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TV Opener for New Jersey Blaze South Brunswick, NJ—1/24/10

Central Jersey's premier men's soccer team, South Brunswick-based NJ Blaze, is set to open its inaugural National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) season with a live TV clash away at FC Sonic in the Lehigh Valley. The May 16 match will be the first of a 12-game regular season which will see the Blaze play its six home games at Rowland Park.

As part of the Keystone Conference, the Blaze's home opener will see them play Pocono Snow on May 28 at 7:30pm. General Manager & Head Coach Rob Napier spoke of his excitement as the schedule was determined at the NPSL's AGM at the NSCAA Convention in Philadelphia. "To see the schedule come together allows us to plan properly for the exciting season ahead. Our initial aim is to win the Conference in order to make the Regional Final. A strong start is key and knowing our first game is to be televised is an opportunity for the team to show what we can do."

FC Sonic is the new moniker for the PA Stoners who were National Champions in 2008. "We know they will be a strong outfit so it means we have to be focused from our first training session" added Napier who is confident the local community will demonstrate its support for the new team. "A strong home support will really help us. It's a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to have a fun evening and see some great soccer."

Preparations for the Blaze's player roster continue after three tryouts which saw over 80 players compete for a place on the team. "The process is almost complete", said Napier. "We have genuine quality players with a good balance of youth and experience as well as local, national and international talent. Everybody is looking forward to the first practice session in May and getting the season started."

The New Jersey Blaze play in the National Premier Soccer League, the highest level of men's amateur soccer in the United States. The Blaze are a member of the New Jersey Soccer group; a management company for organizations providing a full range of soccer services in New Jersey.

NJ Blaze's schedule in full:

Sun 5/16: @ FC Sonic
Fri 5/28, 7:30pm: h v Pocono Snow
Sat 6/5: @ Erie
Sun 6/6: @ Buffalo
Wed 6/9, 7:30pm: h v Maryland
Sat 6/12: @ FC Revolution
Fri 6/25, 7:30pm: h v Erie
Sun 6/27, 1pm: h v Buffalo
Wed 6/30: @ Pocono Snow
Tues 7/6, 7:30pm: h v FC Sonic
Sat 7/10: @ Maryland
Wed 7/14, 7:30pm: h v FC Revolution

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