



DUKE'S TROPHY

24 - 25 MAY 2008

EDITION: 25

The Duke's Trophy is one of the oldest tournaments in the Euro-Sporting programme, but in Schijndel they still like it as much as they did in the first year, 1984! Each year they succeed to organize a successful tournament. 'With great pleasure,' the volunteers of SV Avanti'31 will say. Few clubs can boast such an impressive run of service as this host. Year after year, guests are received with open arms and an uncomplicated programme is offered. What there must be is offered and assured. It goes without saying that the participants greatly value the Duke's Trophy. They enjoy coming back, so the 26th edition is guaranteed.

PROGRAMME

SV Avanti '31, celebrates this year the 25th edition of the Duke's Trophy. With their experience they know all the ins and outs of a nice programme. The organiser offers a weekend with a good mix of matches together with enough time to undertake other activities on the sportpark or in the area. The teamleaders are welcomed by the organisers and the town's councillor for Sport at their own reception on Friday evening in the clubhouse. The preliminary matches are interrupted at Saturday for the welcome ceremony on the main pitch. In the evening the swimmers can use surplus energy during the Duke's Trophy disco-swim in the indoor pool at the sportpark. In the meantime the non-swimmers are welcome in the clubhouse to enjoy an evening of music. Sunday morning will be filled with the last preliminaries and in the afternoon the classification matches. The finals will then take place on the main pitch and all spectators can stay seated for the team leaders match and prize giving ceremony.

Friday	Afternoon	Arrival Schijndel, check-in and information, from 14:00 hours.
	Evening	Team leaders reception in the clubhouse. Participants: free programme; suggestion: sightseeing Den Bosch
Saturday	Morning	Opening Ceremony
	Day	Tournament: preliminary rounds.
	Noon	Welcome ceremony.
	Evening	Disco swimming at the indoor pool and 'open house' in the clubhouse.
Sunday	Morning	Tournament - preliminary rounds
	Afternoon	Tournament - classification matches and finals. Team leaders match. Prize-giving ceremony.
Monday	Morning	Departure (depending on arrangement)

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER(S)

SV Avanti'31 was founded in 1931. The club has approx. 750 members, of which 300 youth in 26 teams over all age-categories. Everyone in the club is in some way involved with the Duke's Trophy Tournament. The club has its own website! www.avanti31.nl

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Category	Born on/ after 01.01	Teams per category	Teams per group	Duration of matches	Players per team	Minimum games	Number of substitutions
U17	1991	8-10	4-5	2x15'	11	5	5
U16	1992	8-10	4-5	2x15'	11	5	5
U15	1993	8-10	4-5	2x15'	11	5	5
U14	1994	8-10	4-5	2x15'	11	5	5
U13	1995	8-10	4-5	2x15'	11	5	5
U11	1997	8-10	4-5	2x15'	7	5	rolling*

Remarks

• Due to different deadlines - set by national soccer associations - the tournament organiser has granted dispensations for teams from Denmark in category U16 (2 players born on/after 01.10.91) and in category U14 (2 players born on/after 01.10.93)

Sports facilities

The Duke's Trophy takes place on Sportpark 'De Molenheide' in the outskirt of Schijndel, 1 mile from the centre. The sportpark is part of a recreational area and also has an indoor swimming pool more or less next to the clubhouse. The nice clubhouse with canteen and separate changing room building is surrounded by 5 grass pitches and a warm-up area. The main pitch which is used for the official welcome ceremony, finals and prize-giving ceremony and has large stands on one side. The Duke's Trophy is one of the oldest tournaments in the Euro-Sporting programme, but in Schijndel they still like it as much as they did in the first year, 1984! Each year they succeed to organize a successful tournament.

Prizes

- Number 1 to 4 per category, a cup per team
- Fair Play Cup per category
- Pennant per participating club.
- Souvenir per participant

Participating countries 2005-2007

Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Wales, Scotland, England, Northern Ireland.

Winners	2005	2006	2007
U17	R.A.E.C. Mons (BE)	Nuenen (NL)	Wielsbeke S.C. (BE)
U16	---	New in 2007	Not played in 2007
U15	Three Lions FC (EN)	Ash Celtic JFC (EN)	A.S.V. Dronten - 1 (NL)
U14	New in 2006	Linfield FC (NI)	Not played in 2007
U13	Ash Celtic JFC (EN)	Linfield FC (NI)	A.S.V. Dronten - 1 (NL)
U11	Linfield FC (NI)	D.S.V.P. Delfgauw (NL)	Avanti ' 31 (NL)

TOURIST INFORMATION

- Schijndel, with 23,000 inhabitants, is a small provincial town in a rural setting, 6 miles or so south of the lively city of 's Hertogenbosch (Den Bosch) and 12 miles north of Eindhoven. More info: www.schijndel.nl
- Den Bosch: Den Bosch, also known as 's Hertogenbosch, is the capital of the southern Dutch province 'Noord Brabant'. The pretty city centre is dominated by historic facades and especially by the very attractive market square. Apart from the culture, Den Bosch is great for shopping or fun nights out, Brabant style. The medieval market square is particularly renowned for its very special, friendly atmosphere and where there is always something to do. 'Don't miss the local speciality: the "Bossche Bol" (a large chocolate puff pastry filled with fresh cream).
- Swimming-centre Golfbad Oss Golfbad Oss, 13 miles from Schijndel, is a large indoor swimming and wave-pool complex in the centre of Oss. It has 3 various slides/chutes of 60-100 meters and the 'kamikaze slide'. There is also a poolside bar and a small restaurant Open: Friday 10.00-20.00 hrs, Saturday and Sunday 10.00-17.00 hrs. Entrance price; approx. € 5,- per person.

For more information: www.golfbad.nl

- Safari parc Beekse Bergen in Hilvarenbeek near Tilburg (25 km from Schijndel). On safari in the Beekse Bergen: you'll come eye to eye with monkeys, flamingos, bears, lions and many more animals. The safari options are by bus, boat or on foot. The Beekse Bergen is one of Europe's largest safari parks. Open daily from 10.00 hours - 17.00 hours. Individual prices 2007: adults € 15,95, children under 12 € 14,50. Group prices (over 20 persons): € 11,95 p.p.
- Fun park de Efteling in Kaatsheuvel is 20 miles from Schijndel. The Efteling is the most famous theme and pleasure park of the Netherlands where many fairy-tales come to life. Opening times; 10-18.00hrs. Special entrance fee for Euro-Sporting participants: € 17,50 (group rate) Please let the tournament organisers know, on arrival if you wish to take advantage of this arrangement. For more information: www.efteling.com

Note: only suitable as a full day excursion.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Catering:

The tournament dining hall, where dinners will be served on Friday and Saturday, is located in the school accommodation in Schijndel.