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Houston, TX, March 31, 2010 – Despite Spring Break and the unpredictable weather, turnout for the 2010 AHFC College Cup turnout was excellent. We even sold 130 tickets the day of the game. The teams did not disappoint either. After a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation, University of North Carolina came away with the victory over Southern Methodist University after each team had kicked a total of eight penalty kicks.

There were many components that helped make the weekend such an achievement for AHFC. Thank you to all the sponsors, host families and volunteers who were all a part of the success. Thank you also to the families who came out to the game.

Sponsors for the event included Powerade, Adidas, Memorial Hermann, Eurosport, Centerpoint Energy, Soccer Depot, The Houstonian Hotel, Absolute Color, and The Awty International School.

The weekend could not have happened without the seven host families who cared for, fed, housed and shuttled the 21 players from event to event. However, those families feel they gained far more than they gave up that weekend.

HERE'S WHAT AHFC FAMILIES HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE EVENT & EXPERIENCE

"Thank you so much for all your hard work this weekend and the many weeks prior. Our family truly enjoyed the boys that stayed with us. We did not get a lot of sleep but had a great time getting to know them and hearing their journeys of how they became a college soccer player. This will definitely be a weekend to remember. We will probably never see these boys again but will definitely share our stories for a long time."

-Julie Durham

"Thanks so much for spearheading this weekend. The UNC players' behavior and demeanor was the icing on the cake. Please let the UNC coaches know how impressed the (AHFC) parents were with the way the boys conducted themselves. We had Drew McKinney and Daniel Tannous assigned to our home, and we could not get over how well-mannered and appreciative they were. It was a great lesson for (son) Forrest on how to conduct himself as a player and a young man."

-Matt Denio

"Just wanted to thank you once again for giving our family the opportunity to host Dustin and Jalil. I wasn't sure how it was going to go since our children are only 8, 8, and 5, but it turned out to be one of the most amazing experiences! My kids, who are just starting out on their academic and athletic journeys, were able to see the end result of what opportunities can be created through hard work and dedication - I truly believe it was one of the more influential experiences they have had! Both Dustin and Jalil fit right into our family and were incredibly well mannered! (I've NEVER seen college kids make beds like those two could!!) The pleasure was truly all ours - they breathed a little bit of excitement, inspiration, and spirit into our home and while we were sad to see them go . . . it was an experience we will never forget and one that truly enriched our family! Thanks so much for thinking of us, and we would love to host again in the future."

-Kimmy Green

HERE'S WHAT THE UNC COACHING STAFF HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE EVENT & EXPERIENCE

"Thank you very much for your feedback on our guys. I really appreciate the effort of parents like yourself to host some college players and make them feel welcome in your home. We do have a special group of players who show respect, travel well and appreciate the opportunities provided to them. The Houston trip was a great experience for us, something to break the monotony of spring training and for sure something to look forward to in the future. Thank you very much for your hospitality."

-UNC Head Coach Elmar Bolowich

"We had a great time, and we greatly appreciated the hospitality from everyone. All of you left a great impression, and I hope we did the same."

-UNC Assistant Coach Jeff Negalha.

"Thanks for everything this weekend. It was top notch, and we had a great experience."

-UNC Assistant Coach Carlos Somoano
