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WFC2 TO PLAY TWO USL MATCHES AT LANGLEY'S MCLEOD ATHLETIC PARK

Sunday, August 21 vs. Arizona, and Monday, September 5 vs. Seattle

LANGLEY, BC – Vancouver Whitecaps FC and the Township of Langley formally announced on Tuesday that Whitecaps FC 2 (WFC2) will play two United Soccer League (USL) matches at McLeod Athletic Park this coming season.

The 'Caps will host former Canadian men's national team head coach Frank Yallop and Arizona United SC on Sunday, August 21. The Blue and White will then return to Langley on Labour Day, hosting Cascadia rivals Seattle Sounders FC 2 on Monday, September 5. Both matches will kick off at 3 p.m. PT. For more information on tickets, call 604-484-7862 or e-mail wfc2@whitecapsfc.com.

"We're very excited to bring professional soccer to Langley with these two USL matches this season," said Whitecaps FC president Bob Lenarduzzi. "There is great passion for the sport and great support for Whitecaps FC in the Fraser Valley. This is also a perfect opportunity for our local MLS season ticket members to redeem their WFC2 tickets and come out to watch our up-and-coming talent. We look forward to a lively crowd at McLeod Athletic Park."

WFC2 are home to the future stars of Whitecaps FC. The team features 13 players who have represented Canada at the youth or senior national team level, as well as players who have played internationally for Ghana, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United States.

"The Township of Langley is thrilled to welcome Whitecaps FC 2 to our community," added Mayor Jack Froese. "This will be an excellent opportunity for sports fans to experience this calibre of soccer in their own back yard, and the stadium at McLeod Athletic Park will provide the perfect venue for viewing these action-packed matches. We encourage local residents to come out and cheer on the team."

In partnership with Langley United Soccer Association, more than 500 local youth soccer players will attend and participate in match-day roles.

"There's nothing more beneficial to young players and their development than having a professional level to strive towards," said Mike Thomson, vice president of the Langley United Soccer Association. "Our young players look for mentors to idolize and emulate, that's what Whitecaps FC give us. We are proud to be able to support Whitecaps FC because they continually mentor and support our players. They set the example of what is possible when you try your hardest and that professional, top level, competitive soccer isn't out of reach for local players."

In addition to the two USL matches this year, the club will also have a pair of youth opportunities taking place in Langley. On Thursday, March 31, the 'Caps will host a free BMO Kickin' with the 'Caps Community Clinic presented by BC1 for boys and girls ages 7 to 10. The club will also be offering Skills Camps presented by Bell for players U-6 to U-14 from August 29 to September 2. Both events will take place at Willoughby Community Park.

For more information on Whitecaps FC 2, visit whitecapsfc2.com.