

CC Cup 2009 – Assens

Fotbold, Bluzy or Striker – when you do not understand the mix of languages anymore, you realize how unique, international and impressing every single CC Cup is! The football results of your Denmark trip themselves are not – as usual – of highest importance any more. More memorable and exciting next to action, speed and fun are the understanding of cultural differences as well as the open and fair get together of all participants.

Saturday morning, 9.00h our team met. The comfortable bus was already waiting and there was nothing else in our way to “conquer” Assens. For 4 hours we drove through Northern Germany and the South of Denmark all the way to the island of Fünen. How did anybody survive a tour like this 30 years ago – without mobile phone, MP3 player or Nintendo? Long live technology!

Right after our arrival the first activities were waiting: a wonderful, perfectly organized program! No doubt – even on the very day we ended on the football pitch. The first games were about to take place. For us this meant to challenge the team from the Netherlands: A tight, but deserved victory to get the first, necessary three points. We still suffered from the journey, but it was obvious that the Dutch team had an even longer tour. With a huge buffet day one ended.

After only a few hours sleep the games continued on Sunday. In three more games, 40 minutes each, we fought for our placing. Since the morning, the sun was shining, which did not improve our shape or concentration. With chocolate, ice cream and coke we tried to push ourselves, but the heat took its toll. We won versus UK in the first game, but lost against Górnik Zabrze (PL) and Assens FC (DK) which meant place 3 for us at the end of the day. Winner overall the second time in a row was Górnik Zabrze – congratulation again!

After we had a shower and received our prizes at the big winner’s ceremony we continued with a BBQ night. Also here we never left the footballs untouched. If you still hadn’t have enough of footies, you have been able to play again and again.

Speaking different languages and having other habits doesn’t matter, playing football was fun for all of us! So at the end it was a long, but really wonderful Footies-Sunday – where we finally had to go to bed, even when we cannot remember when exactly.

Monday morning and bit by bit suitcases have been packed and tired but happy and content football players made their way back home.

The super coordination of the tournament showed, that CC is not only fit in managing containers, Dollies or crates, but is also brilliant in organizing such international sporty events. A very special thank you to Birgit and her dedicated, nice Danish team of helpers for the lovely and perfect organization ! Many thanks!

We are not sure yet, if and where we will have another CC Cup 2010, but one thing is for sure: We sincerely hope we can pack our bags again and hope for another few exciting days of international football in 2010!

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