



CBC Dutch Touch INTERNATIONAL Soccer Program



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Recap of the 2011 CBC Dutchtouch International Camp

The hottest week of the summer greeted the 140 campers who attended the 5th Annual CBC Dutchtouch International Soccer Camp. In spite of the heat, we had a great week. In the absence of Jan Pruijn, under contract at Ajax Cape Town, South Africa, the Camp was very ably managed by fellow Dutchman Marco Koolman. It was Marco's second time with us and he did a great job collaborating with Jan for the day's activities. Additionally, we had our Dutch Masters, Harry Jansen and Theo Derks return for their 5th Camp and Dutch newcomer Reymond Verboom. Assisting the Dutch coaches were a cadre of local coaches and helpers to make sure that the ideas were being properly reinforced throughout the sessions. Reymond has studied the training of Rene Meulenstein, the former Youth Academy Director at Manchester United (now on Sir Alex's staff) and presented sessions following the Academy training at Man Utd. We had 8 young Dutch players with us throughout the week as well.

The schedule was the same intense plan that we have used the previous camps – technical training in the morning – tactical training and small-sided games in the afternoon - and 11 a side games in the evening. In order to get a break from the heat, we had classroom sessions with lecture, videos and a soccer quiz. Lunch and dinners were provided at CBC and they must have been good because there was NEVER any food left over!! Special kudos to the food crew (Liz, Pat and Nettie)!! The break in the week comes Wednesday when the locals train in the morning and the dutchies have a chance to sightsee and shop. But, then in the evening, we all meet back up at St. Luke's in Richmond Heights for 4v4 , BBQ and watermelon, followed by a pool party at the Maplewood Pool – a great way cool off and relax from the rigors of the previous days.

One of the features of the Camp is that the coaches select their "Camper of the Day". That player is given a special t-shirt that they wear throughout the day. The coaches' selection is based upon attitude, ability, cooperation, performance, improvement - anything that the coach feels makes that player stand out. We picked 3 players per day in the various age groups: here they are ----- Drew Moser, Mateo Kidd, Jacquelyn Milligan, Joe Kinder, Nick Munsch, Mike Evers, Kelby Phillips, Jack Bersett, Liz Hopkins, Aedan Stanley, Abigail O'Keefe, Mickey Eijkhout (dutchie) and Sarah Robinson.

On the last day we announce those invited to our Spring Trip to Holland and the Camp MVPs. The coaches selected 29 players for invitation to Holland in the spring (March 14-25, 2012) and selected an MVP in the younger age group ---- Aedan Stanley and one in the older age group ---- Mike Evers.

Camp dates for 2012 will be July 15-20, with a possible 2nd week July 22-26. Check the website !!!