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### BBC TELEVISION PRESENTS 'THE GRAND KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT'

Alton Towers in Staffordshire is the fine setting for 'The Grand Knockout Tournament' on Friday, June 19, when a galaxy of international celebrities team up under the captaincy of four members of the Royal family in a medieval contest of thrills and spills to raise funds for charity.

The main presenter will be popular TV and Radio personality, Stuart Hall, who has become closely associated over several years with 'It's A Knockout' since he took over the reins in 1972. Stuart will be assisted in the marathon by fellow presenters Les Dawson and Su Pollard, the zany Peggy in BBC tv's 'Hi-de-Hi!'. Chief judge will be international magician Paul Daniels; custodian of the Scoreboard will be strong man Geoff Capes and young Welsh singer Aled Jones will act as the Herald, issuing the challenge at the beginning of each game.

Based on BBC-tv's popular 'It's A Knockout', 'The Grand Knockout Tournament' will feature four teams, each representing a charity. His Royal Highness The Prince Edward will captain a team on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Project '87; HRH The Princess Anne, Mrs. Mark Philips, on behalf of the Save the Children Fund; HRH The Duke of York on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund, and HRH The Duchess of York on behalf of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Celebrity team members will represent the worlds of sport, film, TV music and theatre - those who have agreed to take part so far include Kiri Te Kanawa, John Travolta, John Cleese, Tessa Sanderson, Toyah Wilcox, Nigel Mansell, Cliff Richard and Pamela Stephenson.

Picture shows: HRH The Prince Edward getting suitably attired for the Grand Knockout Tournament.

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