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OneSoccer to air exclusive coverage of Canadian Championship semis Toronto FC to face Ottawa Fury; Montreal Impact take on Cavalry FC

OneSoccer, the 24/7 digital platform devoted to delivering world-class dedicated Canadian soccer coverage and content, will show exclusive live coverage of the semi-final round of the Canadian Championship, the stage when Major League Soccer's Toronto FC joins the competition to take on Ottawa Fury of the USL Championship, with Montréal Impact (MLS) facing Cavalry FC of the Canadian Premier League in the other half of the draw.

Coverage of the semi-final round begins on Wednesday August 7th on **OneSoccer**, with Fury hosting TFC at TD Place in Ottawa, while the Impact will face the upstart Cavs, who knocked out Major League Soccer's Vancouver Whitecaps in the previous round, at their Stade Saputo home ground in Montréal. The return leg will take place one week later, on August 14th, with the Fury taking on TFC at Toronto's BMO Field and Impact travelling to Calgary's Spruce Meadows.

All the action, along with features, interviews and live studio pre-, half-time and post-game shows, will be available worldwide on the OneSoccer platform. For the first leg, on August 7th, OneSoccer regulars Gareth Wheeler and Nigel Reed will provide play-by-play commentary in English while Philippe Germain will call the Impact v Cavalry game in French.

Canadian Championships - Semi-finals			
	Match	Venue	Kickoff
	Ottawa Fury FC v Toronto FC	TD Place, Ottawa	August 7th @ 7.30pm
	Montréal Impact FC v Cavalry FC	Stade Saputo, Montréal	August 7th @ 7.30pm
	Toronto FC v Ottawa Fury FC	BMO Place, Toronto	August 14th @ 7.30pm
	Cavalry FC v Montréal Impact FC	Spruce Meadows, Calgary	August 14th @ 9.30pm
<i>Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). To subscribe, visit OneSoccer.ca</i>			

The Canadian Championship, dubbed the Battle of the North, is organized by **Canada Soccer** and the winner is awarded the coveted Voyageurs Cup. The competition is Canada Soccer's highest domestic professional soccer competition and is the sole direct qualification route for Canadian professional clubs into the Concacaf Champions League and on to the Fifa Club World Cup.

In 2019, the Canadian Championship has expanded from a seven-team tournament to 13 teams following the launch of the Canadian Premier League. It is the only North American professional sports competition operating in both Canada and the US that holds an all-Canadian competition leading to the international stage.

OneSoccer subscribers will be able to view all Canadian Championship matches at no extra charge, adding to its growing portfolio that includes 100 Canadian Premier League matches and all the home matches of the Canada Soccer's Women's and Men's National Teams. OneSoccer's international portfolio now includes two weekly matches from the Chinese Super League, one of Asia's top domestic soccer leagues, live coverage of the Chinese FA Cup from the quarter-finals on, and two weekly matches from LigaMX, Mexico's top-tier soccer league.

OneSoccer also airs a wide range of complementary programming, including its weekly *League in Review* highlights show hosted by popular sports broadcaster Andi Petrillo as well as *Kickoff Countdown*, an insightful and irreverent league preview panel show fronted by soccer pundit Kurt Larson. From October, OneSoccer will boost its weekly grid with additional original content, including daily news programs, mid-week magazine shows, interviews, features and other formats.

OneSoccer is available through the OneSoccer.ca website and the **OneSoccer** app and can be accessed through ApplePlay and GooglePlay. **OneSoccer** also has an extensive digital presence on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, where news, photos, interviews, exclusive content, game-day clips and other content are posted continually, to keep fans in constant touch with the league and their clubs, and to bring the players, coaches and home cities closer to fans new and old.

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