



The UAB men's soccer team were rewarded for their 11-7-1 record and No. 21 national coaches' poll ranking by [receiving their third bid in four years](#) to [the NCAA College Cup tournament](#). They will host the Furman Paladins on November 20 at 5:30 p.m. at West Campus Field — the fourth time the school has ever hosted an opening round match. The announcement comes days after it was revealed [the university's soccer programs will soon be playing in a new home courtesy of a \\$1.5 million gift from](#)

[BBVA Compass](#). It will be the team's eighth ever appearance in the tournament.

The Paladins (12-5-3) earned an automatic bid by virtue of [winning the Southern conference outright last week against Mercer](#). It will mark the team's seventh postseason appearance, with Thursday's meeting being the sixth time Furman and UAB have ever met on the pitch. The Blazers hold a 3-2-0 lead in the series. The last victory taking place the last time the two teams met — for a first round NCAA College Cup match in 2001. The winner advances to play Washington (12-5-1) on Sunday in Seattle at 5 p.m. PT.

This year's College Cup semifinal and final matches will be held in Cary, NC on December 12-14, 2014 at WakeMed Soccer Park — the fourth time it will be held there since 2005.

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