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Match time!



FFK President Rignaal 'Jean' Francisca

FFK is looking forward to an exiting time of participating in many international tournaments in the months to come. As we speak, three women's teams are preparing for competitions at CFU and CONCACAF level and the U-15 selection just started training for the CONCACAF U-15 Championship in August in Florida.

The senior selection, which has reached the 70th spot in the FIFA Ranking, came together in Curacao for a training camp in March, in order to prepare for the all-important participation in the final round of the Caribbean Cup and the Gold Cup this summer. Next preparatory events were friendly's against Canada and Nicaragua, just before heading to Martinique for or the Caribbean Cup.

Our U-17 selection just returned from the U-17 Championship in Panama. Regrettably they did not qualify for the second round of the CONCACAF U-17 Championship, but we are mighty proud of the way they performed in this tournament. Meanwhile at local level the national competition kicked off and the development projects for boys and girls football, education and licensing are full-on. It is an exiting time for Curacao's football fans!

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Rignaal 'Jean' Francisca, President of the board of FFK

Preparing for Caribbean Cup final and Gold Cup 2017

Exiting times for the Curacao national selection! In June the selection will play in the Final Round of the Caribbean Cup in Martinique, and in July in the Gold Cup in the United States. In preparation of these events, the selection got together with national coach Remko Bientini on Curacao in March for a week of training and teambuilding and a friendly match against El Salvador, one of the opponents in the Gold Cup. Next stop: Canada and Nicaragua! Read more about the preparations on page 3!



Coach Remko Bientini and his team in March 2017

Curacao U-17 outed in CONCACAF U-17 Championship 2017



Curacao U-17: Kevin Juliana, Danèl Rosa, Quinton Burk, Alexander Suart, Ayodele Kwidama, Roderick Bolijn, Sellfrine Pieters, Jared Tyrol, Shurendric Fransinet, Richajier Oleana, Quintin Rustveld, Nathan Bernadina, Luchenthy Vrutaal, Ronathan Willems, Daveraux Cicilia, Sharrion Pietersz, Rogier Bazoer, Angérick Dorothea, Quincy Does and Brian Albertus. TD is Ludwig Alberto assisted by Reynolds Mercera. Hubert Isenia represented the board of FFK at the tournament.

The Curacao U-17 selection travelled to Panama to play in the CONCACAF U-17 Championship in Panama. Curacao, placed in Group A with Honduras, Haiti and host Panama, started the tournament really well with a 1-0 win against Haiti. In the second match however, Honduras proved to be too strong for the Curacao boys and the match ended in 4-2 to the advantage of Honduras. The Curacao team needed to win their last match in Group A to qualify for the final round. For opponent Panama a draw would do. The Curacao boys fought with all their heart but did not manage to equal the score after a Panama goal in the 35th minute. In Group A Panama and Honduras continued into the final round. The Curacao team came well-prepared. In February the team had participated Surinam Postspaarbank Tournament. Host Surinam was crowned the proud winner and Curacao came second.

U-13 second in Aruba Himno i Bandera Tournament

The Curacao U-13 selection participated in the yearly Torneo Himno i Bandera, organized in celebration of Aruba Day in March. This year, the Curacao boys ended on the second place after losing the final match against host Aruba 1-0.

The earlier match against Aruba in the pre-final round ended in a 1-1 draw. Curacao won all other matches in the tournament, 3-0 against Bonaire, 5-0 against St. Maarten, 2-0 against Venezuela and 5-1 against Colombia.

FFK is of course very proud of these young and ambitious players and their staff. Therefore the team was introduced and honored during the international friendly match between the Curacao senior selection and El Salvador. A token of recognition for these young heroes who defended the Curacao colors in the tournament at neighboring sister island Aruba. Congratulations Aruba! The Curacao U-13 consists of Quihaindri Bibiana, Dayron Boelijn, Keaton Bouwland, Yesias Ignacius, Yermal Inees, Jhurielmerson Ines, Rayhim Inesia, Rensver Juliana, Nicolas Loaiza Atehortua, Melbourne Marquez Ricardo, Reuel Martina, Shedrion Mathilda, Joshua Rosaria, Gior Selassa, Arthur Suart, Nirik van Thijs, Kane Velting, Zain Virginia and Marro Wilms. The team was led by coach Mayron Martis and assistants Germain Ignacius and Brenton Balentien. Massagist Eulogio Leocadia travelled with the team, and Stanley Coffy, as representative of the FFK Board.



A job well done: The U-13 showing their sub champion cup to the Curacao public



The U-13 selection in Aruba

Curacao selection in preparation mode for Gold Cup & Caribbean Cup

Training sessions and team work

The Curacao Senior selection has qualified for the Final of the Caribbean Cup in June and the Gold Cup in July. A great accomplishment for our tiny nation and FFK, the players and the staff are eager and excited to perform on this stage. In order to prepare for these events the team came together on Curacao in March for a week of training sessions and a friendly match against El Salvador in the FIFA window for international matches. Technical director Remko Bicentini invited a group of 24 dedicated players for the training week. The team also participated in meet & greets with the public and social activities.

Friendly's

Curacao played a friendly match against El Salvador in March, which ended in 1-1. Next stop was Canada on June 13 in Montreal. The Curacao selection lost this game 2-1. The home match against Nicaragua ended in 0-0. Coach Bicentini is content with his players' performance. „The goal was to evaluate the strength of selection and most importantly, to see how the players perform at this level. El I have got a good impression of the team and the individual players. The team is eager to perform and the individual motivation is great. To reach this level is one thing, to continue to perform at that level is another story. I am content to see the players are willing to go all the way and am looking forward to the challenges ahead.” Curacao will play the semifinal of the Caribbean Cup against Martinique on June 22. The final will be played on June 25. After the Caribbean Cup matches the national selection will travel to Curacao to prepare for participation in the Gold Cup.



Curacao's Kemi Agustien in the match against Canada



The Curacao selection before the match against Nicaragua



The Curacao senior selection with the Curacao U-17 selection after a joint training session.

Liga MCB First and Second Division



STANDINGS

Pos.	Club	GP	Pts.
1	S.V. CENTRO SOCIAL DEP. BARBER	14	31
2	C.R.K.S.V. JONG HOLLAND	14	29
3	S.V. V.E.S.T.A.	14	28
4	R.K.S.V. CENTRO DOMINGUITO	14	26
5	R.K.S.V. SCHERPENHEUVEL	14	18
6	INTER WILLEMSTAD	14	18
7	S.V. VICTORY BOYS	14	16
8	S.V. UN.DE.BA	14	13
9	S.V. S.U.B.T.	14	10
10	HUBENTUD FORTUNA	14	8



STANDINGS

	June 15	WH	Pt
1	C.H. MAHUMA	13	36
2	INDEKOR	14	27
3	DE KONING	13	21
4	JONG COLOMBIA	13	21
5	FC SITHOC	13	20
6	U.D. TERA KORA	13	16
7	ATOMIC	15	16
8	STA CRUZ	11	3
9	NEW SONG	13	3

First Division

The First and the Second Division of the Liga MCB 2017 kicked off in the first week of February. The opening match of the First Division saw last year's champion Centro Dominguito struggle against newly promoted Inter Willemstad: 0-0. It set the tone for the matches to follow and Centro Dominguito finds itself at an unusual 4th spot. SV Vesta won the first round after 9 matches, but after 5 more matches Curacao's other trophy-rich club Centro Barber heads the list with SV Vesta at its heels. Inter Willemstad, the newcomer in the league has trouble keeping up at the 8th place. All results, top scorers, red and yellow cards and other statistics can be checked on FFK's website www.ffk.cw

Dedication competition



Every year the Liga MCB is dedicated to persons who have been and are of great value for the federation through the years. The 2017 competition is dedicated to the Maria brothers (Edsel, Maurits and Raymond), Ronald Trouwloon, Harry Davelaar and Vero Janzen.

Second Division

FFK's Second Division started on February 13 and well underway with e13 matches played for most teams CH Mahuma, the club that for years dominated the league together with Inter Willemstad, proudly leads the charts now Inter Willemstad had been promoted. In fact the Mahuma team is well underway to become 2017's champions as first runner up Indekor is 9 points behind even with one match more. But the FFK Championship works with a play-off system and in the next round the five best teams will compete again.

Flow Ultimate Football Experience on Curacao



Sixteen-year old Sharrion Pietersz and 14-year-old Emian-Johar Semedo have been selected to represent Curacao against footballers from 14 other Caribbean countries where telecom company Flow currently operates.

Flow and Manchester United teamed up and travel through the Caribbean with their Ultimate Football Experience event. The participants will engage in a Manchester United Soccer School's international program which has been specially devised for the campaign and will be delivered by CFU coaches. This is a proven Manchester United Soccer School program designed to build and test the skills of young footballers. In Curacao 40 up and coming footballers between the ages of 13 and 16 had their skills tested on Saturday March 18 in the CFU-approved skills challenge. They will advance to a two-day skills session in Trinidad and Tobago to experience one-on-one training with CFU and Manchester United Soccer School Coaches. There, they will participate in a series of drills designed by the coaches and compete for the chance for two finalists and their coach to win a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Old Trafford in Manchester, England.



Courses coming up

In February, another information session about the CONCACAF Licensing project took place and clubs are fully informed of the requirements for licensing. In May, a course for CONCACAF D-license by local trainers and in the Curacao local language will be organized. In December, a CONCACAF C-license course is planned. The referee department completed its first Course for Youth Referees and is now implementing a Basic Course, for referees in the Youth Competition, and Third Division of the Liga MCB.

Live Your Goals 2017

FFK started her Live Your Goals Program in August 2014 and we are still going strong! In March FFK organized the first Festival for girls and again over 200 girls joined the dedicated trainers on the FFK Field for a fun-filled afternoon. FFK will continue its efforts for women's football development and recently started a football for girls project together with four clubs. At the end of April a 5 vs 5 or 7 vs 7 tournaments will be organized for these teams.



Hubentud Fortuna wins Women Start-Up Tournament

The Curacao women teams participated in a 7 vs 7 warming up tournament, to prepare for the upcoming Women Championship. Hubentud Fortuna is the proud winner of the warm up tournament, the Subt team is sub-champion.



Hubentud Fortuna is the proud winner of the trophy



Team Willemstad



Team Subt



Team Vesta

Women football



The Curacao Women selection and the Men senior selection posing together

The Curacao women teams will be participating in three international tournaments this year: the U-20 girls will participate in CFU's U-20 tournament in June and in August it is the U-17 selection's turn with the CFU Women's U-17 tournament. The senior selection will compete in the CFU Women's Caribbean Cup in autumn. FFK has been investing in women's football for a number of years and now looking forward to seeing the girls and women partake in their international adventures.



The Curacao women selection is training for the CFU Women's Caribbean Cup.



Some of the former U-15 players will now compete in the U-17 category



Gesilene Rojer, head coach



Danaë Daal, team manager



Reynolds Merveira, trainer and



Christine Davelaar, equipment

Competition for Girls



The Curacao football federation is steadily working on promoting football for girls through different programs. In March FFK organized a 3-day 3-matches a day competition for girls., in which 12 schools participated with their girl teams and had great fun. Meanwhile several clubs started a project with girl teams and as a result a U-13 and U-15 Club Competition with 7 teams each started on April 30! In the same breath we can share that the senior women competition started on April 21st with 8 teams , the school project, an after school activity is still going strong and the second Live your Goals Festival of 2017 is being planned.



U-15 in training

The selection U-15 is in training for the CONCACAF U-15 Championship 2017 which will be played at IMG's campus in Bradenton, Florida in August. Head coach Gersinio Constanca and assistant coach Ronnie Trouwloon are working with a pre-selection of 23 boys. The team is still in it's dynamic forming stage and new players can be added by the coaches.



Kick-off Liga Lito



Liga Lito is FFK's youth league for the age categories U-6 and U-9. On a bi-weekly basis the teams come together on Sunday morning for a tournament of small-a-side games. The focus is on fun and development, winning is part of the fun but on a one-match basis, the results are not collected or tabled. Liga Lito's name giver Lito, the mascot of league patron Maduro and Curiel's Bank, joined the players and the coaches for the official kick-off of the league. To be continued...



Local Concacaf D-license course

FFK is implementing the CONCACAF licensing program and as part of this program the education department organized a local D-license course for trainers. TD and CONCACAF instructor Etienne Siliee together with four local assistant coaches presented the course in the Papiamentu language. Over 60 coaches participated in the theoretical and practical sessions and are now putting their knowledge into practice with their teams. Exams will be taken in the coming weeks.



Concacaf Youth Development Conference

Etienne Siliee, FFK's technical director, participated in a CONCACAF-organized coaching education seminar in Mexico from the 15th – 21st January, 2017. The session was open to Technical Directors from across the CONCACAF region and was hosted in partnership with the Mexicana de Futbol Asociacion. The key focus of the program was the development of a sustained national youth program. The six-day session also saw a representative from The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Coaching Education discussing the need for coaches to engage in continuous professional education. Among the other areas covered during the session were technical-tactical aspects of preparing and training national youth teams, structuring national youth competitions, the structuring of a talent development program, the use of sports science and performance analysis, player personal growth, medical services focusing on both clinical diagnosis and performance diagnosis and the importance of age appropriate physical conditioning and nutrition.



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Curacao in Gold Cup Group C

The raffle for the 2017 Gold Cup took place in the Brocade Club of the Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California. FFK's Alexander Molina, delegation leader, head coach. Remko Bicientini, team manager Hubertson Pauletta and FFK president and second vice president of the Caribbean Football Union Rignaal 'Jean' Francisca travelled to California to see Curacao allotted to group C with El Salvador, Jamaica and Mexico. Head coach Remko Bicientini appeared content. „It's a great group, and it will be an amazing experience to play against these countries in the stadiums in the US. And our last match in the group phase is against Mexico." Curacao will meet runner-up Jamaica on July 9 in San Diego . Curacao will face El Salvador on July 13 in Denver and finally Mexico on July 16 in San Antonio



Remko Bicientini at the Gold Cup group=stage match up in Santa Clara