 or more can reserve tickets for just \$14 per person.

Family Four-Pack -- Your family receives four tickets to each of the first four games for only \$164.

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AMENITIES

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E	Date	Game	Opponent	Location	Kickoff
	April 25	Home	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	UMBC Stadium	7:30 p.m.
	May 4	Home	Richmond Kickers	UMBC Stadium	4:00 p.m.
	May 10	Home	Wilmington Hammerheads	UMBC Stadium	7:00 p.m.
	May 17	Away	Bermuda Hogges	Bermuda	6:00 p.m.
	May 24	Away	Western Mass Pioneers	Ludlow, Mass.	7:30 p.m.
	May 31	Home	Charlotte Eagles	UMBC Stadium	7:00 p.m.
	June 6	Away	Western Mass Pioneers	Ludlow, Mass.	7:30 p.m.
	June 8	Home	Harrisburg Islanders	UMBC Stadium	5:30 p.m.
	June 13	Home	Cleveland City Stars	UMBC Stadium	7:30 p.m.
	June 15	Home	Bermuda Hogges	UMBC Stadium	4:00 p.m.
	June 17	Away	Wilmington Hammerheads	Wilmington, N.C.	7:30 p.m.
	June 29	Away	Real Maryland	Germantown, Md.	4:00 p.m.
	July 12	Away	Cleveland City Stars	Cleveland, Ohio	7:00 p.m.
	July 18	Home	Western Mass Pioneers	UMBC Stadium	7:30 p.m.
	July 20	Away	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:05 p.m.
	July 23	Away	Harrisburg Islanders	Harrisburg, Pa.	7:05 p.m.
	July 26	Away	Charlotte Eagles	Charlotte, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
	July 31	Home	Real Maryland	UMBC Stadium	7:30 p.m.
	Aug. 3	Home	Bermuda Hogges	UMBC Stadium	5:30 p.m.
	Aug. 9	Away	Richmond Kickers	Richmond, Va.	7:00 p.m.

US Open Cup match dates will be added as soon as they are known.

SPECIAL DATES

- May 4:** Breast Cancer Awareness Match -- A portion of all proceeds will go to Kicks for Breast Cancer Foundation.
- June 8:** Stars and Stripes Match -- Honoring all members of the military as well as fire and police departments. Special prices for all who serve.
- June 15:** American Heart Association Match -- Also Fathers Day Field of Dreams Day in which dads can buy four tickets and get the opportunity to kick the ball around the pitch with his kids for 15 minutes before the game starts.

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