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## Press Release

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### **Reading United's 2018 schedule unveiled** *United's 23<sup>rd</sup> season of soccer in Berks County kicks off on May 12th*

**READING, PA (February 1, 2018)** - Start marking your calendars Reading United fans! The Premier Development League has unveiled the full schedule for the 2018 season, set to kick off in mid-May. United will play fourteen matches against opponents from the PDL's hotly contested Mid-Atlantic Division. Reading United, who are entering their 23rd season, are the official Premier Development League affiliate of the Philadelphia Union.

United open the 2018 season on the road, making the short trip to Allentown to face local rivals Lehigh Valley United at J. Birney Crum Stadium on Saturday, May 12th. Reading then travel to Northern Virginia to face the Leesburg, Virginia based Virginia Hammers FC on Saturday, May 19th.

Memorial Day Weekend will see Reading United return to the friendly confines of Don Thomas Stadium for the home opener against F.A. Euro on Saturday, May 26th.

United posted a 7-0 record against Lehigh Valley, Virginia and F.A. Euro in 2017 and it will be vital replicate that performance in 2018 as Reading will host the New York Red Bulls U23s on Saturday, June 2nd. The Red Bulls won the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Division title and posted the best record in the PDL in 2017. The match between two of the strongest squads in the league will set the tone for the race to the PDL Playoffs.

A pair of road trips to the New York City metro area kickoff a busy period in early June that will see United play four matches in just ten days. Reading will travel to Brooklyn for a June 6th date with F.A. Euro before hoping back on the bus to Long Island for June 9th match against the Rough Riders, who are now a developmental affiliate of New York City FC.

United wrap up the first half of the 2018 schedule with a home match against Lehigh Valley United on Tuesday, June 12th.

The second half of the season begins with a home and home series against long time rivals, the Ocean City Nor'easters. United will entertain Ocean City at Don Thomas Stadium on Saturday, June 16th before heading down to the Jersey Shore for a midweek rematch with the Nor'easters at Carey Stadium on Wednesday, June 20th.

Reading United close out a busy month of June with back-to-back home matches at Don Thomas Stadium. United host Long Island for the first time since 2015 on Sunday, June 24th before welcoming the Virginia Hammers on Friday, June 29th.

The month of July begins with two challenging road games that could likely determine the division title race. United travel to North Jersey for a match with the Red Bulls U23s on Tuesday, July 3rd before heading back to Ocean City for a final showdown with the Nor'easters on Saturday, July 7th.

The 2018 regular season concludes on Saturday, July 14th as Reading United host Lehigh Valley United at Don Thomas Stadium.

#### **ABOUT READING UNITED AC**

Reading United A.C. is the Greater Reading area's premier minor league soccer team. Led by the ownership group of Berks Professional Sports, Inc. the club was founded in 1995 as the Reading Rage. As the club entered its 15<sup>th</sup> season a name, logo, and color change was made to better feature the ties to the local and state community as well as the soccer goals of the team and its partners. Now in its twenty-second season, Reading United's commitment to professional player development has produced over fifty players currently on the rosters of professional clubs throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. Reading United is the official Premier Development League affiliate of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. For more information about Reading United AC, visit [www.readingunitedac.com](http://www.readingunitedac.com).



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