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beIN SPORTS kicks off on Foxtel this weekend

Three new channels launch LIVE in HD just in time for 2016 La Liga decider

In the wake of Foxtel and beIN Media Group's partnership announcement in March, Foxtel today announced the three new HD beIN SPORTS channels (beIN SPORTS 1, 2 and 3) will arrive a day early with Foxtel sports subscribers having access to the exciting sports programming from beIN starting this Saturday May 14, 2016.

Today's news comes just in time for football fans to enjoy the thrilling climax to the 2016 La Liga title race with first-placed Barcelona up against Granada on Sunday May 15 with live studio coverage from 00:00am AEST (beIN 2) and Real Madrid, a point behind in second, taking on Deportivo La Coruna at the same time (beIN 3) in two matches that will decide which team is crowned champion.

Also airing this weekend is the European Rugby Champions Cup final between Racing 92 and Saracens, which kicks off with live studio on Sunday May 15 at 01:00am AEST (beIN 1).

Foxtel's three new beIN SPORTS channels are available in High Definition* and come as part of a Foxtel Sports Pack subscription at no additional costs to the Sports Pack.

Additional fixtures this month include the 2016 UEFA Europa League Final on Thursday May 19 and the 2016 UEFA Champions League Final on Sunday May 29, both screening LIVE.

beIN SPORTS will also broadcast all 51 games of UEFA EURO 2016 LIVE and in HD from Saturday June 11 along with unprecedented coverage of the best European Football including Serie A, Ligue 1 and Bundesliga, and South American football including the South American FIFA World Cup Qualifiers, Brazilian Serie A and Sao Paulo Championship.

beIN SPORTS is also the home of European Rugby Union with the European Rugby Champions Cup, and the Six Nations tournament LIVE and in HD as well as selected games from The Wallabies and All Blacks Spring Tour in November 2016, featuring games against Wales, Scotland and Ireland LIVE and in HD.

The addition of the beIN channels will significantly increase live sport available to subscribers, further cementing Foxtel's commitment to delivering the best live sport from Australia and around the world.

The new sports channels^ will also be available to stream via Foxtel Go and Foxtel Play, giving sports subscribers the flexibility to enjoy the service anytime, anywhere.

Upcoming beIN SPORTS highlights include:

- 2016 UEFA Europa League Final, 19 May, LIVE & exclusive on beIN SPORTS
- 2016 UEFA Champions League Final, 29 May, LIVE on beIN SPORTS
- UEFA Euro 2016, 11 June to 11 July, The only place to see all 51 games LIVE is on beIN SPORTS
- Live coverage from every round of Italian Serie A
- Exclusive live coverage of Spanish La Liga
- Exclusive live coverage of German Bundesliga

- French Ligue 1 LIVE & exclusive on beIN SPORTS
- Wallabies Spring Tour, November, LIVE and ad-break free during play on beIN SPORTS

Foxtel is the indisputable home of Australian sports with 12 dedicated sports channels offering live and exclusive sports coverage and in HD across FOX SPORTS 1-5, FOX FOOTY, ESPN 1,2, Eurosport and beIN SPORTS 1,2,3.

In 2016, Foxtel brings subscribers, for the first time ever, every game, every team, every week from the NRL, AFL, Super Rugby, A-League, NBL as well as every race, practice and qualifying session of Formula 1 and V8s, plus the best sporting news and commentary from the biggest names in the business all on FOX SPORTS.

**HD channels only available to customers with the Sports and HD channel packs.
^SD channels only.*

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