



# ITALY 2022



## Team photos & final training camp

Time today was spent primarily at various team meetings where itineraries were confirmed, various attacking and defensive strategies were discussed, alternative positional plays and game sets-up were laid out, and players were given an opportunity to have their input. Given that we have had minimal time to prepare and never played together (compared with the other European teams), fast tracking these important aspects is a priority. Late in the day photos were taken and the two teams played an hour long practice match. Scouts from the Swedish team watched as we went through our paces. The hot weather sapped everyone's energy but we needed this valuable time together. Tomorrow is the opening ceremony and the first of our matches.

Slowly getting into the swing of things. Everyone is now a lot more comfortable and relaxed knowing more about their fellow players.

*Two teams, two referees and a rent-a-crowd.*



We met a number of compatriots from other teams today. All were very complimentary about us traveling so far to play in Europe. The banter between everyone was very heart warming. We are all here to enjoy the sport we love and are still paying at this late stage in our lives. Football is an international language that links us all together.