

BUCKS HIGHLIGHT CANTON CUP FOR 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



WHEN: Saturday, May 28th

GAME TIME: 12pm

WHERE: Field 3

Independence Park

Canton, MI

Canton, MI – Every year the Canton Soccer Club hosts a Premier Development League (PDL) game at the Canton Cup between one of the country's top PDL teams the Michigan Bucks and an opponent from the league's Great Lake Division. This year the Bucks will face Cincinnati Dutch Lions. The game will be played at noon on Field #3 at Independence Park. Admission to the game is free. Memorial Weekend pre game festivities begin at 11:45 am.

The PDL has proven to be an important stepping-stone for top professionals now playing throughout the world, with 70 percent of all MLS draftees having played in the PDL. The league provides elite collegiate players the opportunity to taste a higher level of competition while maintaining their eligibility and it gives the semi-professional an opportunity to further develop their skills against elite-level competition.

The PDL features 67 teams within four conferences throughout the United States and Canada, including 10 teams affiliated with Major League Soccer clubs. The PDL season consists of 14 regular season matches for each team, seven home and seven away, and. In addition to league play, PDL teams compete in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup as well as various exhibitions.

The Bucks are coming off of two of the best back to back seasons in the clubs 21 year existence. The 2015 Michigan Bucks finished as the PDL Regular Season champions with the best record of all 67 teams and the 2014 team won the PDL North American championship. This year's roster will feature players from colleges throughout the United States as well as young professional players from the US, Canada, Brazil, England, Germany, France and New Zealand.

Tickets to PDL games are usually \$10 each but admission to the annual Canton Cup game is free thanks to the efforts of the Canton Soccer Club.