

Sporting KC and Columbus Crew to Clash in Championship Match of Disney Pro Soccer Classic

The Disney Pro Soccer Classic will feature a showdown Saturday night between Sporting KC and the Columbus Crew at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World. Sporting KC earned a spot in Saturday's title game with a narrow 3-2 win over the Montreal Impact on Wednesday, going undefeated in pool play. Later that evening, the Crew cemented its place in the championship game by holding off Orlando City SC for a 4-4 draw.

That set up Saturday's clash that figures to be one of the most dramatic of the tournament. Both KC and Columbus enter the championship game undefeated in preseason play. Sporting KC is 8-0-1 so far this preseason while Columbus is 3-0-1. If one team has a slight edge, it might be Sporting KC. After all, KC is the reigning MLS Cup champion and is looking to get off to a strong start before beginning its official defense of its league crown. But the Crew won't be easy to subdue. They've proven to be resilient and unrelenting at times during the Disney Pro Soccer Classic, which features eight pro soccer teams, including six MLS squads, competing in arguably the premier pro soccer preseason tournament in the country.

Saturday's action begins at 1 p.m. with three consolation games before Columbus Crew and Sporting KC battle for the Disney Pro Soccer Classic title at 8 p.m. Toronto FC opens play against Brazil's Fluminense at 1 p.m. Then the Montreal Impact takes on the Philadelphia Union at 3 p.m., followed by Orlando City against the New York Red Bulls at 6 p.m.

The championship match will be broadcast live on ESPN3 with English language announcers and on ESPN Caribbean and Tres North with Spanish language announcers.