

Negus Kloehn 3v3 Memorial Tournament Save the Ball Soccer for Africa, Inc. Launches Balls & Nets to Children of Africa



Colorado, Vail, Jul 26, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The first annual Negus Kloehn 3v3 Memorial Soccer Tournament took place July 17, 2021, in Vail, Colorado. Approximately 23 teams battled it out on the fields of Homestake Peak Middle School. Age groups ranged from U8 to Adult. Many co-ed groups played, mixing talented players of all ages. Players came from Florida, California, and Colorado to participate in the tournament. The cause was for the mission of Negus Kloehn, who died of epilepsy on April 28, 2020. Adopted from Ethiopia at age 6, Negus was an exceptional soccer player with dreams to become a professional soccer player and supply nets and balls to children in Africa. Before being adopted, Negus often played soccer with balls made of plastic bags and twine and used stones to mark goal boundaries. He often talked about having to chase balls without nets to stop the balls. A non-profit has been formed in Negus' honor called Save the Ball Soccer for Africa, Inc.

The winning teams of the first Negus Kloehn 3v3 Memorial Soccer Tournament are:

Adult

1st place to Vail Gold

2nd place to VVSC Coaches

HS Girls

1st place to The Maletas

2nd place to VVSC Girls

Junior Division

1st place to 5 Musketeros

2nd place to Paris

Gold Academy

1st place to Future Legends

2nd place to Summer Soccer Girls

Silver Academy

1st place to Gold Diggers

2nd Pohlman Boys

In addition to the impressive turnout of more than 100 players and nearly 200 spectators, Save the Ball Soccer for Africa, Inc. would like to thank our corporate and family sponsors for their donations.

Sincere appreciation to:

Vail Valley Soccer Club - Vail, CO; UTOPIC - Chicago, IL; Chris Anthony Youth Initiative - Vail, CO; AVID Designs - Vail, CO; Rejuven8MD - Edwards, CO; KARMA Pool - Milwaukee, WI and Boston, MA; Alpine Bank - Vail, CO; EinProst - Avon, CO; The River Walk Inn - Edwards, CO and Children's Hospital Colorado, Denver.

We would also like to thank our volunteers and the following families: Day, Bruno, Capizzi, Synnott, Garner, and Chris Anthony. For more information on our mission, or to make a contribution, please see www.savetheballsoccerforafrica.com or contact Patricia Kloehn at info@savetheballsoccerforafrica.com; 617.821.4308. Please follow our website for our upcoming book release called "Do your Best" in honor of Negus Kloehn's life and legacy.



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