



Ukrainian American Youth Association
Спілка Української Молоді в Америці

June 30th Branch in Yonkers • Осередок ім. 30-го червня в Йонкерс

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“На Крилах Дружних Змагань II”

Dear Mr. Wasyl and the Board of the Ukrainian Sports Club (YCK),

On behalf of the *На Крилах Дружних Змагань II Tour*, I would like to thank you for once again generously sponsoring our excursion this summer. We truly appreciate your support. Your contribution of \$500 was utilized to offset the procurement of team-related training equipment and travel expenses. Your involvement and generosity greatly helped the Tour achieve its goal for the boys to experience our Ukrainian heritage while strengthening and making new friendships through soccer.

During the tour, our players and their families toured the Cathedral of St Sophia in Kyiv, The Holodomor Museum, the Museum of Folk Architecture and Life in Ukraine and the Klitschko Brothers Museum in Kyiv, to name just a few. We also had professionally-guided tours of a number of Ukrainian cities like Kyiv, Irpin, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi.

During the tour, we also had the honor of visiting a rehabilitation hospital for injured ATO soldiers from the current war in east Ukraine. We presented them with gifts - a framed prayer poster and small tokens of our appreciation. The boys also had a chance to speak to some of the injured soldiers after they recounted how they were injured. This was particularly emotional for the boys who really grasped what it means to fight for freedom!

Similar to two years ago, we again visited the Children’s Sanatorium in Berezehany, for whom we had purchased an outdoor playground. We were present for the blessing of the playground and spent the afternoon with the children. This was another experience I’m sure the boys won’t soon forget since they got a chance to see how just interacting with these kids, made a huge impact. The boys took quite a few selfies with their new friends!

The players and families were hosted by Ukraine’s National Olympic Committee, the Football Federation of Ukraine and Ukraine’s Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports for a press conference prior to our game in Kyiv. During the press conference we spoke of the need to bring people together, and how tours like this are so important to the diaspora and to Ukraine. After the press conference and exchanging of gifts, all of our players were able to take photographs with the u20 World Cup trophy that Ukraine won in June of this year which was very exciting for our boys.

Our boys played a total of 5 games in Ukraine where they won the last four. Our first game was a 1:4 loss against the Irpin team. After Irpin, we moved onto wins in Kyiv against Kyiv’s Podil FC 2:0. Next stop was Lviv, where we played in Arena Lviv and won against the Karpaty Academy team 4:1. The fourth game was 3:1 win against the sports school team in Bohorodchany and the fifth game was super-exciting with a win in penalty kicks against the Ivanno Frankivsk Sports School.

We are extremely proud of the boys and our excellent coaching staff – Taras Jaworsky and Michael Maksymiw. Upon just meeting most of the boys for the first time on Sunday, July 14th in Kyiv, Taras & Michael were still able to build a fantastic and strong team!

I am taking this opportunity to share numerous links to media coverage of *На Крилах Дружних Змагань II*.

Ukraine Minister of Youth and Sports

<http://www.dsmsu.gov.ua/index/ua/material/46288>

Kyiv news

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEdH5uM520Y&t=37s>

https://uazmi.org/news/post/cuDinEHKbFqNw70EZKBZAY?fbclid=IwAR0kv_mak7h00iNIs_VIk5KGfXocOFHixsj3NrFfoR-SUR9Q5qK4w3RBT4

National Olympic Committee - Lviv video

<https://www.facebook.com/100007362047530/videos/2330635087191870/>

Lviv Newspaper

https://zaxid.net/na_aren_i_lviv_vidbuvsya_tovariskiy_match_mizh_yunatskim_skladom_karpat_ta_futbolistami_zi_ss_ha_n1485753?fbclid=IwAR3XAiSpzbiBpXreRhZGu5UTE5Ervp3yakG799txOEA3KJ4a33M4mBlj1w

Ivano-Frankivsk

Mayor of Ivano Frankivsk <https://www.facebook.com/ruslan.martsinkiv/posts/2439328309423570>

IFFF slideshow of two games <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYlpyPiUOwo>

Bohorodchany coverage IFFF press release on two games <http://iffif.ua/news/2019-07/2114>

Bohordochany

Local newspaper

<https://www.facebook.com/SlovoNarody/photos/pcb.373539066682813/373536310016422/?type=3&theater>

Scrimmage against the girls' team

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyC73A_Cc0o&feature=share

Irpin news

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixg9THG888o>

Dedication of the playground at Caritas Berezhany

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100015582008767&fref=search&tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARAs-egULIAAdLvw8CaxTRzd-Q3fayzmRjXguRrMtBRI77ny4oUJA_FBLpPz9O2WaEoJ1T2-m2w6ay1Ds

Holodomor Museum

http://memorialholodomor.org.ua/news/ukrainska-molod-z-ssha-vidvidala-memorial-zhertv-golodomoru/?fbclid=IwAR0Iscr1wXyD8oCMvxDIUvvgOKmjVgUHCnJM_adi-qF2Crp36fK40lr96M

Once again, we are extending a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for your generous support!

Sincerely,
Michael A. Tomaszewsky,
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“На Крилах Дружних Змагань” Tour Manager & Organizer







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Teams after game in Ivanno Frankivsk



Our Team before we entered Arena Lviv for a game against the Karpaty FC Academy

