

Fourth edition of The Summer Youth Competition

On the fields of Cranford Community College in London, on June 12th, for the fourth time, there was the biggest in the UK Polish community football festival organised by London Eagles Fc. Fifty teams in six age categories competed for the best team of Summer Youth Tournament organised on the occasion of Children's Day. Amongst the hosts, in the tournament participated Old Actonians, Elite Magic, United Tigers, Dynamo Tekkers, Eagles Coventry, White Eagles, KS Gryf Slough, Doncaster Hawk and Larkspur Rovers.



Despite the unfavourable weather and the afternoon performance of Nawałka's Polish team on UEFA Euro in France, London Eagles tournament attracted more than a thousand of supporters, who watched exciting performances of young players. Thanks to the sponsors and parents, between matches, we could try traditional Polish dishes like grochowka, bigos, kaszanka and sausages from the bbq, hamburgers and hot dogs. Also, there was lots of fun at the lottery. The Children's Day tournament was supported by IBB Polish Building Wholesale, HAWK Rubbish Clearance, Signs Art, Restaurant PYZA, The Polish Bakery and PRT Foods Ltd and media sponsors: Gonicz Polski, Polish Express and Polsport.



In the group of six-year-olds, five teams played in system 'one after one'. Seven-year-olds competed in two groups with six teams in each. Classification in this age is not conducted. All young players received memorable goblets.

The battle for the trophies began with eight-year-olds, where ten teams played in two groups. In the final United Tigers met Eight Academy with 5:0 win for Tigers.

Ten teams played in the group of nine-year-olds. In this age group, unrivalled were London Eagles. The win in the finals with Eight Academy 1:0. A little fewer teams competed in the group for ten-year-olds. Four of the five teams advanced to the semi-finals and then to the final, where



United Tigers beat London Eagles Red 1:0. The group of the eleven-year-olds were represented by four teams who played match and rematch. In the finals played London Eagles Red and White Eagles but London team did not save the title from last year and lost 0:2. Luckily twelve-year-olds, after winning with four teams, saved the title and beat Old Actonians 6:1. The fourth Summer Youth Tournament is behind us. The level grows from year to year, and it is already very hard for the home teams to dominate it. As before, no one seems to be complaining about the attractions and excitement- great organisation, professional service and loads of smiles of our children. None of them went home empty-handed, another memorabilia will go on the shelves.

