

# Windsor under-15s going Dutch – but seek a bit of help

Musselburgh Windsor Blues Under 15s football team are heading to their first international tournament in Holland at the end of March.



And to try to ensure the current Scottish East Region Youth Football Association (SERYFA) Division Two League leaders' style off the pitch matches their skill on it they are appealing for sponsorship of hoodies and rain jackets.

The team, which has scored a total of 35 goals in their last four games, is on a mission to bring home the winning trophy at the two-day, 'Holland Easter Open South' tournament in

Limburgh, which marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

It is the largest international youth football tournament and continues to attract teams from around the world, including Japan, Jamaica and Mexico.

Various events have been taking place at the club to raise funds to help keep the costs at a minimum for families, including a race night where almost £4,000 was raised and a forthcoming 'Sporting Lunch with Live Auction' on Sunday, 3 March, at the Ravelston Hotel, Musselburgh.

Guest speakers will be former Motherwell FC player, John Gaughan and international referee, John Rowbotham. Tickets are £30 per person.

The footballers, from high schools across East Lothian, including Preston Lodge, Rosehill, North Berwick and Ross High, are appealing to businesses to help sponsor much-needed hoodies and rain jackets for the trip, to help them feel even more like a team on and off the pitch.

Pete Hardie, team coach and secretary, said: "Taking the Under 15 Musselburgh Windsor Blues team to Holland in March is such a great experience for the boys and will provide memories of a lifetime as they get the opportunity to play with players from around the world in their first-ever international tournament.

"We are continuing to raise funds as a club to keep costs down and would also like to appeal to businesses to help out by sponsoring hoodies and rain jackets, and join us at our fundraising lunch on 3 March at the Ravelston Hotel.

"Thanks to Forth Scaffolding Ltd for being our main kit sponsor, which is always appreciated."

For sponsorship information or to purchase tickets for the Sporting Lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, contact Pete Hardie on 07896



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Coach/secretary Pete Hardie with team captain Luca Porter,

grandson of Hibernian legend Pat Stanton.