



# INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

*Tenerife 2023*

# EVENT GUIDE

# FOREWORDS



**Jorge Garbajosa**

Spanish Basketball Federation President  
FIBA Competitions Commission Chairman

This February, Spain and Tenerife are once again the basketball world's epicentre. The FIBA Intercontinental Cup is one of the most renowned international basketball club competitions, and with it, FIBA achieves one of its main goals: to become a home for the entire basketball family, and to provide the representatives of different continents with opportunities to get together. It is a pleasure for us to welcome all these dignitaries in our country.

This 2023 edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup in which Lenovo Tenerife will act as the host, as the reigning champion of the prestigious Basketball Champions League, is undoubtedly a new opportunity to highlight the logistical and organizational skills of Spanish basketball, and the passion we feel about our sport.

I have no doubt that we will experience some unforgettable days in Tenerife which will give more value, if that is possible, to the excellent work done by FIBA and the clubs to turn every event of our sport into an event with worldwide appeal and impact. Finally, I cannot find a better way to start the Centenary of the Spanish National Federation than hosting this very important tournament.

### **Hamane Niang**

FIBA President

### **Andreas Zagklis**

FIBA Secretary General



The 32nd edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup is building on an historical development. In 2022, in Cairo, the champions of the inaugural Basketball Africa League, Egypt's Zamalek SC, wrote history as the first ever club from Africa to participate in the competition. What was a novelty just a year earlier is now cemented in Tenerife as a core component, with the participation of US Monastir.

The Tunisian club is fielded against BCL champions and hosts Lenovo Tenerife, BCL Americas champions São Paulo and NBA G League winners Rio Grande Valley Vipers as, for the second time in competition history, the champions of four regional club leagues are vying for the coveted trophy.

Ever since its inception and its very first edition, 57 years ago, the FIBA Intercontinental Cup has served to provide us with snapshots of the global club basketball landscape through time.

Its mission statement, based on a truly inspirational sporting concept, has remained the same throughout the years even as the competition went through various iterations and evolutionary steps.

The FIBA Intercontinental Cup has contributed towards bringing together the basketball cultures of different continents and in the modern globalized world it will help, more than ever, to shape the international landscape of club competitions so that the constant evolution of our sport enters a new stage.

The first edition, back in 1966, took place in Madrid and the return of the competition to Spain, this time in beautiful Tenerife, has the symbolical meaning of the tournament coming full circle and rolling on to a new era.

On behalf of FIBA, we wish to thank the host club and the Spanish Basketball Federation for their efforts to organize this event in accordance to the elite standards that match its global appeal.



# THE CONTENDERS



As two-time FIBA Intercontinental Cup champions, Lenovo Tenerife are the only one of the four participants who knows what it takes to win this competition. The reigning BCL champions first stepped at the top of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup podium in the 2017 edition and then followed up with a second success in 2020.

Rio Grande Valley Vipers, the 2022 NBA G League champions, are the only other contender with prior experience of the event - and the venue, for that matter - as they took part in the 2020 edition, which was also staged in Tenerife.

Brazil's São Paulo meanwhile will certainly land in Tenerife having proven they are fearless newcomers, as they will make their FIBA Intercontinental Cup debut on the back of conquering their very first BCL Americas crown.

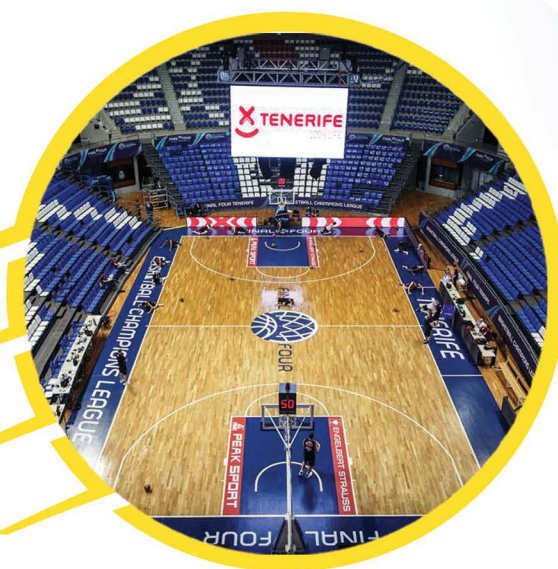
US Monastir are set to make history as the first ever Tunisian club and only the second club from Africa, after Egypt's Zamalek, to compete in the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, courtesy of their amazing conquest of the BAL trophy in 2022.



# THE VENUE



The Santiago Martin arena (Pabellón Insular Santiago Martin in Spanish) is located in the Tenerife municipality of San Cristóbal de La Laguna and has a capacity of 5,150 spectators. This will be the third time that Santiago Martin will provide the stage for the coronation of a FIBA Intercontinental Cup champion as it was the venue of the 2020 edition, which was played in a Final Four format, as well as playing host to the 2017 single-game Final. It also hosted the Basketball Champions League Final Four in 2017 and was the main venue of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup in 2018.



# GAME SCHEDULE



FIBA  
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FEBRUARY 10  
**18:00**  
GMT



Lenovo Tenerife

FEBRUARY 10  
**21:00**  
GMT



**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
FEBRUARY 12  
**16:00**  
GMT



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**FINAL**  
FEBRUARY 12  
**19:00**  
GMT



# LENOVO TENERIFE



Lenovo Tenerife

Most European basketball clubs can only dream of the admirably well-executed surge to prominence that Lenovo Tenerife - founded in 1939 with the name Club Baloncesto Canarias - have experienced in the past decade. The club earned promotion to the ACB league (the Spanish top flight) in 2012 following a 20-year absence and lifted its first European trophy in 2017 by winning the inaugural edition of the Basketball Champions League. Tenerife went on to win their first ever FIBA Intercontinental Cup that same year and a second one in 2020. In May 2022 the Spanish side celebrated their second BCL title, earning the privilege to represent Europe in this edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup.

# LENOVO TENERIFE



Lenovo Tenerife



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
ABROMAITIS TIM	PF	2.03 / 6' 8"	USA
CABRERA ALBERTO	PG	1.78 / 5' 11"	ESP
COOK ELGIN	SF	1.97 / 6' 6"	USA
DIAGNE MOUSSA	C	2.11 / 7' 0"	SEN
DOORNEKAMP AARON	F	2.01 / 6' 7"	CAN
FERNANDEZ JAIME	G	1.84 / 6' 0"	ESP
FERNANDEZ TRUJILLO DIEGO	SG	1.98 / 6' 6"	ESP
FITIPALDO BRUNO	PG	1.85 / 6' 1"	ITA
GUERRA FRAN	C	2.14 / 7' 0"	ESP
HUERTAS MARCELINHO	PG	1.90 / 6' 3"	BRA
IVANKOVIC MARK	F	2.01 / 6' 7"	CAN
RIGA LOUIS	SF	2.03 / 6' 8"	FRA
RODRIGUEZ SERGIO	F	2.04 / 6' 8"	ESP
SALIN SASU	SG	1.91 / 6' 3"	FIN
SASTRE JOAN	F	2.01 / 6' 7"	ESP
SHERMADINI GIORGI	C	2.16 / 7' 1"	GEO

COACH: VIDORRETA TXUS (ESP)



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS



There is no NBA G League club as successful as the Vipers, who have been proclaimed champions on four occasions. The first title came in 2010, shortly after they entered their affiliation agreement with the Houston Rockets, although the team has been based in the Rio Grande Valley region of Texas since it was founded in 2007. Their most recent success came of course in April 2022, when they swept the Delaware Blue Coats in the NBA G League Finals. That trophy conquest earned the trip to Tenerife for the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, exactly as it happened after their third championship. The Vipers won that one in 2019 and took part in the 2020 edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, which was also held in Tenerife.

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
CULVER JARRETT	SF	1.98 / 6' 6"	USA
GORDON ERON	PG	1.91 / 6' 3"	USA
HERON MUSTAPHA	SF	1.97 / 6' 6"	USA
LECQUE JALEN	PG	1.93 / 6' 3"	USA
MITCHELL TRHAE	SG	1.98 / 6' 6"	USA
OCCEUS SHAWN	SF	1.93 / 6' 3"	USA
REAVES JOSH	G	1.94 / 6' 3"	BOL
SPALDING RAY	PF	2.09 / 6' 11"	USA
STANLEY CASSIUS	SF	1.97 / 6' 6"	USA
STEWART JR WAYNE	F	2.01 / 6' 7"	USA
WHITNEY KAHLIL	SF	1.98 / 6' 6"	USA



# SÃO PAULO



Even a club with a rich history and massive following as that of São Paulo can go through periods of adversity and the Brazilian giants faced their fair share of struggles since the start of the century. But when São Paulo performed a relaunch of their basketball section in 2018, a whole 88 years after it was founded, even their most optimistic fan could not have foreseen such a meteoric rise back to the elite. Within four years São Paulo returned to the NBB, the Brazilian top division, and finished runners-up in the 2020-21 season. They lifted the Campeonato Paulista (regional championship) trophy that same year and in 2022 they conquered the BCL Americas crown, punching their ticket to the 32nd edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup.

# SÃO PAULO



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
BENNETT CORDERRO	G	1.87 / 6' 2"	USA
COELHO HENRIQUE	PG	1.87 / 6' 2"	BRA
CORAZZA ELIO	PG	1.90 / 6' 3"	BRA
DA SILVA TULIO	SF	2.03 / 6' 7"	BRA
DE JESUS ANDRADE IGOR	SF	1.95 / 6' 5"	BRA
MACIEL MATHEUS	C	2.06 / 6' 9"	BRA
MILLER MALCOLM	PF	2.00 / 6' 7"	USA
NARDI JOSE	SG	1.95 / 6' 5"	BRA
NUNES THIAGO	F	2.00 / 6' 7"	BRA
SIEWERT LUCAS	F	2.08 / 6' 10"	BRA
SILVA RALFI	C	2.08 / 6' 10"	BRA
STALLWORTH SHAMELL	SG	1.94 / 6' 4"	USA
SOUSA MARQUINHOS	SF	2.07 / 6' 9"	BRA

COACH: MORTARI BRUNO (BRA)

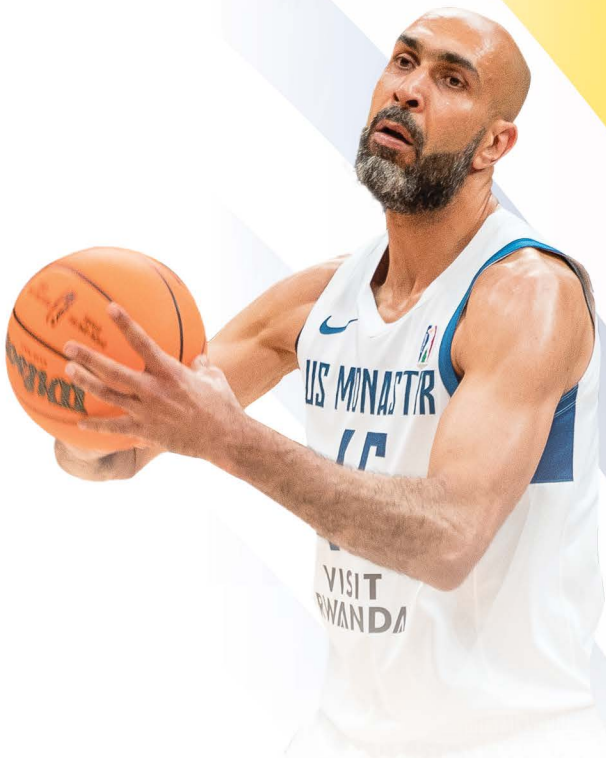


# US MONASTIR



It took almost four decades for US Monastir to savour the sweet taste of a big title success but when that moment finally arrived, it provided a spark that has been fuelling them for a quarter of as century. Union Sportive Monastirienne, as is the club's full name, was founded in 1959 and lifted their first Tunisian League trophy in 1998. They went on to add six more Tunisian championships as well as four domestic cup titles, and in 2022 they celebrated their maiden continental title by winning the BAL trophy. This achievement has opened up a historical opportunity as US Monastir are now poised to become only the second club in history to represent Africa in the FIBA Intercontinental Cup.

# US MONASTIR



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
ABBASSI MOHAMED	F	2.04 / 6' 8"	TUN
ACUOTH DENG	C	2.11 / 6' 11"	SUD
ADDAMI AHMED	PF	2.03 / 6' 7"	TUN
BOUALLEGUE AMROU	SG	1.94 / 6' 4"	TUN
CHENNOUFI ZIYED	SF	2.01 / 6' 7"	TUN
CHOUAYA LASSAAD	PG	1.90 / 6' 3"	TUN
GHAYAZA MOKHTAR	C	2.04 / 6' 8"	TUN
LAHIANI FIRAS	PF	2.02 / 6' 7"	TUN
MAHEMLI HOUSSEM	G	1.90 / 6' 3"	TUN
MARNAOUI OUSSAMA	G	1.93 / 6' 4"	TUN
RANDLE JEROME	G	1.75 / 5' 10"	USA/UKR
ROLL MICHAEL	SG	1.95 / 6' 5"	USA/TUN
SLIMANE RADHOVANE	F	2.05 / 6' 8"	TUN

COACH: GAVRIEL PANTELIS (CYP)



# ALL-TIME MEDALISTS

Year	Champions	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
1966	Ignis Varese (ITA)	Corinthians (BRA)	Real Madrid (ESP)	Chicago Jamaco Saints (USA)
1967	Akron Goodyear Wingfoots (USA)	Ignis Varese (ITA)	Simmenthal Milano (ITA)	Corinthians (BRA)
1968	Akron Goodyear Wingfoots (USA)	Real Madrid (ESP)	Simmenthal Milano (ITA)	Botafogo (BRA)
1969	Akron Goodyear Wingfoots (USA)	Spartak ZJS Brno (CZE)	Sirio (BRA)	Real Madrid (ESP)
1970	Akron Goodyear Wingfoots (USA)	Real Madrid (ESP)	Corinthians (BRA)	Slavia VS Praha (CZE)
1972	NABL All-Stars (USA)	Soviet Union	Brazil	Poland
1973	Ignis Varese (ITA)	Sirio (BRA)	Vaqueros de Bayamon (PUR)	Jugoplastika (YUG)
1974	Maryland Terrapins (USA)	Ignis Varese (ITA)	Vila Nova (BRA)	Real Madrid (ESP)
1975	Birra Forst Cantu (ITA)	Amazonas Franca (BRA)	Real Madrid (ESP)	Penn Quakers (USA)
1976	Real Madrid (ESP)	Mobilgirgi Varese (ITA)	Obras Sanitarias (ARG)	Amazonas Franca (BRA)
1977	Real Madrid (ESP)	Mobilgirgi Varese (ITA)	Maccabi Elite Tel Aviv (ISR)	Atletica Francana (BRA)
1978	Real Madrid (ESP)	Obras Sanitarias (ARG)	Sirio (BRA)	Mobilgirgi Varese (ITA)
1979	Sirio (BRA)	Bosna (YUG)	Emerson Varese (ITA)	Piratas de Quebradillas (PUR)
1980	Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR)	Atletica Francana (BRA)	Bosna (YUG)	Real Madrid (ESP)
1981	Real Madrid (ESP)	Obras Sanitarias (ARG)	Sirio (BRA)	Mobilgirgi Varese (ITA)
1982	Ford Cantu (ITA)	Nashua EBBC (NED)	Maccabi Elite Tel Aviv (ISR)	Air Force Falcons (USA)
1983	Obras Sanitarias (ARG)	Jollycolombani Cantu (ITA)	Penarol (URU)	Monte Libano (BRA)
1984	Banco di Roma Virtus (ITA)	Obras Sanitarias (ARG)	Sirio (BRA)	FC Barcelona (ESP)
1985	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Monte Libano (BRA)	Cibona (YUG)	San Andres (ARG)
1986	Zalgiris (USSR)	Ferro Carril Oeste (ARG)	Cibona (YUG)	Corinthians (BRA)
1987	Tracer Milano (ITA)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Cibona (YUG)	Maccabi Elite Tel Aviv (ISR)
1996	Panathinaikos (GRE)	Olimpia (ARG)	N/A	N/A
2013	Olympiacos (GRE)	Pinheiros Sky (BRA)	N/A	N/A
2014	Flamengo (BRA)	Maccabi Electra Tel Aviv (ISR)	N/A	N/A
2015	Real Madrid (ESP)	Bauru (BRA)	N/A	N/A
2016	Guaros de Lara (VEN)	Fraport Skyliners (GER)	N/A	N/A
2017	Iberostar Tenerife (ESP)	Guaros de Lara (VEN)	N/A	N/A
2019	AEK Athens (GRE)	Flamengo (BRA)	San Lorenzo (ARG)	Austin Spurs (USA)
2020	Iberostar Tenerife (ESP)	Segafredo Virtus Bologna (ITA)	San Lorenzo (ARG)	Rio Grande Valley Vipers (USA)
2021	Hereda San Pablo Burgos (ESP)	Quimsa (ARG)	N/A	N/A
2022	Flamengo (BRA)	Hereda San Pablo Burgos (ESP)	Lakeland Magic (USA)	Zamalek (EGY)



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