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### Brilla has home opener on May 25

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Mississippi Brilla FC, which plays its home games at Clinton High School's Arrow Field, enters its eleventh sea-

son in the Premier Development League with high hopes. The team is looking to improve on its 4-6-4 record from last year. Coach Mark McKeever will return, and he is bringing in a revamped squad. Forward Noor Hamadi is the only player coming back from last year's team.

The squad is not the only thing to undergo a massive change. The Mid-South Division, in which Brilla participates, also underwent an offseason makeover. FC Cleburne, Brazos Valley Cavalry, Texas United and Houston FC enter the division as the new expansion clubs. The four Texas clubs will join Brilla and fellow returnees Oklahoma

City Energy U23 in the 2017 season. Local talent is sprinkled throughout the Brilla team. Goalkeeper Grant Adam and striker Chance Bourdene hail from Waveland and Flowood, respectively. They both led William Carey University to the NAIA National Tournament. Defenders Connor Johnson (Madison) and Javier Avelar (Pearl) both helped Mississippi

College to a Gulf South Conference regular season championship last year. Koray Easterling, from Biloxi, just completed a solid freshman year at Tulsa.

Fans will get their first chance to view the team in action on May 25. Clinton High School will be the venue. Brilla will host the Brazos Valley Cavalry in a game that will have key divisional implications. That game is the first game of a two-game home-stand, with the final game of the doubleheader occurring on May 27. Kickoff for both games is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Tickets for Brilla's home games are \$5 per person, with children ages

seven and under admitted free. Season passes are available for \$25 and include eight home games. For season pass and ticket information, visit www.brillasoccer.org.



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