



SEATTLE REIGN FC AND RAVE FOUNDATION TO UNVEIL REIGN-BRANDED MINI-PITCH FEATURING THE 85ERS™ LOGO AT STAR LAKE ELEMENTARY ON SATURDAY

Reign FC and RAVE Foundation will honor the past, present and future of women's soccer with the opening of a Reign-branded mini-pitch featuring the 85ers™ logo, connecting Washington's soccer legacy to the next generation ahead of The Queen's Match on Monday, August 18

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RENTON, WASH. (August 14, 2025) – Seattle Reign FC and [RAVE Foundation](#) today announced the unveiling of a new Reign-branded soccer mini-pitch at Star Lake Elementary School in Kent, Washington. The mini-pitch will proudly feature the logo of the 85ers™, the pioneering members of the first-ever U.S. Women's National Team.

The celebration will take place Saturday, August 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PT at Star Lake Elementary, located at 26812 40th Ave South, Kent, WA 98032, just two days before The Queen's Match on Monday, August 18, when Reign FC will honor the 40th anniversary of the 85ers™ historic debut.

The Star Lake Elementary mini-pitch was built in partnership between Reign FC and RAVE Foundation as part of their shared mission to expand free, inclusive spaces across Washington. Featuring the 85ers™ logo alongside Reign FC branding, the field symbolizes the enduring history of women's soccer in the Pacific Northwest and the pathway from youth soccer to the professional and international stage.

The 85ers™ are the original 17 women who made history and changed the women's game forever, as they represented the United States in the first-ever international tournament that the USWNT participated in. The inaugural roster featured 14 women with deep ties to Washington, including eight members originally from Washington state.

MEDIA RESOURCES:

[LOGOS - THE 85ERS™](#)

The event will feature remarks from special guests including Reign FC General Manager Leslie Gallimore, Reign FC players and Reign Academy Executive Director Amy Griffin, alongside RAVE Foundation leadership and members of the 85ers™.

Program highlights include:

- Q&A with Reign FC Chief Business Officer Maya Mendoza-Exstrom and members of the 85ers™
- Reflections from Reign Academy players on their soccer journeys and aspirations
- Ceremonial "Rise Together" scarf presentation from Reign FC players and the 85ers™ to Academy players
- Free play, soccer tennis and skill challenges for youth

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to enjoy free play, soccer tennis and other games hosted by



RAVE Foundation in partnership with Reign Academy, along with a soccer ball giveaway, autographs and photo opportunities.

Star Lake Elementary is part of Federal Way Public Schools and serves a diverse student body in Kent, Washington. The new mini-pitch is a vibrant, all-weather play space that promotes inclusion and equity in sport. The field's 85ers™ branding celebrates the pioneers of women's soccer while inspiring local youth, including many Reign Academy players, to dream big and aim for the highest levels of the game.

MEDIA NOTE: This event will offer ideal opportunities for photo and video coverage, including the scarf ceremony, first shot on goal and youth players interacting with 85ers™ and Reign FC players. Media interested in covering the event should RSVP with Ryan Perez of Reign FC Communications [RyanP@ReignFC.com] for more details.

Join Reign FC at Lumen Field on Monday, August 18 to honor the past, celebrate the present and inspire the next generation of queens together. Tickets for The Queen's Match are available at ReignFC.com/Tickets.

ABOUT SEATTLE REIGN FC

Seattle Reign FC was established in 2012 as a founding member of the National Women's Soccer League. The fourteen-team NWSL is widely considered to be the most competitive women's professional soccer league in the world. Over its first 11 seasons, the club captured the NWSL Shield three times, while making three appearances in the NWSL Championship and seven appearances in the NWSL postseason. Reign FC plays its home matches at Lumen Field in Seattle, Washington and trains at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila, Washington. The club can be found on the web at www.reignfc.com and on social platforms @ReignFC.

ABOUT RAVE FOUNDATION

RAVE Foundation is the official charitable arm of Seattle Reign FC, whose mission is to build small fields for free play and use soccer as a vehicle to inspire youth and strengthen communities. RAVE is on a mission to build 52 small, accessible fields for free play in underserved communities throughout Washington, in time for FIFA World Cup 2026™.

ABOUT THE 85ERS™

The 85ers™ are the seventeen pioneering women who made history as the first U.S. Women's National Team, taking the field in 1985 without pay, support, or spotlight—only raw talent and an unshakable love for the game. Their play ignited a revolution that turned the U.S. into a global powerhouse in women's soccer. Now, forty years later, the 85ers are reclaiming their narrative and transforming it into a platform for change—building a business that turns legacy into livelihood. Through storytelling, brand partnerships, and community initiatives, they are championing equity, elevating women's sports, and creating new opportunities for the next generation. They're more than a team. They are the origin story of a movement—and they're just getting started. Follow @the85ersteam on IG and Sign up to follow the movement here: the85ers.kit.com

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