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## Colo Colo Fans Protest Against Presidential Candidate José Kast at Sporting Events

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The current electoral climate has transcended politics, making its way into sports arenas. This was evident on Monday, November 17, during the basketball match between Colo Colo and Universidad Católica, where the fans made their strong disapproval of Kast's candidacy clear through banners and chants in the venue.

During the game, Colo Colo fans not only rallied behind their team but also

devoted part of their energy to voicing their opposition to the candidate. Their

messages against Kast and social criticism were part of the atmosphere, making

clear the political stance of one of the country's most recognized fan bases, who

displayed anti-Nazi and anti-fascist flags.

This action was supported by a statement shared on the social media accounts of

Garra Blanca, where they also questioned Kast's vision. They accused him of living

«in a reality completely alien to the people» and of discriminating against

«women, low-income individuals, sexual minorities, and anyone who thinks

differently from his radical ideals,» they asserted.

On several occasions, fans have displayed banners at games featuring the player

Carlos Caszely alongside the iconic phrase «We do not shake hands with fascists.»

This recalls the resistance gesture of «Chino,» who in 1973 refused to greet

Augusto Pinochet, and the torture his mother later suffered during the

dictatorship. The symbolism is especially relevant considering Kast's public

admiration for Pinochet and his defense of the regime during the 1988 plebiscite.

The protest by Colo Colo fans at the sporting event highlights the increasing

politicization of various sectors of civil society in the electoral context. These

groups are using their platforms to express discontent and mobilize their

supporters during a crucial period for the political landscape of the country.

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