

Brockton Capital wins PERE World Cup

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The London-based firm triumphed on Monday night in the PERE World Cup 2014, co-sponsored by Patron Capital.

Brockton Capital, the London-based firm, has won the PERE World Cup 2014.

Nevermind events in Brazil, the real soccer action took place on Monday night at the Powerleague centre in the shadow of Wembley Stadium as private equity real estate teams battled it out to be crowned World Cup winners in an inaugural event co-sponsored by Patron Capital and PERE magazine.

Brockton Capital and TIAA Henderson Real Estate took part in the final, with Brockton eventually running out 2-0 winners (see match report below).

A total of 12 firms played for the right to be crowned World Cup champions. Group A consisted of early tournament favourites The Blackstone Group, Crosstree Real Estate Partners, Patron Capital, Hines, CBRE Global Investors and law firm Campbell Lutyens. Group B, however, proved to be the group of death by providing both eventual finalists. Apart from winners Brockton Capital and runners up TIAA Henderson Real Estate, the group was made up of Rockspring, PERE, AEW Europe and Benson Elliot.

Proceeds of £6,000 raised from the PERE World Cup 2014 went to Patron's nominated charity, The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund and PERE's nominated charity, Shelter.

The world cup trophy was officially presented to Brockton during the PERE Summit Europe at the London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square on Wednesday.

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On Monday night, twelve private equity firms illuminated the PERE World Cup underneath the Wembley arches, as Brockton Capital claimed the crown and trophy during an evening next to the Home of Football,

Brockton played hard, with grit, determination and were 100 percent committed to the cause, though many were left pondering whether there were any Chelsea FC imports in this side, given Rory Buck, son of Chelsea FC chairman Bruce Buck, was allegedly a member of the team. Mr. Buck Sr. could not be reached for comment. Bottom line: the PERE World Cup was contested in good spirits and was full of flair, surprises and goals; with more than 100 scored in three hours of five-a-side football.

CO-HOSTS SENT FOR EARLY SHOWERS

Both Patron Capital & PERE were seemingly overawed by the occasion and their responsibilities as hosts, as both teams sunk to fourth place in their respective groups. PERE managed two victories from five, including a memorable 4-1 hammering of AEW Europe with PERE editor Robin Marriott netting once, and a tightly contested 2-1 win over Benson Elliot whose goalkeeper was impressive senior partner, Trish Barrigan. A strong and stylish squad was hampered by nerves in the tournament's opening stages and then came up short in their games against the tournament's eventual finalists. Patron Capital fared better with two wins, two draws and a solitary defeat. Their team's tactician, Paul Nearchou, engineered solid performances against tournament favourites, Blackstone (1-1), third place finishers, CBRE Global Investors (1-1), and capped their tournament with victories against Hines (2-1) and Campbell Lutyens (2-1). However, not even ownership of the Powerleague venue and possible influence over the referee could help them progress to the semi-final. Nevertheless, bravo gentlemen!

CBRE GLOBAL INVESTORS PAY FOR DRAWS

One of the world's largest real estate investment management firms, CBRE Global Investors, was left reeling as their two draws, similar to Patron Capital, prevented them from progressing to the knockout stages of the PERE World Cup. A resounding 4-0 victory against their group's final winner, Crosstree Real Estate Partners, as well as against Campbell Lutyens (1-0) counted for nothing as they were eliminated at the first hurdle. Similarly, in Group B Rockspring left the tournament, heads in hands, after two draws against AEW Europe (3-3) and Brockton Capital (1-1) cost them their coveted place in the knockout rounds. Crosstree Real Estate Partners - led by centre forward Sean Arnold - and Blackstone's four and three victories from five matches were enough to send them through. It was at that stage that the tournament's finalists, Brockton Capital and TIAA Henderson (with a last minute goal), dissected them.

TIAA HENDERSON PROVIDE THE STYLE, BROCKTON THE HUNGER

TIAA Henderson took their attacking verve (23 goals scored in qualification), defensive organisation and confidence from their 4-1 over Brockton Capital in the groups right through to the final. They also ended the tournament with the prestigious Golden Boot prize, awarded to a fan favourite, James "Number 10" Welham. Brockton sharpened their studs and were roared onto victory, provided by a bullet strike and a second very neat finish. They deserved it, Mourinho would have applauded it and they certainly will have celebrated it on the way back to Stamford Bridge.

Our thanks to co-sponsor Patron Capital and all the participants

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