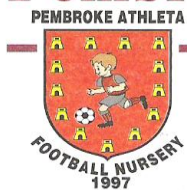


Pembroke Athleta Football Nursery



REPORT ON TRIP MADE BY PEMBROKE ATHLETA FOOTBALL NURSERY UNDER 16 GIRLS TO CARDIFF, WALES AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 'WELSH INTERNATIONAL SUPER CUP TOURNAMENT'

Date of trip

From Sat 23rd July to 30th July 2011

Trip's objective achieved

Trip's main objective of giving our Under 16 Girls the experience of travelling abroad together for the first time to participate in the prestigious Welsh Super Cup tournament has been achieved and the girls themselves can testify the immense benefit they have acquired during this trip

Our Nursery is also proud to have been the first Nursery in Malta who has participated in an official Girls Football Tournament abroad as we have been advised by the MFA themselves.

Football tournaments & friendly games

A full games programme was prepared to give as much playing time as possible to the girls, this included besides participation in the Welsh Super Cup Tournament, friendly matches and a triangular tournament. In all our Girls played 10 games, 11-a-side, in the space of 5 days. They won five matches, drawing 2 and losing 3.

Duration of the games varied as follows:

Friendly Monday - 70mins

Triangular Tournament – Tuesday - 60mins

Super Cup Tournament- Thursday/Friday - 30mins/ 40mins

Unfortunately the group consisted of only 13 girls who could make the trip and this made it impossible to give adequate rest to the girls due to lack of substitutes. To make matters worse some girls were injured and other unwell which obviously had to be rested and thus the Coach at times found it difficult to field even 11 players.

However with the full dedication of the players and coaches all matches except the Wednesday friendly which had to be cancelled for the above reasons, were honoured and played in the best of spirits and at high level of play as the results show.

Results & some comments on the matches played:

Monday – Friendly Game	vs GARDEN VILLAGE	- Result	4 - 1
Good beginning. Our Girls improved after being a goal down and settled own quickly to finish superior to our opponents			
Tuesday - Triangular Tournament-	vs KAAPO	- Result	0 - 0
This was a very interesting game against a Finish Under 18 team who participated in the Women open of the tournament. Probably the best game played.			
	vs CIMLA	- Result	8 - 1

Winners of this tournament were our Nursery, Pembroke Athleta F.N. Opposition was very good to weak.				
Wednesday –Friendly vs Glasgow Girls cancelled due to injuries/girls unwell – however we still played against this team in the Thur/Fri tournament				
Thursday –Super Cup-1 st Phase	vs	VILLA DINO	- Result	2- 0
	vs	MARDY TIGERS	- Result	0 - 3
	vs	THE LEMURS	- Result	2 - 0
	vs	GLASGOW GIRLS	- Result	0 - 4
We finished 3 rd and qualified for the 2 nd phase (Semi-finals) – winning 2 games losing 2 games				
Friday - Super Cup – 2 nd phase-Semi-final	vs	MARDY TIGERS	- Result	0 - 3
Challenge Cup	vs	VILLA DINO	- Result	4 – 1
	Vs	LEMURS	- Result	0 – 0
Finished joint winners however Lemurs had better goal –average				

All in all considering the injuries to key players in the team and the limited number of players available the results were very satisfactory and the standard of play very good. We found it a bit hard against the ‘Mardy Tigers’ team eventual winner of the Welsh Super Cup Tournament as these were physically & athletically superior to our girls but I am sure if we were to play them with our best 11 the game will be much more balanced.

As mentioned above the benefits of this trip for the Girls are enormous and will definitely serve them for their commitments in the MFA Under 16 and 1st Division leagues this Season.

Cultural Activities

Although we had a full programme of games we also found time to tour the ‘Millennium Stadium’, the Famous ‘Cardiff Castle’, were invited and entertained by the City’s Honorary Consul Sir Brooke Boothby to his home ‘Fonmon Castle’ which has a long cherished history and where the kids together with the Melita & Hamrun Boys had a wonderful evening in a organised treasure hunt.

On the way back from Cardiff we managed also to find some time to stay for a few hours in London where we toured the Big Ben area.

Conclusion

The organisation of the Football Tournament was very good although there are some areas which can be improved upon i.e. schedule of games to be notified earlier, rules explained better. One has to consider also that the organisers moved the event from Aberyswyth to Cardiff and this was the first event there.

The behaviour of the Girls was exemplary and the team work of the Officials of the Group and Coaches was excellent which encourages our Nursery to organise another such trip in the near future.

We also hope that this first venture by a Maltese Football Nursery will be followed by other Nurseries for the benefit and continual promotion of Women Football in Malta

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Group Leaders

Dorita Agius
Club Official

THE GROUP WAS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP LEADERS: YVONNE DEBONO, ALFRED DEBONO
OFFICIAL: DORITA AGIUS
COACHES: RIKKI PACE, DENYSE SCERRI, LAWRENCE CIANTAR
PARENT HELPER: ROSE CASSAR

PLAYERS:

ZAMMIT	JUSTINE
CARUANA	SARAH
CASSAR (DYMOND)	SARAH
SCHEMBRI	SONIA
CAMILLERI	CASSANDRA
CUSCHIERI	LAURA ALTHEA
BALDACCHINO	ROSEMARIE
SAMMUT	MARTHA
GRECH	AMBER
SULTANA	MONIQUE
BORG	MARTINA
SCICLUNA	THRESA
CASSAR	SARAH
VELLA	SARAH

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