

UPF-Ticino's Children's Football Peace Cup 2016 in Novazzano, Switzerland

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On Sunday, May 8, in the town of Novazzano, the fifth edition of the soccer tournament for children "Peace Cup" took place in cooperation with the much-appreciated soccer association of Novazzano.

From the Italian speaking part of Switzerland and northern Italy, came twelve teams in category "E," aged nine to eleven, participating with the purpose of promoting

fair play.

UPF-Ticino wishes to offer schoolchildren a yearly opportunity to play soccer in a friendly environment, by observing and rewarding especially friendship-oriented gestures of behavior during the competition and among the spectators in the seating area. Actually, the best fans receive a trophy for fair support, as well.

"The greatest thing is that in this tournament everybody wins something," a player commented cheerfully at the end of the event. In fact, in addition to the main awards, all the teams received a trophy and numerous special prizes for exemplary behavior of correct comradeship on the field, observed by the referees and UPF staff members. Even the kitchen staff received rewards for having prepared hundreds of delicious meals.



The weather was good but the enthusiasm shown by the participants and spectators was even better! The proud faces of the children were proof that in a well-played game it is possible to learn also from one's own defeat, being pleased with oneself and others and always smiling.

This year for the first time, Italian players won the tournament -- Cossato was the first-rank champion team and they also received the award for the best slogan, "Sometimes you win; always you will learn."

The main trophy Peace Cup was given to the team of Stella Capriasca for their behavior of respecting the motto of the tournament "Play football, build Peace."

It was for the sake of bringing joy into the lives of young people and the older observers as well that we came together for the fifth time and had a truly enjoyable day. Looking at the smiling faces of the young proved beneficial to us all!

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