

NSA EUROTOUR Jul 10 to Jul 27 2024

RECAP with memorable moments



## **2024 NSA EUROTOUR Staff, Players and Supporters**



Hsu Frederick DAVIS CA





Stubbs Symone Freeport Bahamas



- 1. Coaching the Swedish girls. They were friendly, inclusive, receptive to learning and played whatever role the team needed them to play
- 2. Riding the electric scooters to the leadership party with Jamie we got a chance to see more of Gothenburg
  Symone Stubbs

Bowman Jamie WAIMEA HI



Danielle Vidal (DJ) Berkeley CA



Jolly Doug BELMONT CA







Angela Han





San Mateo CA
Memorable moment ... there are many. What I loved is how
these kids came together as individuals on the trip and left as
a team. There was a lot of personal growth for the kids and
being independent, traveling as a team and friendships
formed.





#### Cox Todd Oahu HI

Recently, I participated as a coach with the NSA Club during the Euro2024 Soccer tournaments in the Gothia Cup and Dana Cup. I had the absolute privilege of both teaching and watching young players grow not only in skill, but also in character and confidence through participation in these international tournaments. Both prestigious events offer our young boy/girl athletes an "unparalleled" opportunity to compete against teams from around the globe, fostering a deeper understanding of the game, while promoting personal development in areas like self sufficiency, confidence, and

adjustment. It was an eye-opening experience coaching in these tournaments as we taught them it is not just about the games; it's about the overall experience.

Breaking the experience down into smaller chunks, first, I noticed how much fun they were having meeting others, while growing and developing their teams. Coach Fred recognizes that team-building activities are essential. In our first week, we encouraged players to bond on and off the field, through age-appropriate (leap frog, clapping, ground-rolling) warm-ups and birthday hula dances in the evenings; the intent was fostering trust and communication that translate into better performance during their matches. As a result of the fun and team chemistry, it was easy to see that their skill development got better; competing against diverse playing styles challenged our players to adapt and improve in ways they have never thought possible or achievable. We taught/they learned the game was not always fair, so they adapted with new tactics, enhanced their technical abilities, and developed a better understanding of teamwork and strategy. Another lesson for the players was about cultural exchange; through visits to local club houses, international players joining our teams, exchanging club banners and gifts (Omiyage as we say in Hawai'i). Coaching during these tournaments you witness that bringing together teams from various cultures and backgrounds helps our players develop respect and appreciation for diversity; essential qualities both on and off the field. Additionally, we taught/they experienced life lessons both on and off the field. Every match teaches valuable lessons in resilience, discipline, and sportsmanship. Whether we won or lost, the focus was on growth and learning. Off the field and at the beach event with the German Team, they learned off the field camaraderie and friendship and then ended up playing the same friends in a 1/4 final match; the experiences gained in these situations contributed to our players' overall character development.

"Embracing the Experience" was our coaches' mantra; the excitement of participating in the International Gothia Cup and Dana Cup extends well beyond those matches. The camaraderie among players and the memories created during these tournaments are invaluable. From exploring new cities, to sharing meals, and celebrating our victories, these experiences help forge lifelong friendships and a sense of belonging within this very small world. Now, having returned home, this coaching experience carries with me; looking forward to the upcoming seasons of our local club, I will continue to encourage all players and parents to embrace the journey.

Mahalo, Coach Todd Training camp , Hjorring Denmark



# NSA



### OPENING CEREMONY, GOTHIA CUP SILVER BALL, ULLEVI STADIUM, GOTHENBURG









I want to start with thank you for letting me be on this trip and playing soccer with G15. It has been an amazing experience. To just say 3 things is impossible because the whole week is gonna give me so many memories. To play soccer with NSA G15 was one of the greatest things I have ever done, to play with this amazing people and to get to know them on and of field. Every game, I got to know them even more and hope I meet them again soon. The good bye speech everyone did is gonna be one of the things that stood out for me. To see how much someone can mean to you've just met was emotional for me. Every minute will be memorable for me all the different things we did, hang out, talk, walk around on dana cup, the talent show, and play soccer. Everything. After this week, I have 100 memories, 2 pictures, and one shirt. How is it signed by everyone that will help me remember this week. Thank you once again. Alma Gustafsson

Soriano Rylie Oahu HI G15



Aloha Coach Fred.

Thank you for letting me be apart of this amazing experience. 3 memorable moments I had was...

- 1. Getting dinner and ice cream with Coach Juan, Ricky, Gavin, porter, Hailey, Lily, and Avignon.
- 2. When we went to the amusement park and had great bonding time with one another.
- 3. Playing soccer with people I've never met before and we created a great bond and learned to play with each other and our different playing styles.

Again Thank you for this amazing opportunity I made lots of friends and learned lots of things from this trip, on and off the field. Hopefully I'll be able to come next year, and bring my sister with me.

Sincerely.

Rylie Soriano

Alfjärd Tilda Gothenburg Sweden G15



Alfjärd family Magnus, Tilda, Camilla and Astrid



Hi Fred.

Thank you for an amazing week.

This is really memories for life, both for Tilda and us as parents.

Everyone is really open minded and thoughtful.

I wonder how the world would look like if everyone was like people in your group

We bring memories of new fantastic friends, leadership and knowledge



Wish you all the best

Camilla, Magnus, Tilda and Astrid









Quan Chloe Oahu HI G15



- 1) Watching the American and Swedish players reunite, especially the jumping-squealing reunification of Chloe and Elle!
- 2) Watching Coach Symone dance to her favorite genre of music, and listening to Soca music for the 1st time.
- 3) Observing players grow significantly in their confidence on the pitch
- 4) Thrifting hilarity with moms in Hjørring.
- 5) Seeing old friends and making new ones! Jen

Quan family



Kanold Elle Gothenburg Sweden G15



Kanold Blanca
Gothenburg Sweden G12



Ericksson\_Kanold family
Our Swedish host



Engman Linea



Thanks for a lovely Dana cup week i Denmark together with all of you.

I am so thankful that I got the chance to get this experience, meet so many new friends, and grow as a soccer player/person.

Thanks coaches, players and supporters (parents) for letting me be a part of your big NSA soccer family for a week. Hope to stay in contact and see you another time.

Linnea Magnusson Engman F09 Sweden

Granfors Alma
Gothenburg Sweden G15



My most memorable things during the trip were to meet new friends, play against teams that I've never met before and learn more English. Thank you for welcoming us to NSA. All the best,

Alma Granfors

#### Mcgowan Avignon Chico, CA G15



My favorite things this summer while training with the 2024 Eurotour NSA team were definitely, developing myself as a player, meeting and connecting with new people and learning about different cultures. The NSA play style is different than anything else I've ever trained under.

It stresses the importance of having a pressure/cover and support network on the field as well as off. Playing with this NSA team gave me the opportunity to build my confidence and grow my style of play. Over this summer I made some really amazing friends, real relationships with people that will last. I genuinely love and miss everyone from the tour and hope to see them all again. For me the culture shock was crazy because I had never experienced a country

like this (this as in playing soccer and traveling in buses or taking the subway/metro to games). Denmark was my favorite place we went. The atmosphere was incredible to experience and by the end of the trip we all could only enjoy it while it lasted. This was truly an amazing experience and I am so glad I went.

Avignon McGowan



Mcgowan Kozette



MacGowan family

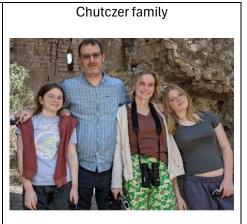


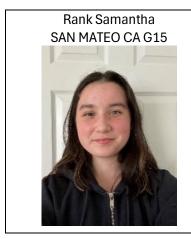




Green Sophie Belmont CA G15















#### Gordon Payten Freeport Bahamas G15



- 1. The opening ceremony at the Dana cup
- 2. Our first game at Gothia cup
- 3. Going to the small island in Sweden

I have lots of memories but these are my favorite ones which I cherish the most!!

Payten Gordon





A very special thank you to NSA for inviting us on this experience of a lifetime! Although this was a soccer tour Payten carried away so many life lessons and experiences she will never forget. The cultural experiences, the friendships made and especially for Payten she got to see where she is and where she needs to be in order to excel and for all of this we the Gordon family are truly grateful.

My three most memorable things about the trip was providing rides for players and parents to the games. This allowed us to talk about our countries, our likes and dislikes and experiences. Secondly, the ability to watch so many soccer games being played all at one time. It was interesting to see how large tournaments work so seamlessly. Lastly, traveling with a large group at first felt daunting but I can honestly say

everything worked out so well. Parents' interacting and actually wanting to spend time with each other was priceless.

Once again thank you NSA (Coach Fred) for a most memorable experience that we have taken back to the Bahamas to share with all!

Katrina Gordon

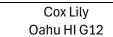


Gordon Quincy



Gordon Quincy Jr.







Cox family



Todd Memorable moments:

- All the kids and coaches laughing during dynamic warmups, learning new ways to have fun and warm up at the same time.
- First day loading up luggage and into the trailer and getting on the bus. It's kinda when I realized this is real!!

#### **NSA Parent Perspective**

As a parent of a young female athlete in the NSA Club, I experienced firsthand the excitement and growth that comes from participating in international tournaments like the Gothia Cup in Sweden and Dana Cup in Denmark. Actually, it wasn't until we landed, met mostly everyone in the morning...and then began loading luggage onto a bus (with a luggage carrier) that I realized this trip was more than just soccer matches; the whole became transformative experiences that shaped all of our children, both as players and people of the world.

Attending international competitions and watching my child compete on an international stage was admittingly lost on me, until I saw this thrilling experience. The Gothia Cup, held in Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Dana Cup in Hjørring, Denmark, attract teams from all over the world, offering a unique opportunity for our young athletes to test their skills against diverse competition. The energy in the air during these tournaments is almost palpable, and the sense of pride I feel as a parent is absolutely immeasurable.

I saw my daughter competing against teams with different playing styles and more aggressive. I witnessed how it pushed not only my daughter but all our children athletes to elevate their game. They learned to adapt, think critically, and work collaboratively with their teammates. It was so absolutely inspiring to see her/them grow in confidence and skill with each match and each tournament. Her mother and I watched her, attended matches and cheering from the sidelines showing her and others that we believe in them. Our support boosts their confidence and reinforces the importance of their hard work and dedication.

Recognizing that fostering a sense of camaraderie among players is crucial. But what we experienced was like no other event...ever; we almost didn't see her for 3 weeks except during her games, which was fine. Team lunches/dinners, outings to shop, beach soccer, or traipsing through Liseberg Amusement Park, Sweden, helped strengthen bonds and created a supportive environment that ultimately translated into her better on-field performance. Every match, every train ride, every bus taken was a lesson in resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Whether celebrating a victory or reflecting on a loss, our kids learned important life skills that extend far beyond the soccer field. Initially unbeknownst to me, it was the focus on personal growth that made these tournaments so meaningful. Additionally, and potentially the most important aspect witnessed, was that these tournaments are a fantastic way for our kids to experience different cultures. They met and played with players from various backgrounds, shared stories, and formed friendships that extend well beyond that of the tournaments. As a example, just prior to the 1/4 game, her team shared in a Swedish dance ritual that calmed their nerves, removed anxiousness, and created eternal bonds. This cultural exchange is simply invaluable, teaching our children empathy and respect for others.

We simply tried to make the most of her experience! The memories created are treasured moments in our family's life. From the excitement of traveling to new cities to the joy of watching her play the sport she loves; these experiences are priceless. Also honorably mentioning, the laughter shared with fellow parents and the stories exchanged after each match also created a sense of community, in parallel to our children, that is truly heartwarming.

So, as we gear up for the next Gothia Cup and Dana Cup, I encourage all parents to "embrace the journey" alongside their children. These tournaments are a celebration of soccer, friendship, and personal growth. Support our young children/athletes, cherish the memories they create, and celebrate the incredible experiences that come with being part of our world; and more specifically, that of the NSA Club family. Together, we can make this journey unforgettable for all!

Todd Cox



Hinkle Ryne Belmont CA G12

Ryne's memorable moments:

- Playing against teams from England, Poland, and Sweden.
- Making new friends and playing soccer with them
- Learning to be vocal (from Coach Enrique)

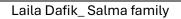


Yeung (Hinkle) Bonny BELMONT CA

Bonny's memorable moments:

- Scootering to/around Haga in Sweden
- last dinner with amazing seafood, in Copenhagen with Coach Kim and Laura Cox, along the canal, with beautiful sunset!
- amazing Italian dinner our last night in Gothenberg with Steve Chen and 2012G, Salma, Ryne and Vera!
- watching my daughter overcome challenges that she had never experienced before, yet persevering and even saying she wants to go back again next year!





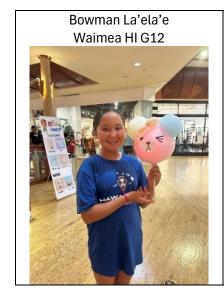








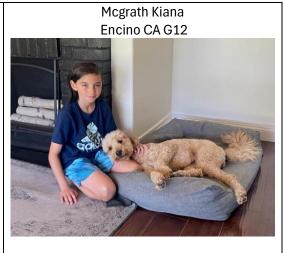






















Serra Natalie Davis CA G12



Serra family Anthony Brittaney Natalie Henry



Rebecca Britton



Serrahsu Everleigh



Everleigh ...

Opens ceremony Riding the tram Playing games



Serrahsu Wesley Fremont CA B11



Wesley ...

Opening ceremony Playing games Spending time with friends

Elizabeth Serra-Hsu / Mary Serra







Harris Porter FOSTER CITY CA B14 Harris Nolan Foster City CA B11

For Nolan Harris, his three most memorable moments were Training at the pro training facility, slide tackling and scoring against the German team.

For Porter Harris his moments were befriending the South African players at the hotel in Denmark, being a top scorer for his team and training at the

pro center. Thanks again for such a memorable trip! It will truly go down in the books! And now both boys want to move

to Europe to play soccer . Leslie



#### Harris family





















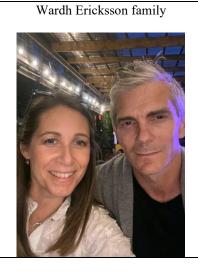




Morales Maxwell
SAN DIEGO CA B14















Higginson Chase Chico CA B14



Higginson family



HARRISON FAMILY



Arguirre Mateo Huntington Beach CA B12



Arguirre Marco Huntington Beach CA B11



Aguirre Roberto / Nancy Betta



TONG RILEY ROSEVILLE CA B12



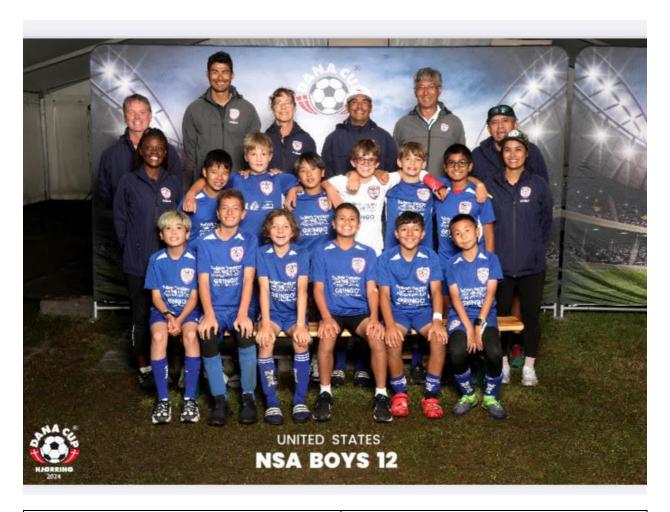
Tong Dustin



1 the club house at the gothia cub

2 staying at the dorms and school 3 hanging out with nsa

Riley Tong



#### Orr ALEXANDER Belmont CA 12



- Final game against Nepal
   New friends
   Playing
- 3. Playing
  European teams
  Alex Orr

#### Otsu Liam Belmont CA B12



Sen Ishaan Belmont CA B12

For Ishaan the top memories were

- 1. Staying at the dorms with team-mates
- 2. Ferry rides
- 3. Opening Ceremony at Ullevi
- 4. Visiting the clubhouse in Sweden

DEBASISH SEN / RAJYASHREE MUKHERJEE



Block Soren Belmont CA B12



Block Thad and Astrid



BLOCK Eli (15) and Linnea (17)



Azizollahi Felix Gothenburg,Sweden B14



Azizollahi family



FANG MARCUS FOSTER CITY CA B12

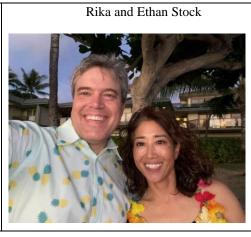


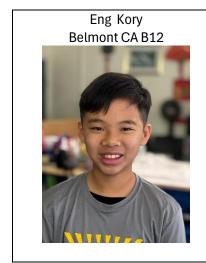
TADEO ANDRES CHICO CA B12











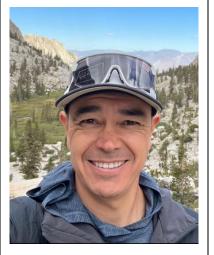




Seiber Dane Walnut Creek CA B11



Seiber Kenneth



- 1. my first header goal in a game
- 2.awesome opening ceremonies
- 3.lots of fun at the amusement park Dane

Kishiyama Cole Belmont CA B11











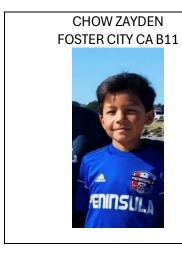


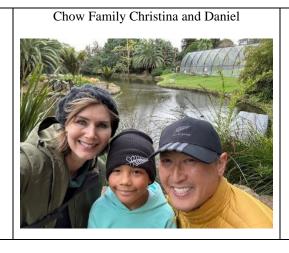
For James - ice cream, video games, jelly fish/crabs.

Family - watching the B11 soccer games, learning how to catch crabs from locals on Hono island, and holding jelly fish at Grenen. Jeff ford



















Marskot Johan Nysted Saltum Denmark B12



Anneback Henry Gothenburg Sweden B12



Berggren Joel Hamren Gothenburg Sweden B12



Nilo Arvid Gothenburg Sweden B12



Nilo Hanna & family



Holm-Willeson Hugo Gothenburg Sweden B11











