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International Youth Soccer Tournament Newsletter

Dallas Cup Sleuths Solve The "Beckham" Case

(with apologies to Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson)

Sixteen years ago a fifteen year old English boy played his first ever soccer game in the USA, representing the Essex County Schools select team at the famed Dallas Cup Youth International Soccer Tournament. Today, he has returned to America to play for the LA Galaxy on a five year contract, the highest ever offered to a professional soccer player in the history of the game. His name is David Beckham.

In a recent Sports Illustrated article he talks of his first visit to Dallas and how in the Dallas Cup HomeStay Program he stayed with a Hispanic family. He mentioned how welcoming and enjoyable they made his stay. He states that over the years he has attempted to trace that family without success.

In the true Sherlock Holmes/Dr. Watson style, Randy Jones, Dallas Cup tournament manager and Gordon Jago, the executive director, set out to trace the "unknown family." Delving into past tournament records to trace the Dallas teams involved, numerous phone calls and "clever detective work", the case has been solved. The family has been traced and they still live here in the Dallas area. Now all that remains is for a meeting of the HomeStay family with David Beckham to be arranged when David next visits to play against FC Dallas. Another problem? Elementary, my dear Watson."



WireImage Photo

DAVID BECKHAM JOINED THE LA GALAXY IN JULY 2007.



THE ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS TEAM ON THE STEPS OF DALLAS CITY HALL IN 1992. YOUNG DAVID BECKHAM IS SHOWN IN THE RED CIRCLE ON THE SECOND ROW.

BREAKING NEWS!!



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- Recreation & Academy Teams!
- Each team receives a FREE adidas soccer ball
- Every player receives a tournament t-shirt
- Awards for winning teams
- Lots of fun, sun & soccer!



Only \$120 Per Team

Eligible Age Groups: (Boys & Girls)
U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12

Saturday, November 17
Register your team today at: www.dallascup.com
(click on the Dallas Cup 4v4 Logo for the application)

Kickin' It With The Kids

Dallas Is Diversity hosted over 400 children this summer with soccer camps and art clinics throughout the Dallas metroplex. Such organizations as The Salvation Army, Neighborhood Services Council, Special Olympics and Notre Dame School participated through their summer camps in conjunction with Dallas Cup, Inc. Diversity programs. All children received a free t-shirt, an adidas soccer ball, Frito-Lay chips and Dr Pepper, not to mention lots of fun soccer & art instruction. Summer camps could be coming to your neighborhood in 2008!



A-Z's OF FOOTBALL

BY COLIN WHITTOCK



Gordon Jago Honored by the BABC



Gordon Jago, was honored this month by the BABC (British American Business Council) for his contribution to international youth soccer and he was also recognized for receiving an M.B.E. from the Queen of England last October. The event was held to raise money for the funding of children of American and British police officers injured in the line of duty and a BABC sponsored student exchange program. The evening was emceed by Norm Hitzges, with special guest speaker Clark Hunt.

WIN an adidas Dallas Cup soccer ball

(JUST LIKE THE ONE USED IN THE WORLD CUP, A VALUE OF \$120)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN DALLAS CUP TRIVIA! TWO WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN RANDOMLY ACCORDING TO THE CORRECT ANSWERS.



1. Which of the following players DID NOT play in Dallas Cup?

- a. Raúl
- b. David Beckham
- c. Brad Friedel
- d. Wayne Rooney
- e. Hakeem Olajuwon

2. What is the name of the Dallas Cup referee who has also refereed a World Cup final?

3. Which team has won Dallas Cup's Super Group the most times?

- a. Real Madrid
- b. SC Corinthians
- c. Clube Atlético Paranaense
- d. EC Vitoria

The winners with the correct trivia answers will be announced in the October Dallas Cup SideLines Newsletter.

Send your answers to: [bucki@dallascup.com](mailto: bucki@dallascup.com) or fax 214/221-4636 by Oct.15, 2007.



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