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# Dr. Pepper Dallas Cup XXVII

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diversity around the world. Dallas Cup hosts the Dallas Cup HomeStay program, whereby participating international teams are offered housing in the homes of

visited the United States. In most recent Dallas Cup tournaments the Peace Team, consisting of nine Israeli boys and nine Palestinian boys, as well as a Northern Ireland team comprised of Catholic and Protestant players have participated in Dallas Cup and the HomeStay program and have continued to stay in touch with their host families.

**DR PEPPER DALLAS CUP XXVII**, the most prestigious international youth soccer tournament in the world, will be held at Pizza Hut Park stadium and complex April 9-16, 2006. One hundred eighty four boys teams, from 14 countries, 24 states and 33 local Dallas area teams, will represent boys in age groups Under 12 through Under 19 in this exclusive international tournament.

local participating players in their age group. The benefits of such a cross-cultural exposure are unlimited. Players disregard any social, ethnic, religious or economic prejudices and leave having made friends for life through the Dallas Cup experience and "for the love of the game – soccer."

This year two of the most recognized soccer franchises in the world, England's Manchester United FC and Real Madrid CF of Spain, will meet in the featured game on Opening Day, April 9th at 7pm.

Dallas Cup, in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, is made possible by 1,500 volunteers committed to working with an organization that is about children and the promotion of

Continuing in the tradition of the Dallas Cup diversity program, this year the Iraq U14 National and the U14 Arch Bishop Tutu-Ikapa United teams will compete in the Under 14 division. This is the first time an Iraqi youth team has played or

Pizza Hut Park boasts a world-class 21,000-seat stadium and 17 satellite fields. Games at the complex are free throughout the week and tickets for all stadium games are available at the stadium North gate. Stadium game dates are April 9, 12, 14, 15, 16. Schedules are available by visiting [www.dallascup.com](http://www.dallascup.com).



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