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The soccer game between Paducah's Pumas Football Club and Guatemala's Xinabajul Huehue played the national anthem for both countries in a moment of international connectivity.

Pumas FC competes against Xinabajul Huehue for international match

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On Friday, March 21, Paducah's Pumas Football Club competed against Guatemala's Xinabajul Huehue for an exciting international soccer match held at Graves County High School.

Xinabajul Huehue is currently ranked eleventh in the premiere Guatemala soccer division, Liga Nacional.

After a strong start scoring two points in the first half, the visiting team prevailed 3-1. Pumas FC defended its home field well but could not recover when visitors cinched another point in the second half.

Despite the loss, Pumas FC director of coaching Gerardo Herrera said global exposure at a local level highlights the incredible talent of his players.

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try and host them here," Herrera said. "We have a lot of local talent in our region. There's just not always a lot of opportunities to showcase that."

Pumas FC also faced off against Mexico's Chivas de Guadalajara under-20's on the first stop of its U.S. tour on Wednesday, with the latter winning 2-1. Youth clinics were held earlier this week for both international teams to scout Pumas FC players.

These promising new

opportunities arrive just as Pumas FC is on the brink of expansion. The club was recently inducted into the United Premier Soccer League for its spring season starting in April, and it will host home games at Graves County High School.

"The most important thing is to showcase our players, and hopefully we can have success and more events like this throughout the year," Herrera said.

Initially founded in 2010, Herrera said Pumas FC has grown significantly to now feature 18 teams, more than 200 players and 15 professional coaching staff members.

Herrera said forming a large-scale network provides top-tier competitive environments that develop budding athletes and retain collegiate stars. He said Pumas FC oversees the complete arc of players, granting them opportunities for growth



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and a foundational home.

"UPSL is a platform for us to have college players come back and play for our team along with our high school kids," Herrera said. "When we put all these kids together, that's how we can compete against teams like Chivas."

Herrera said the ultimate goal for Pumas FC is to maintain a regional hub accommodating athletic journeys for those passionate about soccer, a sport with

worldwide appeal.

He said soccer is especially a beloved pastime in the Graves County community, which has a substantial Hispanic population.

"It's a great atmosphere. We have a lot of nationalities representing on the team," Herrera said. "[The international games] are something special for our club and the region. For our community to be that close to those players is huge."

The City of Mayfield, pursuant to KRS 424.130 and 424.330, hereby announces that the 2024 Delinquent Property Tax list will be published in THE MAYFIELD MESSENGER on April 5, 2025.

This will be the only newspaper advertisement of the 2024 delinquent property tax bills. The last day to pay taxes in person, to avoid being published, will be March 31, 2025.

The list of delinquent property tax bills is also available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Clerk's Office located at 1108 Cuba Road, Suite B, Mayfield, KY. Additionally, a listing of the delinquent property tax bills will be posted, under the City Clerk tab, on the City of Mayfield website beginning on April 2, 2025. The listing of delinquent property tax bills on the Internet will be updated at least weekly. The Uniform Resource Locator for the website is [HYPERLINK "http://www.mayfieldky.gov" www.mayfieldky.gov](http://www.mayfieldky.gov)

The City of Mayfield's tax sale of the delinquent 2024 property tax bills will be held at City Clerk's Office, 1108 Cuba Road, Suite B, Mayfield, KY on May 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions concerning the listing of the 2024 Delinquent property tax bills or the delinquent tax bill sale, do not hesitate to call City Hall at 270-251-6210, 207-251-2611 or 270-251-2612.