

My most rememberable things about Sweden 2023 NSA EUROTOUR

Dear Coach Fred,

The most rememberable thing about being in Sweden was when we went to the amusement park and me, McKenna, Finley, and a lot of our other friends rode all the rides, and we had a lot of fun!

Another most rememberable thing that was a part of my trip in Sweden was when we got to go to the field every day and see everybody and meet new friends from different countries and trade things with them.

I will never forget this opportunity that I had, and how awesome and amazing it was! I love Sweden and I definitely want to come again!

Lastly, I love how I got to play at such a high level, and how I got to have the best time with my amazing teammates, while we were in the tram singing, and in the dorms, and every time we got to hang out! Thanks again for the opportunity! –

Bentli Chappell

=====

I am looking forward to see all your memories.. Ted loved it ...

And for me it was so fantastik to see all Happy kids .. 

Now I can see how important this youth tournaments are for all of us ..

Sven

(Note: Sven Ivarsson is one of the founders of Gotha Cup in 1975, Ted is his grandson)

=====

- The Gothia Cup Opening Ceremony was amazing to see so many teams from so many countries come together and celebrate.
- Meeting and getting to know the other player families and knowing the kids have formed a bond and stay in touch.
- Kevin playing in the field for the 1st time (he's always been a GK) and getting a yellow card 3mins into the first game.
- Kevin losing/forgetting but still finding by the end of the tour...his cleats, red NSA jacket, Gothia Cup card, airpods and ipad on the bus!

The Yee Family

=====

Gothia Cup Week:

Caleb:

- Scoring a goal in my game
- Meeting new friends
- Making it far in the tournament with my team

Lucas:

- Scoring some goals in my games
- Riding the roller coasters with Kevin
- Meeting the different teams and playing with them at the school

Troy:

- Meeting the lovely Swedish families who helped transport the players between games and really making the experience enjoyable

- The way that all the teams came together and played at a high level against club teams that play together all the time.
- Meeting and talking to teams and players from all over the world on the trams to and from the pitch.

Dana Cup Week:

Caleb:

- Having fun with my friends
- Playing soccer in the rain
- Watching and Cheering for the NSA girls at the Dana Cup Finals


Lucas:

- Scoring a goal and hitting the Sui Celebration afterwards
- Playing beach soccer with the teams from Germany
- Having fun in the hotel

Troy:

- The rainy day of soccer and all the fun it looked like the kids were having playing in the weather and conditions of the fields.
- Supporting the Girls teams in their knockout matches
- Getting food from the Shop and Go.. The Vietnamese lady was so nice to us and the food was really good.

Troy A Buchwalter

- Gothia cup was one of my favorite things to do in Sweden  , it was so cool that there were people from all around the world.
- Another one of my favorite things was going to the amusement park in Sweden, there were so many roller coasters and it was super fun.
- It was a great experience to sleep in the school. It was very fun to make friends with the other kids. Especially the guest players from Sweden and Denmark.

Elliott Hsu

- 1.The time I went on the roller coaster
- 2.the first game in gothia cup
- 3.playing with friends

Hikaru

=====

- G12 Final
- Amusement Park in Sweden
- Hudson Scoring from Half-field

Makala Burkhardt – Brandt

=====

- A great memory I will always keep is the first night at the school! We went to eat pizza with all the players and we all got to know each other!
- Another great memory is when we won the first place team in our bracket in the group stages! We weren't expecting such a good game!

- When we played the match against the Philippines it was not a good memory but it's a memory that I will keep forever. We felt the happiness of winning and the sadness of losing!
- At the same game I was on TV! THAT IS CRAZY!!!!!!
- When we went to the amusement park I gambled and won a huge Toblerone! It's was so cool!!!!
- Gothia cup was so much fun and I made so many memories!

-Nur G14


Dana cup was so much fun!!!

- Playing beach soccer with the Germans! It was so cool making our own field out of sand. It was also really fun that there were no boundaries!
- The opening ceremony was so much fun! Standing with everyone presenting USA was so cool!!!
- On the first game of Dana cup I scored my first international goal! It felt amazing!
- The finals were crazy!!!! Playing in the amazing stadium, with the perfect grass, and the huge scoreboard was so cool! This had always been my dream!!!!!!
Thank you coach Fred for setting up the best 2 weeks of my life!

-Nur Ziv G12 and G14

=====

Most memorable moments from me/us:

- The friendly and positive feeling I got for NSA the first day at the practice at our home club Älvsborgs FF. I was also very impressed by some of the young girls (Sonu and some more in G12)
- Our 6-0 win over Ardala in the first play-off game with Boys 11 in Gothia Cup.
- Joels first 5-10 min in Boys 12 first play-off game in Gothia (2 goals and one goal-scoring pass)
- How comfortable and happy Joel was to follow NSA alone to Dana Cup. He's after all just 11 years and just got to know the team.
- The Boys 12 second half vs the strong Slagen IF. They loose the game but win the second half with 2-1.
- Dana Cup was less football and more vacation for us than Gothia. We e.g. enjoyed two nice Dinners with Chris and Elliot. Joel enjoyed to stay at the Hotel with the rest of the NSA teams and play pool, table tennis etc. We also played Bowling  with Elle's family among others and football golf with Elliot.
- Finally G12's A-final in Dana Cup. The opening of the game with the National anthem and the way NSA played. Unfortunately two goals for the other team in the first half but that's part of the game. We could only watch the first half.

Thanks for everything, keep in touch and have a safe trip back.

All the best,
Jonas and Joel

=====

- I am really glad that I was able to meet Joel and some other guest players so I can get to know a few other people from other countries and I'm happy that me and Joel were able to connect together and be able to stay in touch going forward.
- I am really happy that I was able to go to Europe to play against other team from all over the world and see how they play and maybe talk to them and I am also happy that I got to get a selfie with some Ukraine players.
- I am also really happy that I was able to go out and explore Sweden with you and connect with you more and see how they run things in other countries and also trying new foods and visiting places I wouldn't visit in Texas

Adrian Renton

=====

my memorable things

- winning with the team
- staying at the team at the school and having fun laughing
- playing soccer in the school with all the boys and Swedish girls
- scoring and celebrating as a team and our pregame prayers and pregame jam sessions

From Chloe Quan

=====

- Getting to experience winning games with my team
- getting to experience playing with players from different countries
- getting to meet new people and make memories with them

Julia Walsh

=====

3 most memorable moments:

- Having the ability to watch my daughter (Kiara) play soccer with other kids from other countries was amazing. Having her learn from others, create friendships and special bonds is what this trip is mainly about. She will now have these memories and have a sense of accomplishment.
- Meeting the other families from the NSA team and the Swedish locals has been a great experience. Learning about Sweden from the locals and meeting the families who have hosted us was another amazing experience.
- The opening ceremony for Gothia Cup was a memorable experience as well, seeing all the teams from the different countries was eye opening for me. The energy and the love for soccer all in one place was a feeling I will never forget.

**Aloha,
Reina Medalla**

=====

Hi Fred,

It's unfair to have to choose the "most 3 memorable moments" at the Gothia Cup as a new participant, it has been truly overwhelming (in the greatest way possible) what you, along with coach Dj and coach Lupe, have done for Hudson and Addyson.... It's beyond words; especially for Hudson, who wasn't even sure 6 months ago he wanted to continue playing soccer..... now, since being in Sweden, has asked me if we are coming back next year. Wow!

I truly thank you.

So, here's my 3 most memorable moments:

- Watching my son score a goal at the Gothia Cup (in 3 years he's only scored 1 goal) and to see his face as his teammates jumped on top of him in celebration.
- Hudson and Addyson playing together; I have never experienced my children play together and accomplish so much as teammates.
- B12's losing their 1st match so badly, then continue to "battle" in hopes of make it to the finals. All the supporters and fellow teammates coming to their matches in the hopes of giving them just enough encouragement to "will" them to a victory.
- MY DAUGHTER SCORING 2 GOALS AS GK!!! Hearing her teammates shouting "give it to Addy", just to see her score b/c they all knew how much it meant to her. Then to see her lead "The Roll" at midfield after she scored. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT MOMENT"
- \Walking to the semifinals game with the G11s. As the girls walked 2 by 2, their music blaring, the seriousness and determination on their faces..... it felt as if we were going into battle.
- The awards ceremony for the G11s. I was so proud of the girls who worked so hard to get to take home hardware for their Country.

Thank you again Fred



Fritz Lou Bolo

=====

Sweden was a very eye opening experience. Meeting new people from different countries was one of my favorite parts of this trip. I got to see how everybody would adapt to new people and now my teammates and I are pretty close for knowing each other for only about a week. Playing other countries was a fun experience. I could definitely tell the playing difference in technique when I am looking at the field. I noticed that the Swedish players take big touches and are fast to the ball, and American players take smaller, sharper, and more controlled touches to get around people. Cheering on for my teammates (both boys and girls) was a very happy feeling because we are all out here to win and support each other. My favorite part of the trip was probably the amusement park because we all got to bond and it was a very fun experience in general.

I had a lot of fun playing with my teammates and making life long friends. I also had a lot of fun playing these amazingly talented teams.

Kiera

=====

- Being around people from all over the world all having the same love for soccer. Hearing at least 5 or more languages spoken at the same time. What a unique and wonderful experience.
- Despite the long tiring commute and not so friendly weather, I loved the train rides going to and from games. I loved listening to my son the whole ride being excited going to his game as well as reflecting on his game on the ride back.
- Watching the games and hearing the excitement from players and from the crowd. The high energy is electrifying and intense.

Carolynn

=====

- Making a goal against Ardala Golf Sweden team on the second half during the playoffs. I can't stop thinking about it.
- Going to all my games. Warming up with my teammates and just having fun playing soccer.
- Going to Liseberg on my last night at Sweden with my team.

Enryque:

=====

From James Leake:

Top 3 memories are:

- meeting my new teammates at the dorm and playing around on the field there.
- being captain for our playoff game and giving the other team the pendant.
- last night at Lieseberg was super fun with my teammates
Kate Varni-Leake (supporter)
- Loved our time out at the Swedish football club and Hannah was so welcoming.
- Watching the B14 boys win their first playoff game was very exciting!
- have enjoyed walking all over town exploring and I'm really looking forward to going to the island today.
- This experience has really been special for both James and I.
- Thank you!
Kate

=====

My most memorable moments from Gothenburg and Denmark were,

- I loved the experience of playing soccer in a different country with multiple cultures. It puts a lot of my training into perspective and was an amazing opportunity.
- I loved meeting people from around the world and having random conversations with them, especially the germans staying at the school with us.
- lastly I loved walking around and just exploring the city of Gothenburg. It had many amazing sites to see which of none disappointed.

From player 7077901614
