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PUERTO RICO FUTBOL CLUB ANNOUNCES HEAD COACH AND TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

San Juan, PR, August 24, 2015– New York Knicks NBA Star Carmelo Anthony and owner of the Puerto Rico Futbol Club proudly announced today that Adrian Whitbread will be the new Head Coach and Neil Sillett as new Technical Director of the Puerto Rico Football Club. The announcement, scheduled to begin its first season at Juan Ramon Loubriel Stadium on July 2nd 2016.

“We are extremely happy to introduce Adrian as our new head coach,” said PRFC Owner Carmelo Anthony. “He is a high energy person and a high level thinker who will work well and demand the most from our group. Adrian has had success at many levels and we are looking forward to him leading our team next season.”

Adrian Whitbread has worked with teams such as Barnet FC, Brentford FC, Milton Keynes Dons FC and Leicester City. He worked with the Puerto Rico Islanders 2008-2011 where in 2008 won the USL regular season league championship final, reached semifinals on CONCACAF Championship League in 2008/09 only to be knockout by regional Mexican powerhouse, Cruz Azul on penalties. In 2010 won 2 championships: USSF-D2 Post Championship and Caribbean Regional Club Championship as well as in 2011. In 2014 he became the U23 Bahrain Olympic Head Coach.

“I am much honored that Carmelo and his PRFC franchise for giving me the opportunity to become his new Head Coach and am very excited to get started in putting together a Team that will be successful and one that the Puerto Rican supporters can be proud of. I know firsthand how passionate the fans can be and will do everything I can for Carmelo and the fans to have a team that they can be proud of. We can all play a part on and off the field to build something very special and believe it’s a unique situation

to be involved in. I know a lot of work has gone on already but when I knew of this opportunity ,myself and Neil have been working on this 24/7 as we both have the same passion and drive,” said Whitbread.

“Neil brings a wealth of experience to the Club, from grassroots coaching and player development to working with high performance athletes and the professional ranks” said Carmelo Anthony about his new Technical Director.

Neil Sillett has worked at the very highest level of professional sport for more than 20 years, being a former player, coach and physiotherapist. So ingrained in sport, he is the third-generation professional player of a family interwoven in the fabric of British football. Over the past two decades he has worked for Portsmouth FC, Coventry City FC and Derby County FC with the likes of Terry Venables, Jim Smith, Steve McClaren and his own father, John Sillett. He has a proven track record in recognizing quality players and throughout his career he has helped develop many of these players into Premiership stars. Having worked with many top international players, his technical knowledge is highly regarded and his advice is continually being sought after by his peers in the game. Throughout his career in professional sport, he has gained an excellent reputation as a coach and an agent and his amiable approach has won him many friends across the globe. With a fantastic network of sports professionals at his disposal and being a fully licensed FIFA and UEFA agent himself, Neil has the ability to continually provide his clients with “Best in Class” advice.

“Puerto Rico Football Club” is the most exciting project I have been involved in my entire career. Having been on the Technical Team that has won an FA Cup and been involved in Play Offs in the UK that underlines exactly how I feel about it. Having discussed US soccer with people like Craig Burley, my Father, Colin Clarke, Paulo Wanchope and in particular Sir Alex Ferguson who convinced me it was the right move ,I am sure it is where the major growth lies in soccer. Carmelo and his team have shown great commitment and enterprise in getting PRFC to this position. I am massively proud to be given the chance to help take the club to their desired place in the US soccer ladder. “Melo’ throughout his career has displayed enormous dedication, strength, toughness and skill & when guiding our recruitment our players will also have to show the same qualities. I have learn from the best in the business and sincerely believe all of us together, the Owner, The Coaches, the players and the fans here in PR can deliver a high quality club into the NASL next year, said Sillet.

With Sillet and Whitbread on board the Puerto Rico Futbol Club starts his legacy for the new upcoming season. Now Sillet, Whitbread and Carmelo will start the recruiting of personal to complete the team that will play in Bayamon and will represent Puerto Rico in the NASL in 2016.

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