# Premier League legends prepare for historic charity boxing night at Grosvenor Hotel



Footballing giants Peter Crouch, Joe Cole, and Ray Parlour are lending their star power to a new charity boxing event that promises to bring Premier League legends into the ring for a cause larger than sport. Organised by former Arsenal goalkeeper Graham Stack, the inaugural black-tie gala is set for October 18 at the prestigious Grosvenor Hotel in Mayfair. The event aims to raise £500,000 for several charitable organisations, including Playskill, Sport In Mind, the Willow Foundation, and Helping Hands.

The charity night, spearheaded by Stack through his company Pro Project Promotions, reflects an innovative blend of football’s fiercest rivalries meeting the raw intensity of boxing. The card features ten ex-professional footballers competing in five white-collar boxing bouts, each carefully curated to deliver high entertainment and heartfelt purpose. Among the most anticipated fights is a headline grudge match between ex-Arsenal winger David Bentley and former Chelsea midfielder Jody Morris, which revives old Premier League tensions amidst a star-studded lineup.

Support for the fundraiser extends beyond football, attracting former world boxing champions Darren Barker, James DeGale, and Enzo Maccarinelli, alongside current female stars Nina Hughes and Chantelle Cameron. Their involvement not only guarantees a night filled with top-tier boxing expertise but also ensures that the footballers receive world-class mentorship in the lead-up to their bouts. Bentley, for example, trains under Kevin Mitchell, while Morris is coached by Barker. Other participants such as Curtis Davies, Paddy Kenny, Leroy Lita, and David Noble are similarly paired with seasoned boxing veterans, highlighting the seriousness with which the athletes are approaching their new challenges.

The event represents more than just a clash of former football talents—it’s a platform that merges the excitement of sport with a philanthropic mission to positively impact lives. Stack emphasised the unique nature of the event: "These legends are stepping out of their comfort zones to throw punches for a purpose. With a star-studded crowd, world-class entertainment and a mission to change lives, this night will be etched in history." The diverse mix of fighters—from towering defenders to crafty midfielders and prolific strikers—promises a dynamic evening full of drama and competitive spirit.

This gala is not the first time football legends have utilised their influence for charitable causes at the Grosvenor Hotel, a venue known for hosting high-profile sports-related events. Previous gatherings have featured iconic figures such as Gianfranco Zola, Les Ferdinand, and Ray Parlour himself sharing football stories, while other star-studded events have honoured notable players like Frank Lampard OBE, combining fundraising with sport and entertainment. However, the 2024 boxing event sets itself apart by placing retired footballers in the ring, challenging them to cross into a new sporting arena while contributing to important social causes.

This innovative approach to charity fundraising echoes a broader trend of athletes from various sports harnessing their skills and fame in unique ways to support good causes. The inclusion of female boxing champions and ex-football pros from various clubs adds a modern, inclusive dimension to the event, promising broad appeal among sports fans and philanthropists alike.

As the build-up intensifies, anticipation grows around how well these Premier League legends will adapt to the demands of boxing, and whether old football rivalries will translate into the ring. For now, the event encapsulates a celebration of sporting spirit, camaraderie, and generosity, with all eyes on Grosvenor Hotel in October.

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2. <https://www.sportscasting.com/uk/news/graham-stack-charity-boxing-event/> - Former professional footballer Graham Stack is organising his inaugural charity boxing event on October 18 at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Mayfair, London. The event will feature ten ex-professional footballers competing in five white-collar boxing matches to raise funds for various charities, including Playskill, Sport In Mind, Willow Foundation, and Helping Hands. The initiative aims to raise over £500,000 through fundraising events in 2025. Notable participants include Leroy Lita, Jermaine Pennant, David Bentley, Anthony Gardner, Marvin Sordell, Jody Morris, Paddy Kenny, Curtis Davis, Greg Halford, Lee Trundle, and Marvin Elliott. The event is being organised by Pro Project Promotions, a platform for ex-professionals from various sports to come together to support charitable causes. ([sportscasting.com](https://www.sportscasting.com/uk/news/graham-stack-charity-boxing-event/?utm_source=openai))
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