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CBC Dutchtouch International Camp recap (2012)

With growing interest in the Camp, we had 2 very successful weeks, in spite of intense heat. The players persevered and the staff regulated the work/rest ratio so that everyone managed to stay as fresh as possible. The Camp week always seems to be very hot, but this summer even more than usual. With temps over 100 and around 105, it was a challenge, but the switch to Cadet Park saved all of us the extra heat that the turf at Stadium generates.

With just under 200 campers for the 2 weeks, going to 2 weeks was definitely the right decision. The first week featured the younger players ('02-'99), and the second week the older ages ('99-'95). We saw great enthusiasm, energy and talent in the younger group, while the older group brought more experience, along with talent, energy and enthusiasm.

Marco Koolman was our lead coach and Marco does a great job leading and teaching. Jan Pruijn was able to spend 3 days with us in the second week and that was a bonus to have his expertise. The staff featured Els Theunissen and Joost van Elden, both Dutch coaches, and Rob Dorey from England, along with our St. Louis connection of coaches and helpers. We were expecting 7 Polish players and a Polish coach for the second week, but visa problems prevented them from coming. They have already booked their tickets for Camp 2013!!

The big changes this summer were going to 2 weeks and moving the Camp to Cadet Park. The move was due to the new turf at the CBC Stadium not being ready in time for Camp. Cadet Park proved to be a very nice venue, with plenty of available field space, many goals, and all the necessary facilities. We all felt that we would like to use Cadet Park for the 2013 Camps as well.

The staff invited 37 players in total, from both weeks, for the Spring Trip to Holland (March 6-17, 2013). The invited players have until Sept. 1 to indicate their intention, and then the 30 reserved seats become available to anyone on a first come-first served basis.

The camp dates for 2103 are: July 7 – 12 ('02, '01, '00) and July 14 ('00, '99, '98). Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the Camp – enrollment will be limited to 96 field players plus keepers for both weeks. **Thanks to everyone for a great 2012 Camp!**