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WINTER HOCKEY GAMES 2024: BOBBY HOLÍK AND PETR ČECH WILL PLAY AT LETNÁ PRAGUE WILL SEE SLOVAK DUEL SLOVAN BRATISLAVA - HC KOŠICE

Bobby Holík back in the Czech national jersey, Petr Čech in goal, an emotional Slovak duel between HC Slovan Bratislava and HC Košice and the 1st Hockey League match between HC Slavia Praha and VHK ROBE Vsetín - the Winter Hockey Games 2024 are announcing more attractive reasons to spend the first weekend in December at Letná. "From the very beginning, we have proclaimed that we want to prepare a truly unique experience for the spectators. The new 'additions' to the programme are proof of that," says Andrea Bársony from the Eniva organising agency, referring to the event, which will take place in the arena for more than 16,000 spectators from 5 to 8 December.

The Winter Hockey Games 2024 will bring a packed four-day programme to Prague at the start of the event - two domestic hockey league matches, a duel between the Czech and Slovak university teams and a prestigious competition between Czech and world hockey legends. In addition, the organisers have confirmed the line-up of the Slovak Extraliga match between HC Slovan Bratislava and HC Košice and added the 1st Hockey League match HC Slavia Praha - VHK ROBE Vsetín to the programme.

"We try to make the programme as attractive as possible. We are very happy that we managed to finalize the details of the Slovak Extraliga match. The duel between Slovan Bratislava and HC Košice is traditionally an attractive Slovak derby and I believe that Czech fans will also enjoy it," says Martin Loukota, director of the Association of Professional Clubs APKLH.

"We are dealing with the access programme in a really comprehensive way and at the suggestion of Patrik Elias, we have also decided to include a match of the 1st Hockey League in which Prague Slavia has accepted our invitation as the home team," adds Bársony.

THE PROGRAMME OF MATCHES AT THE OPEN-AIR RINK OVERLOOKING PRAGUE CASTLE IS THEREFORE ALREADY TAKING ON A MORE CONCRETE SHAPE.

Thursday 5 December: university hockey match Czech Republic - Slovakia
Friday, December 6: 1st Hockey League match HC Slavia Praha - VHK ROBE Vsetín, Czech
Tipsport Extraliga match HC Škoda Plzeň - Baner Motor Č. Budějovice
Saturday 7, December: match of Slovak Tipsport extraliga HC Slovan Bratislava - HC Košice +
match of Czech Tipsport extraliga HC Sparta Praha - HC Kometa Brno
Sunday, December 8: Czech legends vs.

A 10,000 m² hockey complex will be built on Letná during the first weekend of Advent, with two huge LED screens and a LED ring for the presentation of the partner's performance. There will also be a spacious fanzone, where a spectacular show will be prepared for fans every day, including musical performances by well-known Czech and international artists before each match (included in the ticket price).

CZECH LEGENDS AGAINST THE WORLD SELECTION

The highlight of the four-day hockey holiday will be the duel between Czech and world hockey legends. The line-ups of each team are composed of ambassadors and former successful national team players Jakub Voracek and Patrik Elias, who will also be on the ice, and Slavomír Lener, former national team coach. The first star names have already been added to the rosters - former great centre Bobby Holík, former Swedish defenceman Johnny Oduya and a couple of players who have appeared alongside Patrik Elias during their careers - Jason Arnott won the Stanley Cup with him in the New Jersey Devils jersey and Brendan Morrison played alongside him in Horácké Slavia Třebíč years ago.

"They are all NHL legends and we are happy that we managed to attract them to Prague. Petr Čech in his hockey gear will certainly be an attractive part of the legends' game - after all, Czech fans have not seen him on the ice many times," says Patrik Eliáš, one of the ambassadors. "Scott Hartnell and Wayne Simmonds will also be present. And this is still only a fraction of the list of players we are working with. We'll reveal more star names soon," says Jakub Voracek, another of the ambassadors.

TICKETS FROM 390 TO 1990 CZK

Tickets for the special hockey weekend in Prague are on sale through Ticketportal www.ticketportal.cz. Ticket prices range from CZK 390 to CZK 1990 depending on the category (standing - seated) and individual matches. The general media partner O2 TV Sport will prepare a portion of the broadcasts for the fans in front of the TV screens.

"Outdoor matches have a specific atmosphere, we believe that we have put together an attractive programme for the spectators and the hockey players will be driven forward by a packed Letná," adds Barsony from the Eniva agency

This will be the severalth hockey project in December. Last year, she successfully sold out the O2 arena with a duel of Czech and Slovak legends on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Czech triumph at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, and she also sold out the Match of Legends in Litvínov. And this year I want to "conquer" Letná.

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Saturday 7 December: Slovak Tipos extraliga HC Slovan Bratislava - HC Košice + Czech Tipsport, extraliga HC Sparta Praha - HC Kometa Brno

Sunday, December 8: Clash of the Legends Czech Republic vs.

TICKETS

*Standing room and gates: 390 to 990 CZK (depending on the match)
490 to 1990 CZK (depending on the match)*

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