



University of Alberta

Green and Gold Soccer Academy

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To whom it may concern,

The Green and Gold Soccer Academy's International Program seeks to provide high performance soccer players from the Edmonton area with the opportunity to travel to Europe for high level playing and competitive exposures. For the past couple of years, we have had the great fortune of connecting with Paolo Dellafiore and the OSA Soccer Academy group based in Florence, Italy. The OSA group has planned and organized successful and outstanding tours for our Green & Gold youth squads to Florence and Milan in the past 2 years.

In 2010, we sent a U-14 boys group to Florence where the OSA organized tour provided the highest level of competition with further training sessions conducted by Serie A professional academy coaches. In addition the accommodation, meals and travel plans were first class. Our 2010 tour was so successful and value for money that we sent a U-14 boys squad back to Florence in 2011 but added a further tour for our U-16 group to Milan that were both organized by OSA. Both 2011 tours were a great success and between these 3 tours our Green & Gold academy squads played games against such notable Serie A Clubs as Fiorentina, Lazio, Siena, AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus and Sampdoria and received training sessions with professional youth coaches from Fiorentina, Lazio and AC Milan.

Included in each of these tours were guided visits of the ancient cities of Florence, Rome and Venice and the opportunity to attend several Serie A professional games. The OSA will be providing their services once again this coming spring when they prepare a tour for our U-16 boys' squad to Barcelona and Bilbao in Spain that is scheduled March 29-April 9, 2012.

The organization of these tours, by Paolo and other representatives of the OSA Soccer Academy, was exceptional and I would recommend their services to anyone interested in providing an international and player development opportunity to youth soccer groups from North America. The OSA is very professional and provides the very best service in providing soccer tours to Italy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Vickery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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