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Fun in the Sun in Kyrgyzstan



Footballers in Kyrgyzstan recently enjoyed a great time as part of an Oasis Kyrgyzstan summer sports camp.

Not only did they sharpen up on their footballing skills, but they learnt a lot about belonging and team spirit through team building exercises and life skills teaching.

Great work FFL Kyrgyzstan!



Adyl is one of the young people being supported through the work in Kyrgyzstan:

"I'm very proud to be the captain of our team and to take part in national tournaments between orphanages and boarding schools. Constant training keeps me from thinking about bad habits as all my thoughts are aimed at learning and self-improvement."

I want to become a coach of the Oasis Kyrgyzstan team for those leaving the orphanages. I want to help teach them about their rights, about opportunities, education, protection of their interests, and the prevention of labour slavery."



Running for FFL



In July, Global Coordinator, Dave Caswell, and friends of FFL, completed the Birmingham Black Country Half Marathon to raise funds for FFL.

A total of £1,457 (including Gift Aid) was raised and will go towards supporting the work of FFL around the world.

Well done boys and many thanks to all those who donated and supported the event in different ways.



Tournament Time for Under 12s

The Beersheba Football Club in Uganda recently organized a mini tournament for the Under 12s. They were grouped into four teams, which they named themselves, and participated in what was their first ever competitive tournament.

“The Ninjas” emerged as the winners of the tournament with 9 points, but all teams performed well and enjoyed the experience.



“This internal tournament was so interesting since it was the first time these boys were involved in a competitive football tournament at their age. They displayed great attitudes and were very disciplined which helped them improve in so many areas. Through the tournament they continued learning about positive character formation, about working together, and about supporting one another to achieve things as a team.”

- Coach Ashim.



The Euro's come to Birmingham



EURO CHAMPIONSHIPS 11th OF JULY YOUTH U13'S FIXTURES

12 min Games

GROUP A

- A. LFSE B – GERMANY
- B. MTF A – ITALY
- C. DREAM CHASERS – DENMARK
- D. SMETHWICK STALLIONS - UKRAINE

GROUP B

- A. GREEN LANE – FRANCE
- B. TYSELEY A – PORTUGAL
- C. BIRMINGHAM IMPACT – SPAIN
- D. LFSE A – BELGIUM

TIME	GROUP A PITCH 1	GROUP B PITCH 2
10:30	A v. B	A v. B
10:30	C v. D	C v. D
10:45	A v. D	A v. D
11:00	C v. B	C v. B
11:15	A v. C	A v. C
11:30	D v. B	D v. B
11:45	SEMI-FINALS	
12:00	FINAL / 3 rd & 4 th PLAY-OFF	

To celebrate this year's Euro Championships Oasis Hub Hobmoor and the Lionhearts Football School of Excellence joined forces to put on their own Euro's tournament.

Around 200 young people from the local community took part in the event, which was a great success, despite social distancing rules having to be put in place.

It was great to see community members helping to support the event and to have coaches, volunteers, and Oasis staff giving up their time to make the tournament a success.

The local scout group even provided burgers!

Well done to the Oasis Lionhearts and everyone involved.





Savings Groups Flourish in Uganda



In Uganda, the Beersheba FC Savings Groups continue to do well. With continuous training and empowerment over the last few months, savings have increased in all groups.

To date, the under 12s have saved 173,300 Uganda Shillings (around £35) and the under 14s have saved 99,500 Ugandan Shillings (£20). The under 16s and senior team (combined group) who have more access to reliable sources of income and have saved 433,600 Ugandan Shillings (£88.)

In future months training and assessment will take place regarding introducing the 'loans' concept to the groups. Training is still taking place to empower and equip them with financial literacy to ensure that they can manage resources in whatever Income Generation Projects they may start in the future. Further assessment will take place in due course and will target members of the under 16s and the senior team group

The project also supports the players in much more than just savings, and is having significant impact on their social, physical, and emotional development.

"Saving groups are so helpful to us as young people because we have a long way ahead of us which might require financial planning and preparation. This group is not only saving but when we meet it helps some of us to develop character and behaviour. With this financial literacy people develop value for money and allocate it appropriately. In such groups there is growth and maturity which improves our communication skills, social, emotional, and physical growth which leads to social networking. Therefore, coming together is helpful to us especially with a common objective."

- Rama, Senior Team.





Meet the Coaches!



Argen is one of the FFL coaches in Kyrgyzstan. Here he shares a little about himself and his work.

What team do you support and who is your favourite player?

I support FC Barcelona and Lionel Messi is my favourite player. He is the most talented football player in the world. I believe that such geniuses are born once in a century. Personally, I like how he dribbles and takes free kicks.

What's the best thing about being part of Oasis FFL?

Football for Life is something that teaches a great amount of life lessons. Through FFL, boys and girls learn not only to win, but also to trust others, build relationships, be responsible, work hard and make healthy and wise life choices.

What do you like about working with the boys in your team?

I love youth and enjoy being around them. I believe that by coaching them we help to bring a positive and bright future. By coaching I am investing my experience in young people and guiding them in a right and healthy direction. When I look at the progress, I see that I have made some contribution to the development of healthy youth.


Tell us a little about yourself?

I like not only coaching, but also playing PlayStation (FIFA 2021). I enjoy playing and trying to develop my football intelligence.

What advice do you have for our FFL coaches and players around the world?

I hope that all coaches can build a spirit of continuous improvement and common high human values in their teams. I also hope that all four core areas of focus of FFL will successfully be realised and that the project will change the destinies of vulnerable youth.



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