

ACAMIS Blue Division Basketball tournament 2017

Mr Koops Coaches Diary



Tuesday February 7

When I arrived at the boarding house at 06.30am to wake up the boys I saw Simon Yuan sitting in the common room all ready to go. The boys were all pumped up and so excited to go. We left at 07.00am and barely made it on time to the train from Changing station, thankfully, we made it on time to the airport. The boys slept the whole plane ride and we arrived safely



at the Bayangol Hotel in Ulaanbaatar.



We checked into our rooms, had dinner together and a final team meeting before the boys went to their rooms.

Some of the year 12 boys realised that this is their last opportunity to represent UISZ in a Basketball tournament. The boys did some homework, went to the gym, played some games and went to their rooms at 21.00. Tomorrow we will have breakfast together and we will have training from 11.30 till 14.00. After that the boys will have some free time and time to do some studying.

Wednesday

This day with a nice breakfast. It was Mongolian lot of milk, and meats. hard day of The boys had 30 minutes to online videos that Mr shared with mail. The bus at 11.15am to the International School of Ulaanbaatar (ISU).



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Back at the hotel we met all the other schools that just arrived from the airport. We had diner together at 17.30pm and I (Mr Koops) took the boys out for some sightseeing. This gave Mr Burleigh some time to recover from the training session. At 19.00pm the boys went to their rooms to study, relax and go over the drills. They are nervous for their first game against Harrow's. We are very confident these boys will do extremely well this tournament.



Thursday & Friday February 9/10

Thursday morning started off with an opening ceremony and some general information for the coaches and students. This event is well run and you can see that ISU and ASU have spent a lot of time to make this event an unforgettable experience for the players and coaches. The boys played 2 games on Thursday and 3 games today.

Having seen the other teams we knew it would not be easy this tournament. Some stiff competition and teams with full benches of 5 or 7 substitutes. The games against CISB and Harrows on Thursday were tough and we both lost them. The Cobra's did not play their Cobra ball and were still finding their rhythm. Friday we played against QISS, the American School of Ulaanbaatar and the International School of Ulaanbaatar.

Against QISS we won with 30-13. A real team performance and an extremely aggressive Simon and Jeremy. That's just what we needed. The game against ASU was the most important one. This game was so close but ASU made two impossible shots in the last 2 minutes. They won by 4 points. The final game against ISU was just a formality and our boys were physically tired. This game we lost but the boys still managed to play their game.

Mr Burleigh and I realised once more that we have an awesome group of young talented athletes. 3 games with only 3 subs is not easy but they never complain and always do their best. Tomorrow the final game against QISS, the award ceremony and a party. The boys are out playing in the snow tonight. Did you know 4 of them have never seen snow!! They are loving it.

Saturday & Sunday

Saturday was the ACAMIS Basketball had their last game 5/6. With an from Carl and Jerry managed to win this take the 5th place.



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final day of the tournament. The boys against QISS for place amazing 3 point shots the Cobra boys game with 31-25 and

They played the game with enthusiasm, fighting spirit and excellent teamwork. The rest of the day we enjoyed the final games. Simon was chosen into the MVP all-star team. This is his third time in a row.

The boys enjoyed the award ceremony, diner and the party. Tomorrow we have to wake up at 05.00am to catch our 07.00am flight to Hong Kong. We will have lunch at the restaurant owned by Jeremy's uncle. We will arrive at school round 18.00pm Sunday night.

We are extremely proud of our boy's basketball team. We hoped that the boys could come away with a prize. Having only 3 substitutes for 7 basketball games in 3 days is not easy. But they got a prize, which is more worth than a trophee. This was a life changing experience for them. They have seen snow, ice, played basketball in Mongolia and shared this experience

with their best friends.

Mr Burleigh and I could not have been more proud of them and honored to have shared this experience with them. Signing off from Mongolia, Mr Koops

