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Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network to honor FC Cincinnati

Head Coach Harkes to be Guest Speaker

Cincinnati (For Immediate release) – John Harkes, the head coach of FC Cincinnati, will be the main speaker for the Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network (CSPN) awards dinner, to be held Thursday, November 10 at Nippert Stadium on the campus of the University of Cincinnati.

FC Cincinnati head coach John Harkes, former standout collegiate and professional soccer player and a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame, will be the guest speaker for the event, which annually honors top sports professionals in the area.

“It’s hard to top FC Cincinnati as the sports story of the year,” said Leslie Spencer, executive director of the Cincinnati USA Sports Commission. “We are thrilled to honor the organization for its groundbreaking efforts to make soccer a ‘big league’ sport in Cincinnati.”

Other honorees include Elaine Bruening from the Western & Southern Open, sports lifetime achievement; FC Cincinnati general manager Jeff Berding, sports executive of the year; WLWT-TV sports director George Vogel, sports media personality; regional health care organizations UC Health, Mercy Health, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Tri-Health and the Christ Hospital will be handed the corporate citizen awards and special tributes to Thomas More’s national champion women’s basketball team and area Olympians Kayla Harrison, Rachael Adams and Max Holt.

Proceeds go toward the CSPN scholarship, which is now named the Lauren Hill Scholarship Award sponsored by the Flying Pig Marathon. Each year, CSPN awards a deserving student from one of the five local colleges and universities in our region studying in the field of sports management, marketing or athletic training.

This event would not be possible without our sponsors, Skyline Chili, Flying Pig Marathon, Trophy Awards, IHeartRadio, Cincinnati Business Courier and Cincinnati USA Sports Commission.

The event starts with a reception and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and the program at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for individuals and \$35 for students, and tables are \$700 for 10 seats. To reserve your seat, call 513-345-3045 or mail payment to Cincinnati USA Sports Commission, 700 West Pete Rose Way, Suite 557, Cincinnati, OH, 45203. For more information on the program, visit www.cincysports.org.

About the Cincinnati USA Sports Commission

The Cincinnati USA Sports Commission (CUSC) strives to enrich the community through the acquisition of amateur and professional sporting events, by maximizing economic

impact and promoting the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky region as a premier sports destination. We have a 26-year history of event management that brings pride, visibility and positive economic impact to this region. From World Championships and National Championships to community based programs designed to benefit our youth, we are making a difference in the quality of life for Greater Cincinnati. GCSC is funded in part by and represents the Cincinnati USA and meetNKY Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on CUSC or a full calendar, visit www.cincysports.org.

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