

# 2007 Annual Report

## U13 Tulis Boys Light Up Scandinavian Fields

The Tulis U-13 boys' hard work and team effort paid off this past summer as they brought home both the Gold and Bronze awards from the Dana Cup "A" tournament in Frederikshavn, Denmark and the Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden. The win at the Dana Cup event marked the first time ever that a Tulis boys team and, in fact, any Canadian team, had won gold at this prestigious youth tournament.

During the first week at the Dana Cup in Denmark, the boys dominated play with intelligent and creative football, often maintaining possession for long periods of time. When the ball was lost, the team defended with ferocious tenacity and permitted very few goal scoring opportunities despite the physical aggressiveness of their opponents. They completed the round robin play with a 3-0 record and 8 goals for and none against. The team continued its display of creative foot-



THIS PAST SUMMER, THE TULIS U-13 BOYS BECAME THE FIRST CANADIAN BOYS TEAM EVER TO CAPTURE GOLD AT THE DANA CUP TOURNAMENT IN DENMARK.

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ball in its semi-final game against FC Suderelbe of Hamburg and came away with a well earned 3-0 victory and moved onto the finals.

In the final game versus Orgryte IS of Sweden the boys took an early 1-0 lead and continued to seek additional markers only to have two goals called back due to some questionable officiating. Despite this and some late pressure by Orgryte, the Tulis boys prevailed as tournament champions.

In week two of the tour the boys moved on to the Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden. The tournament is one of the largest youth tournaments in the world with over 35,000 players and coaches representing 66 countries. The U-13 boys' class was a particularly com-

petitive group with over 120 teams from countries such as Argentina, Colombia and Italy.

In group play, the Tulis boys were placed alongside teams from Sweden and Germany. They easily swept their round robin games, racking up 7 goals and allowing none in 3 matches. However, the playoffs provided a marked increase in the intensity of the competition, both in the quality of teams and the number of matches per day. The first playoff match against Ljungskile SK required the Tulis boys to demonstrate patience in their play. The Swedish team defended in depth and rarely ventured out of their own half, looking content to play for the draw and to take their chances on penalty kicks. The Tulis boys had no intention of allowing this to happen and responded by applying

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# Roman Tulis European Soccer School Of Excellence

## U-16 BOYS HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL YOUTH TEAMS

The Roman Tulis European Soccer School of Excellence took on Europe's best in June of 2007 competing against players from some of the top youth teams in Europe at the 22nd Annual U-16 Invitational International OSM '75 tournament in Maarssen, Netherlands, about 80 kilometers south of Amsterdam. The Tulis team, comprised of mainly U-15 players, placed 8th out of 12 teams and found themselves up against such teams as Sporting Lisbon (Portugal), Feyenoord Rotterdam (Holland), Holland's U-15 National Team, Bayer 04 Leverkusen (Germany), Malmo FF (Sweden), and Luton Town (England).

Slotted in one of two groups of six teams, the Tulis boys opened tournament play with a 2-1 loss to Malmo FF of Sweden. Subsequent group results were a 0-0 draw with Feyenoord-Rotterdam of the Netherlands, a 1-0 loss to Portugal's Sporting Lisbon, a 2-1 setback against Alkmaar AZ of the Netherlands, a 2-0 win over host team OSM 75, and a 2-1 loss to the Netherlands U-15 national team.

On paper this tournament may not appear to be a huge success, but given the quality of the team's opponents, Tulis had no complaints. "It was probably the strongest field I've ever taken one of my teams to; certainly the strongest in recent years," says Tulis. "Every team our boys played was affiliated with some of the strongest professional clubs in Europe and I was very proud of our performances."

AFC Amsterdam ended up winning the tournament with a 6-0 record. But a measure of the Tulis team's success was that it finished ahead of ninth-placed Feyenoord, 10th-place Luton Town of England, 11th place Royal Antwerp of Belgium and 12th-place OSM 75.

Coquitlam striker Jovan Blagojevic led the Tulis team offensively with three goals, including both tallies against OSM 75. "Considering the very high level of competition, we did quite well," said Blagojevic. "The soccer



U-16 BOYS PLACED EIGHTH IN A 12 TEAM FIELD AT THE UTRECHT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT IN MAARSSSEN, NETHERLANDS IN JUNE 2007

was so much better than what I've seen in Canada. The European teams were very skilled with an on-the-ground passing game, and we had to be constantly aware of the players' one-touch techniques. You could tell that most of the players we played against had benefited by a very high level of coaching."

The Tulis boys brought home the tournaments Fair Play Award and the knowledge that they are fully capable of competing against the worlds best up and coming youth players. Win or lose Tulis feels that the players come back from each and every European trip stronger and better competitors. Tournaments such as these offer Canadian players the rare opportunity to compete against top notch European teams. Tulis feels that in order for players to reach their full potential and to be able to compete worldwide, they must train with and against other players who are of equal or better quality and they must be exposed to the highest level of competition possible.

"Our full time soccer program is not necessarily oriented to winning youth

tournaments," says Tulis. "We aim to provide our players with an environment that promotes good attitudes, work habits, and sportsmanship. Parental involvement is also very important. If all of those things are in place, the chances for success in tournament play are that much better."

Tulis's success in developing youth players has been recognized by FIFA. He's among a small handful of Canadian coaches who are invited to attend annual Europe-based coaching seminars conducted by soccer's world governing body. "It's a great honour to attend those seminars," says Tulis. "Many of the best coaches in the world are there, and the exchange of ideas on how to develop young players is an invaluable experience. I always bring some new ideas back to Canada and apply them to the development of my players."

# Commitment, Passion & Dedication Equals Results

## RTESSSE INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURS

Over the years Tulis' players have proved themselves to be very competitive and equivalent opponents for their European counterparts. They have represented Canada and the Tulis school in a very professional manner, and they set an example of fair play by their conduct both on and off the field.

Competing in international competitions not only enhances players tactical and ball handling skills, increases their confidence, and provides them with the knowledge that they can compete at an international level but it also provides players with a lasting learning experience with regard to travel and cultural exchange.



PAIGE ADAMS WITH THE U-20  
WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	ACHIEVEMENTS	RESULTS & AWARDS
2007	Dana Cup Tournament Denmark	1st Place (U-13 Boys)	
2007	Gothia Cup Tournament Sweden	3rd Place (U-13 Boys)	
2007	International Tournament Holland	8th Place (U-15 Boys)	Fair Play Award
2005	Dana Cup Tournament Denmark	2nd Place (U-13 Girls)	MVP Award
2004	St. Andrew's Football Festival, Scotland	1st Place (U-12 Boys) 2nd Place (U-13 Boys)	
2004	Ian Rush International Trophy Tournament, Wales	1st Place (U-12 Boys)	Best Goal Keeper Award
2004	Tatra Cup International Tournament, Slovakia	1st Place (U-15 Boys)	Top Goal Scorer Award
2004	Nitra Cup International Tournament, Slovakia	2nd Place (U-15 Boys)	MVP Award
2003	Invitational Tournament Holland	3rd Place (U-15 Boys)	1:0 Victory over Ajax Amsterdam 2:0 Victory over PSV Eindhoven 1:0 Victory over England's Luton Town
2003	Dana Cup Tournament Denmark	2nd Place (U-13 Girls)	
2003	Donosti Cup Tournament Spain	Play-offs (U-12 Boys)	
2002	Invitational Tournament Holland	3rd Place (U-17 Boys)	
2001	Invitational Tournament Holland	(U-17 Boys)	1:0 NAC Breda 0:0 Sparta Rotterdam
2001	Invitational Tournament Portugal	6th Place (U-13 Boys)	Fair Play Award
2001	Dana Cup Tournament Denmark	1st Place (U-13 Girls)	MVP Award
2001	Gothia Cup Tournament Sweden	1st Place (U-13 Girls)	2 Players In "All Star" Team
2001	Donosti Cup Tournament Spain	3rd Place (U-12 Boys)	Awarded "Best Team Out of North and South America" trophy
2000	International Tour of Holland & Belgium	1st Place (U-12 Boys)	1st Place: Skills Competition
2000	International Tour of Holland & Germany	5th Place (U-15 Boys)	Best Goal Scorer Award 1:0 Victory over Bayern Munich 0:0 Draw vs. 1860 Munich
1999	Invitational Tournament Belgium	Semi Finalists (U-17 Boys)	1:0 Victory Over Leeds United 0:0 Draw Slovakian National Team
1999	Women's World Cup USA	2nd Place (U-13 Girls)	
1998	Ian Rush Welsh Tournament	1st Place (U-16 Boys) 1st Place (U-13 Boys)	Tournament MVP Award U-16 Best Goal-Scorer Award U-13 MVP Award
1997	Invitational Tournament Portugal	(U-12 Boys)	Best International Player Award Fair Play Award
1996	Invitational Tournament Belgium	(U-17 Boys)	Tournament MVP Award Best Goal-Scorer Award 0:0 Draw vs. Romanian National Team
1995	Invitational Tournament Slovakia	1st Place (U-14 Boys)	Best Goalkeeper Award Tournament MVP Award

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## T U L I S P L A Y E R A C H I E V E M E N T S

PLAYER	CLUB / SCHOOL
<b>Aldridge</b> , Omari	Bowling Green State University (Ohio)
<b>Bonifacio</b> , Brandon	Cambuur-Leeuwarden, Netherlands
<b>Bottiglieri</b> , Emilio	Hibernian FC, Scotland
<b>Christie</b> , Jarred	University of Kentucky
<b>Clarke</b> , Wylie	Thomas University (Florida)
<b>Collins</b> , Victor	SV Eintracht, Germany
<b>Dall'Antonia</b> , Tony	Montebelluna, Italy
<b>Dunfield</b> , Terry	Manchester City, England
<b>Fernandez</b> , Santiago	FC Barcelona, Spain
<b>Gradley</b> , Brenessa	Queens University (Ontario)
<b>Haber</b> , Marcus	FC Groningen, Netherlands
<b>Harmse</b> , Kevin	FC Nitra, Slovakia
<b>Hingwing</b> , Eden	Creighton University, Nebraska
<b>Huggon</b> , Russell	Hibernian FC, Scotland
<b>Humpries</b> , Ian	Queens University (Ontario)
<b>Kooner</b> , Rohit	Mayville State University (N. Dakota)
<b>Lee</b> , Daniel	Union University (Tennessee)
<b>Levy</b> , Cody	University of the Puget Sound
<b>Li</b> , Nathan	University Of Kentucky
<b>Locke</b> , Shannon	University of Tulsa (Oklahoma)
<b>Maistry</b> , Sheldon	University of Portland (Oregon)
<b>Marples</b> , Nigel	Towson University (Baltimore)
<b>Marrello</b> , Alexander	University of Buffalo
<b>Martinez</b> , Alex	Atlas, Mexico
<b>Mathot</b> , Joey	Topp Oss, Holland
<b>McDiarmid</b> , Kyle	Union University (Tennessee)
<b>McLachlan</b> , Andrea	Trinity Western University
<b>Nonni</b> , Michael	FC Groningen, Netherlands
<b>O'Connor</b> , Kent	1860 Munich, Germany
<b>Peel</b> , Ryan	Christian Brothers University (TN)
<b>Ramsey</b> , Kyle	University of Western Ontario
<b>Richer</b> , Aaron	University of British Columbia
<b>Sjoman</b> , Kylla	Arizona State University
<b>Streckmann</b> , Colin	Simon Fraser University
<b>Terrosso</b> , Nilton	Lourinese, Portugal
<b>Trafford</b> , Mason	University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
<b>Tulis</b> , Roman Jr.	University of Illinois (Chicago)
<b>Turner</b> , Evan	Trinity Western University
<b>Veer</b> , Andrew	Simon Fraser University
<b>Wallace</b> , Adam	University Of Vermont
<b>Wong</b> , Dara	Oregon State University
<b>Young</b> , Adrian	Union University (Tennessee)
<b>Zavarise</b> , Gianluca	Belluno, Italy



2007 SCHOOL BOY / SCHOOL GIRL AWARD WINNERS: JOVAN BLAGOJEVIC AND KENDRA WILLIAMS PICTURED WITH ROMAN TULIS

### School Boy/School Girl Award

Year	Award Recipients
<b>2007</b>	Jovan Blagojevic Kendra Williams
<b>2006</b>	Niall Cousens & Michael Nonni Carolyn Bell & Paige Adams
<b>2005</b>	Colin Streckmann & Marcus Haber Paige Adams & Kelsey Desjarlais
<b>2004</b>	Kent O'Connor & Alexander Marrello Paige Adams
<b>2003</b>	Gianluca Zavarise Paige Adams
<b>2002</b>	Wylie Clarke Gabrielle Makarewicz
<b>2001</b>	Nathan Li & Roman Tulis Jr. Shannon Locke
<b>2000</b>	Kevin Harmse Kylla Sjoman
<b>1999</b>	Santiago Fernandez Andrea McLachlan
<b>1998</b>	Adam Wallace & Sheldon Maistry Andrea McLachlan
<b>1997</b>	Dennis Kindel
<b>1996</b>	Emillo Bottiglieri
<b>1995</b>	Alfredo Valente
<b>1994</b>	Russel Huggon
<b>1993</b>	Scott Williams

# Roman Tulis European Soccer School Of Excellence

## TULIS PLAYERS IN THE NEWS: 2007

**Kevin Harmse**, earned a starting position on the L.A. Galaxy roster this past season which also includes world famous David Beckham. On **Wednesday, November 7, 2007**: The Los Angeles Galaxy and the Vancouver Whitecaps battled to a scoreless draw at BC Place Stadium in an international friendly game in front of 48,172 fans. Two Tulis alumni suited up for opposite sides: **Kevin Harmse** playing with the Los Angeles Galaxy and **Alfredo Valente** with the Vancouver Whitecaps. After the game Alfredo Valente said that there was no plan to get Beckham's jersey in a post-game swap. "None of us was going to chase after the guy," he says. "I got the one I wanted (fellow Vancouverite Kevin Harmse)." Kevin Harmse was the Tulis School Boy recipient in 2000 and Alfredo Valente received the award in 1995.

Six year Tulis player, **Brandon Bonifacio** signed a professional contract in June 2007 with SC Cambuur a professional club in Holland that currently plays in the First Division. Brandon has recently moved into the starting lineup and at 18 is one of the youngest players in the league. Brandon signed with reserve team of SC Cambuur a year earlier and in a remarkably short period has worked his way up to the pro ranks and is currently deemed a

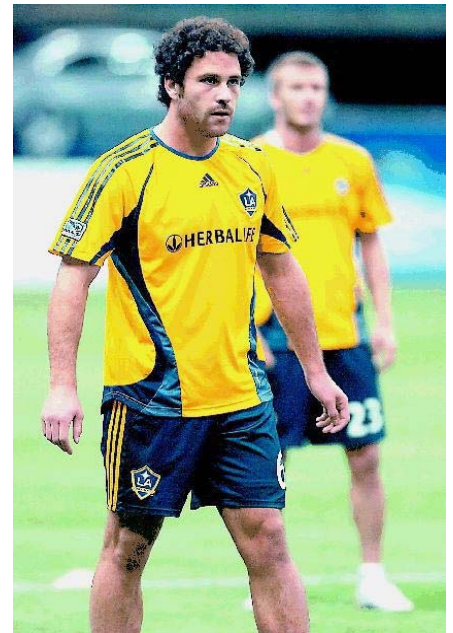
"young talent" in Holland and is very highly rated. Brandon is in the National pool and has played for both the U-18 and U-20 Canadian National teams

The Canadian Soccer Association announced the list of nominees for its 2007 player of the year awards. Coaches from all across the country will select four young stars from Canada's World Cup squads; two Canadian Youth (U-20) and two Canadian Junior (U-17) players. In the running for the Canadian Junior Player of the year award is Tulis' many time School Girl recipient, **Paige Adams**.

1999 Tulis School Boy, **Santiago Fernandez**, is currently playing for Club América in the Mexican First Division. Santiago was a starting player in the 2007 Copa Libertadores Tournament of South America (equivalent to the Champions League in Europe) and scored 3 goals in the tournament.

2001 Tulis School Boy, **Nathan Li** who is currently attending The University of Kentucky on a soccer scholarship has been awarded the 2007 "Mr. Wildcat Award" for his all-around excellence in athletics, academics, character, and service.

Tulis alumni, **Nigel Marples** who recently graduated from Towson Univer-



KEVIN HARMSE (WITH DAVID BECKHAM IN BACKGROUND) HAS EARNED A STARTING POSITION WITH THE L.A. GALAXY. (PHOTO TAKEN BY LES BAZSO / VANCOUVER PROVINCE NEWSPAPER)

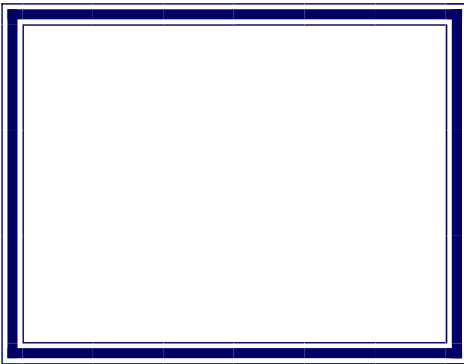
sity, was named in 2007 to the NSCAA/Adidas College Scholar All-America team. A first team All-CAA defender, Marples was named to the second all-star team. He had attended Towson on a soccer scholarship.

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sustained offensive pressure. With less than 10 minutes to go in the match, they succeeded in putting one past the Ljungskile keeper thus forcing Ljungskile to push players forward to get the equalizer. With more space to operate, the Tulis boys quickly scored two more goals and walked away with a well deserved 3-0 win.

On the next day of playoff matches the team squared off against La Herradura AC from Mexico City. The Mexicans played a more open style which actually allowed the Tulis boys to employ their individual creativity and teamwork to its fullest. The final result of 2-0 in favour of Tulis was a fair indication of the flow of the game. Next up was Vasta Frolunda IF, which proved to be the most difficult and challenging game of the entire tour. Frolunda, was the number one ranked team in the region and they played like it. Despite finding themselves down a goal at the half, the Tulis boys managed to come away with a 2-1 win and then moved into the quarter-finals.

Next up was another strong opponent, CEF 18 de Tucuman from Argentina. The game developed into a tightly contested affair with opportunities going both ways. The Tulis boys played with patience and composure, gradually wresting control of the match from the Argentineans and when the final whistle blew, the score was 2-1 and the better team had clearly prevailed. The semi-final match against Larje/ Angered IF. Larje secured an early one goal lead after a defensive lapse by the Tulis boys. After that, the game settled into a bit of a see-saw battle with Larje maintaining a slightly higher percentage of possession in the first half. In the second half, Tulis boys pressed hard for an equalizer and had a number of attempts stopped by the keeper or cleared off the line by a defender. Ultimately, the Tulis team could not find its rhythm and wound up losing 1-0 to Larje. The run for gold had ended. The result however, represents the first time that a Canadian boy's team has ever medaled at this tournament.



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*At the Roman Tulis European Soccer School of Excellence, we strive to set the standard for excellence in soccer training, and create more skilled players for Canadian youth soccer. Our number one goal is to challenge each and every one of our players to “Be The Best (They) Can Be”. Our aim is to not only develop high quality soccer players, but also to develop high quality people. We strive to build character and instill positive values in players through hard work, responsibility, and mutual respect. We provide an environment where each player has the maximum opportunity to flourish, and we teach our players that discipline, focus and passion are necessary to achieve not only soccer success, but success in life.*



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## **Roman Tulis European Soccer School Of Excellence - Developmental Programs**

At the Roman Tulis European Soccer School of Excellence, we focus on the development of the whole player, first and foremost as individuals and secondly as soccer players. We believe ability will get you there, but character will keep you there. The school’s philosophy is quite simple: In order for a player to become better, it is imperative that an environment is created which is conducive to learning. Players can only improve when they receive quality coaching, and compete against players who are of equal or better quality. The school offers the following programs for boys and girls:

### **Excellence Program Ages 6 - 18**

A 10 month full time program designed for those players who are dedicated to the game of soccer, who wish to push themselves to realize the best of their abilities and who have aspirations of playing at the national level and beyond. Many of the players in this program have trained with

Roman for numerous years and are playing at the highest level possible in their communities. Players who are accepted into this program train in an intense and demanding environment against some of the best competition available in their age group. Players become more knowledgeable and confident as they strive to reach their next “goal.”

### **Excellence Program Try Outs**

Players must try out before being accepted into the full time program. We will consider all interested players who attend our Spring Break Soccer Camp, our Summer Soccer Camps, or those who arrange a try out on an individual basis throughout the season by attending one of our ongoing training sessions. Once a player is accepted into the full time program, they will train twice weekly from September through June. Training times and days will depend on the age as well as the skill level of each player.

Our full time lit grass and all weather fields are conven-

iently located at the Scandinavian Community Centre in Burnaby. An individual try out can be arranged by calling or emailing the school at any time from September through June.

### **Spring Break & Summer Summer Programs Ages 6 - 13**

For all levels of players who want to experience more enjoyment from the sport of soccer. Players will be placed in groups based on ability after a comprehen-

sive evaluation period. Emphasis in training is placed on individual techniques, team play, and sportsmanship. Our goals for each student are to learn new skills, to improve those they already have, and to learn how to make the best of their newly found skills with every team on which they play.

For dates and locations of upcoming camps please visit our web site.



*“ABILITY WILL GET YOU THERE, CHARACTER KEEPS YOU THERE.”*