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2017 Midland-Odessa FC schedule announced

Midland-Odessa FC today announced the schedule for the franchise's ninth season and its first in the National Premier Soccer League.

"It's great to have a balanced schedule where everyone will play everyone else an equal number of times," General Manager, Soccer Operations Jeff VonHolle said. "That's not always possible, but when it happens, all teams have an equal chance going into the season.

The team will open up the 2017 season with three consecutive home matches, beginning on Thursday, May 18 at Grande Communications Stadium against the Houston Regals at 7:30 p.m.

Three days later, Midland-Odessa FC will host 2016 NPSL playoff team, the Shreveport Rafters for a special 6:00 p.m. start on Sunday, May 21. The three-match homestand will conclude on Saturday, May 27 against the Fort Worth Vagueros at 7:30 p.m.

Midland-Odessa FC will then venture on a two-week road trip, as they will play all five of their road games between June 3-17.

"Our schedule gives us a chance to start off well, with three consecutive home matches, as well as a chance to finish strong with two home matches to end the regular season," VonHolle said. "The challenge will certainly be the middle of the season, where we have to manage five straight games away from Grande Communications Stadium."

The squad will return home to Grande Communications Stadium for the final two matches of the season on Saturday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. against 2016 NPSL South Central Conference Champions, Dutch Lions FC and then close out the regular season on Friday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. against Tyler FC.

The top four teams out of the six-team conference will compete for the conference title. The No. 1 seed will host the No. 4 seed while the No. 2 seed will host the No. 3 seed on July 12. The two winners face off in the conference final on July 15, with the highest remaining seed hosting.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday	May 18	vs Houston Regals (Thirsty Thursday)	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	May 21	vs Shreveport Rafters (\$1 Hot Dogs & Sodas)	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 27	vs Fort Worth Vaqueros (T-Shirt Giveaway)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 3	at Fort Worth Vaqueros	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 8	at Tyler FC	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 10	at Shreveport Rafters	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 15	at Dutch Lions FC	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 17	at Houston Regals	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 24	vs Dutch Lions FC (T-Shirt Giveaway)	7:30 p.m.
Friday	July 7	vs Tyler FC (Fan Appreciation Night / Thirsty Friday)	7:30 p.m.