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Denkend aan Holland...

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- April 29** Koninginnedag in Swarthmore
- May** Belgian Beer and Breughel Fest
- June** Rafting or Canoe Trip
- June** NAADV master Golf Tournament
- July** Pool party
- Sept. 22** **50th Year Anniversary Party at the MOSHULU Restaurant Ship**
- Sept.** Speelgroep picnic
- November** Indonesische rijsttafel
- November** Heritage Day
- December** Sinterklaas
- December** Holiday Borrel
- January** New Member Welcome Reception
- March** Annual Meeting

And don't forget to pay your dues and update us on any address changes, so that we can keep you up to date with what's going on at the Naadv!

*More information will follow by mail or in De Brug
And on our WEB SITE at <http://www.naadv.org>*

EDITOR'S CORNER

By Gerald van Wilgen

Dear members,

In this spring issue of De Brug we pay attention to what we like to believe is the national pastime of the Dutch, soccer, but it isn't the number one national pastime. Don't get me wrong, soccer is way up there, but there is one activity which makes the heart of every Dutch man and woman beat much faster than a soccer game (*see "K Day" on page 4 in the newsletter*).

We visited a new Belgian-style restaurant in Society Hill called "Zot". For anyone who has cravings for 'moules et frites', AA1 Asparagus, or a Belgian endive salad, this is the place to go.

Joke Williams-Kloppenburg reminisces about growing up in Maassluis, a small town on the Nieuwe Maas, famous for the Grootte Kerk with its magnificent 'Garrels-orgel' and it's infamous son, the writer Maarten 't Hart.

We hope to see you all on April 29 in Swarthmore.

Editorial staff De Brug

Gerald van Wilgen

Come celebrate 50 years of NAADV!

The 50 Year Anniversary Party will take place on Saturday, September 22nd, from 7–11pm on the Moshulu ship in Philadelphia.

This promises to be a great “**black-tie invited**” event, with live music, dancing, great food and drink, and of course gezelligheid. In keeping with the “**50**” theme, the cost for the event will also likely be \$50 for members, possible with support from the club and other very generous individuals and organizations. Please watch your mailbox for an invitation in the next few months, and remember to please keep your address and membership dues up to date. You won't want to miss this wonderful event! We are looking for additional sponsors, please contact the NAADV president, R. Alewynse for donations.

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CONGRATULATIONS! 50 YEARS NAADV.

Congratulations! The NAADV has reached the respectable age of 50. In 1957, on initiative of a group of recent Dutch immigrants, KLM and the Holland-America line the NAADV was established with the main to support new immigrants getting established in the region.

*By Roderik Alewijnse,
NAADV President*

**So we will
celebrate our 50th
anniversary by
throwing a party.
And to make sure
we do not forget
about it, we are
writing a book.**

Both KLM and HAL do not visit Philadelphia any more, but the NAADV and the Dutch are still here. 50 years later we have a thriving club with many activities for the old and the young. Times have changed of course, and so has the purpose of our club. New arrivals are far from helpless and still maintain close contact with Holland and often already have a job when the plane hits the tarmac. Currently the word “gezellig” better characterizes our club. We like to keep in touch, meet, socialize, speak Dutch and let our kids experience some of the traditional Dutch rituals. Of course we don’t show how proud we are to be Dutch, which would conflict with our national tradition.

The details of the party, you will find elsewhere in de Brug. It will be a festive event on a ship; we like to stay close to water. There will be the great ambiance of the old clipper, Dutch music, food and drinks, some honorable guests and most importantly the company of each other. We would like to make it a festive event without long speeches and formalities. You will receive an invitation before the summer. Don’t forget to respond because it will be first come first serve.

On the 50th anniversary party, the 50th anniversary book will be published. As a more permanent memorial of our club’s anniversary, we are compiling a book of stories and pictures. Gerald van Wilgen is an experienced writer who is gathering the stories of a cross section of our membership to illustrate 50 years of newcomers and our contribution to the community. With help of Erwin van Zanten as designer this is



becoming a professional publication that will stand the test of time. I would like to ask all of you to contact Gerald if you have a story to tell, know of someone else who has a story or have pictures that we can use in the book.

In this special year we continue our normal program starting with Koninginnedag at the end of April which will be at a different location this year which provides more room for children's games and outdoor celebration. The Belgian beer festival is now becoming part of our tradition in its 4th year. Last year we were so thirsty we ran out of beer. We are promised this will not happen this year. In the summer we will have another canoe trip and a pool party at the Nieuwenhuizen's. Specially for the kids there will be speelgroep picnic. For the young parents who do not know, once a month there is a speelgroep for Dutch children where the children can play, pick up some Dutch language while the parents enjoy a cup of coffee. See our website www.naadv.org for more information. Then in September it is time for the big party. Later in the year we will of course have a rijsttafel and hopefully Sinterklaas will find his way to Philadelphia again.

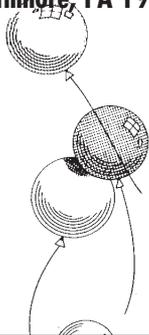
As you can see, plenty of opportunity for gezelligheid, I hope to see you at each of these events and celebrate our club's birthday.

K Day Koninginnedag April 29 Swarthmore Community Center 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Let's face it, Koninginnedag, every year on April 30th, is one big crazy Dutch party unlike everything you have ever seen anywhere in the world. This is also when you can see what the true national pastime of the Dutch is: selling stuff. (Soccer comes in at a good second.)



**Swarthmore
Community Center
715 Harvard Ave,
Swarthmore, PA 19081**



To recreate that particular Dutch atmosphere on our event we ask you to bring that box in your garage with stuff you want to get rid of but you think it's a shame to throw away. Have you recently looked at your kids' toys? Maybe they're too old to play with the little kids stuff. We ask you not to bring clothes or shoes. The proceeds of the "Rommelmart" will benefit the NAADV.

The NAADV will provide an ample supply of a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. We would like to ask our members to bring something for the food table (favorite Dutch snack, appetizer, main course, or dessert).

For the kids we are planning to organize an old-fashioned carnival with 'zaklopen', 'eieren race', 'spijkers poepen' etc. And, of course, Swarthmore Community Center has a very nice lawn for a decent game of soccer.

Hope to see you all on the April 29th.

DIRECTIONS:

1. 476 Exit 3 - Media, Swarthmore
2. Go east on Baltimore Pike (towards Swarthmore)
3. After 0.5 Mi. turn right onto North Swarthmore Ave
4. After 0.2 Mi. turn right onto North Chester Road/PA-320
5. After 0.8 Mi. turn right onto Harvard Ave
6. End at **715 Harvard Ave.**, on the right behind the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. There is plenty of parking in the lot.

Voetbal (Soccer) in and around Philadelphia

When I came to the United States in 1975 from Holland and had my first day of school at Lower Merion High School, members of the soccer team jumped on me and pleaded me to join them for practice that day. I wished I could have offered them a bit more since I was actually pretty bad. In Holland I never played in soccer team, only a bit on the streets when hanging around with friends.

By Guido Gaeffke

Eventually I became quite good and became the MVP at Lower Merion in my senior year and was nominated as part of the all-Main Line team in the Main Line Times. Afterwards I played at the University of Pennsylvania but was never able to juggle soccer, the engineering studies and partying. I ended up dropping soccer to pick it up again when was living in Brunei, Nigeria, Scotland. Today I am still playing. I'm coaching my boys in the Lower Merion Soccer Club program.

I could write a lot about my soccer stories, in Nigeria for instance I played as the only whiteman on a team with mainly (Shell) policemen. Most of them practiced barefoot and fought about any old cleats I replaced with new ones. When we went to play against villages,, the field was typically surrounded by clay huts and the field's lines were not white paint but lined by (hostile) villagers and the goals had no nets but were just 3 pieces of wood looking more like a trapezium than a rectangle. And guess what: referees were bribed by the chief of the home village.....

Other soccer opportunities:

At Haverford College informal games are played Sundays at 10 am as long as it is not too cold and there is no snow. Anyone can join.

Another big indoor complex is on Aston, PA. See www.tristatesports.com.

While doing research for this article came across this website www.playphillysports.com. Looks like they have interesting adult soccer leagues in Philadelphia and king of Prussia.

Believe some NAADV members have played in and coached with the Philadelphia Recreation Department. www.phila.gov/recreation/sports/soccer.html (mainly for young kids living in the city.)

Casa League, www.phillysoccer.org, the editor of De Brug plays in last year's champion FC South Jersey.



Soccer has come a long way in the US during the last 30 years. During the 1978 World Cup for instance none of the games were shown on TV here. The only way to see some of the games was to get tickets to The Tower in Upper Darby, where I actually saw some of the key games. It was actually pretty neat since the Italians, Argentineans, etc. came all dressed up and had their flags and whistles. It felt like being in a stadium. My American friends, who I dragged along, are still talking about that experience.

These days it is complete different: I saw quite a few recent World Cup games in numerous pubs in the city (which was quite nice since one could watch a good game with a pint of Guinness at 11:00 AM).

The difference between US and Dutch soccer is that

Americans emphasize athleticism but are not as skilled. Dutch are more skilled but not as athletic (and have a bit more of a soccer brain). Many of the excellent soccer players who started age 5 in the States stop playing soccer when they are a teenager and start to play football or another glamorous sport. In Europe they stick with it (if they do not quit altogether). As soccer gets more glamorous this exodus will hopefully stop.

When I played in High School most players only got into contact with the sport in Junior High School. These days players can start to play in the PEE-WEE division at Lower Merion Soccer Club as of age 5. Currently Lower Merion Soccer Club provides programs for 2700 kids! Lower Merion Soccer Club (www.lmsc.net) and Philadelphia Soccer Club (www.philasc.org) are currently the most successful clubs in the area, having produced a few players for the national and European teams.

Fox Soccer Channel: <http://msn.foxsports.com/foxsoccer>

Shows live games from England and Italy, have a good summary of all important games worldwide every night at 10, and they have a good talk show on Tuesday at 8pm.

Gol TV: http://www.goltv.tv/en_index.php

Show live games from Spain, Italy and Germany, and some UEFA competition games.

Setanta TV: <http://na.setanta.com/>

Show live games from Holland, Scotland, England, and most of the Champions League games. Also show 6 Nations Rugby games and other Irish sports.

ESPN2 also show Champions League games and ESPN also seems to cover all the US national games. Recently they showed the USA-Mexico game which was quite entertaining.

The best club team in the area is FC Delco (www.fcdelco.org). They only start as of U-13, and as a club are currently ranked no. 6 in the Nation. The top players from Lower Merion Soccer Club, Philadelphia Soccer Club, and others end up joining FC Delco, and most of these players



will receive college scholarships. Once you are on one of their teams expect to play all year round (except during High School soccer season) and expect to travel to tournaments in places such as Florida and Texas, and play not in the City league but in the 'East Coast' league.

Currently I play throughout the year; indoors during the winter and outdoors during the spring, summer and fall. Last summer I played in the Carroll Adult Soccer League at the Archbishop Carroll High School in Villanova. They have a nice format. Players are drafted to ensure teams are evenly balanced with (very) young and (very) old, good and average players. I play in this league during June and July. It's great fun but physically demanding; I can often barely walk the stairs the day after a game.

During the rest of the year I play at Rocket Sports (www.rocketports.com). The Rocket Sports in Wayne has an indoor and outdoor facility. I play there during the winter and outdoors (on turf) during the spring and fall. There are French, Argentinean, English, Italian and other teams. I hope to be able to sign up a complete Dutch team one day, email me!

If you have comments, need info, or like to play with me please contact me via: guido.gaeffke@verizon.net. Guido

Denkend aan Holland ...

By Joke Williams-
Kloppenburg

My first memories of Holland were of me sitting on a swing and trying to reach the sky. I loved that little playground op 't Stort in Maassluis, the town where I was born.

My mother and her friends had a little “breiclub” (knitting club) and we all celebrated St. Nicolaas together. I must have been 4 or 5 years old. Not long after we moved to a row house on the Prinsekade, below the dike along a canal. I missed het Stort very much because now I had less room to play and all the time I was aware

of the danger of landing in the canal. The nice part was that my grandparents and several aunts, uncles and cousins lived just doors away. Then came the flood in 1953 and we were safe below the dike while our old house op het Stort was flooded. I remember standing on the dike in the middle of town. The sky was eerily black and ominous.

I have never seen anything like it again. I watched my Dad and his fellow volunteer firemen put sandbags to the entrance of the Taanstraat while the water was rising higher and higher. 1835 people lost their lives, tens of thousands of animals drowned and 400,000 acres of land received a lethal dose of seawater.

In later years I really learned to appreciate living along a canal as my favorite



thing to do in the winter was ice-skating. We learned to skate behind a chair at first and then when I was older I received the white boots for figure skating and you could find me skating on the ice at all hours of the day and night. In those days Holland was strong in the Olympics with figure skating and one of the gold medal winners was Sjoukje Dijkstra. My brother's friends started to call me Sjoukje as they always saw me twirl on the ice. I remember the long distance races for the men and the booths where one could buy hot chocolate and hot milk with anise. Great memories.

Maassluis is situated between Hoek van Holland and Rotterdam. Maassluis used to be a fishing village in the olden days. The ships would leave the harbor for the North Sea through what is now called the Nieuwe Waterweg. I spent countless hours along the Nieuwe Waterweg to watch the ships sail to Rotterdam and eventually travel the Rhine into Germany. One day I saw a large cruise ship go by and I was in awe. I thought I would never be on a beautiful ship like that in my lifetime. Well, I was wrong. In 1998 my husband and I took a cruise with the Holland America Line with the brand new M.S. Rotterdam. We left from Rotterdam and sailed past my hometown Maassluis where friends and relatives were waving at us, on our way to the Scandinavian capitals and St. Petersburg. My dream came true.

One of the most famous writers in Holland is Maarten 't Hart and he was born and raised in Maassluis. We all knew Maarten when we were growing up. He has written extensively about Maassluis in his book "Het Vrome Volk" and many other books. Not very flattering at times, but a true description how life was when I was growing up in my hometown Maassluis.



Jeanette Noorman - Happy Birder

By Gerald van Wilgen

She suddenly stopped, stuck her nose up in the air and took a whiff. “Do you smell it?” Jeanette Noorman looked at me, she’s excited.

My feet were cold and my nose was running, the area had just been covered with a few inches of snow and the temperature was about 15 degrees lower than I’d expected it to be. “I don’t smell it,” I replied. “It’s the fox, don’t you smell it, that musky smell?” I looked around to see if I’m able to get a glimpse of the predator. “He’s hiding somewhere,” she said.

Jeanette Noorman is a former president of the NAADV and is the Volunteer Coordinator at Briar Bush Nature Center in Abington, PA. It’s 12-acre park in the suburbs where she and her volunteers greet about 70.000 visitors a year.

“So tell me,” she said in a commanding voice, as if talking to a group of school children, “did these



mushrooms grow before or after this tree fell?” She pointed at what seemed to me the caps of mushrooms which were sticking out of the tree trunk. In Dutch we’d call them ‘elfenbankjes”, but Jeanette wasn’t sure they were the same species. Before I could answer she said “after.” Then pointing at the mushrooms, “these grow horizontally, always, if they’d be on the tree before the tree fell the would be vertical.”

A few moments later she pointed up high in the trees, there was supposed to be a Red Bellied Woodpecker. She had seen him around. The bird appeared a few moments later making its way around the tree looking for food. Jeanette smiles the smile of happy birder.

Briar Bush has an indoor education center and, during the summer, also has outdoor class rooms. Visit the website for more information and directions.

More info:
www.briarbush.org
www.birds.cornell.edu

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Center in Abington**



Sinterklaas in Philadelphia

By Angela van Oorschot

Dit jaar kwamen Sinterklaas en zijn Pieten op 9 december jl. aan in Philadelphia. Zoals verwacht was het weer een geweldig feest met ontzettend veel kinderen en hun ouders! Bij binnenkomst werden de Sint en zijn Pieten prachtig toegezongen.



Vervolgens konden de kinderen en hun ouders meedoen aan een Quiz, waarbij vragen werden gesteld over het Sinterklaasfeest. Het bleek dat veel kinderen, ondanks dat ze in Amerika wonen, prima op de hoogte zijn van alle zaken over dit feest.

Na de quiz kregen we dit jaar onverwachts bezoek van Fred. Fred is een Amerikaanse jongen die wel eens wilde weten wat Sinterklaas en zijn Pieten hier in Amerika komen doen. Nou, dat heeft hij geweten. Hij viel met zijn neus in de boter, want de Hoofdpiet was die dag heel verdrietig en ook een beetje boos.

Sinterklaas krijgt altijd alle aandacht van de kinderen, terwijl de Hoofdpiet ervoor zorgt dat ze cadeautjes krijgen en dat de Sint goed verzorgd wordt. De Hoofdpiet

had er daarom dit jaar geen zin in om de kinderen een cadeautje te geven. Hij wilde Sinterklaas en de kinderen een lesje leren. In plaats van cadeautjes had de Piet allemaal nepcadeautjes oftewel “foppies” in de zak gedaan. Dat was behoorlijk schrikken voor iedereen in de feestzaal!!! Gelukkig hebben Sinterklaas en Fred aan de Hoofdpiet uitgelegd dat hij heel belangrijk is en dat de Sint het echt niet zonder hem kan. Vervolgens hebben alle kinderen uit Philadelphia geholpen om de Hoofdpiet te overtuigen dat ze ook dol op hem zijn. De Hoofdpiet werd er helemaal verlegen van, zoveel lieve aandacht van



Sinterklaas met kinderen en Fred

kinderen had hij nog nooit gehad. De kinderen hebben zelfs samen met Fred een speciaal liedje voor hem gezongen. Daarnaast hebben de kinderen beloofd volgend jaar één hele mooie tekeningen in de schoen te doen voor Sinterklaas én de Hoofdpiet. De Hoofdpiet was hier zo blij mee dat hij snel de andere Pieten heeft gevraagd de zakken met echte cadeautjes te pakken en uit te delen. Nou dat was een super verrassing. Gelukkig kwam het allemaal goed die dag en hebben de kinderen hun cadeautje met een chocolade letter gekregen.

En Fred?...nou die zou willen dat hij ook een Nederlands/Belgische jongen was. Gelukkig was er voor hem ook een chocolade letter. Tja, zo'n letter is toch elk jaar weer een lekkernij!

Met dank aan het Sinterklaas comité 2006!

**Sinterklaas:
"Email me.
I want you to
send me a letter
via email:
sint@naadv.org."**

RESTAURANT REVIEW



You go to a restaurant for the food and the ambiance, not for the name, right? No, not when you dedicate a restaurant with the haunting name “ZōT”.

By Gerald van Wilgen It has a medieval ring to it which evokes the abbey beers they sell inside. In English however it sounds strange. When you call them, it’s “sod,” “sud,” or “soud,” not “zot” with a “Z” and a splatting “t”. I suspect **chef Bernard Dehaene** wanted to create a name with which he could easily recognize his Belgian and Dutch customers.

Moules et Frites is a staple of Belgian cuisine. In parts of the Netherlands too, but we’re not that religious about it. But that doesn’t mean we don’t like to eat it. Add in the beer and there we have it, an irresistible trinity: mussels, beer and Zot.

When you enter Zot, which is **located at 122 Lombard Street**, you can see the Delaware river. The interior is stylish but unassuming. The elements that stand out are the refrigerators with the glass doors with the many kinds of, mostly, Belgian beer, a backgammon table and a painting of Eddie Mercx. Erwin and I are Dutch so, naturally we went there on Monday night - all you can eat mussels and fries for \$ 25. This includes one draft beer.





The mussels are served with a 'puntzak' of fries which are hovering above your plate on a specially designed stand.

Chef Dehaene has been around, so don't expect your regular run of the mills basket of 'Oosterschelde' mussels cooked in a watery bath with leeks, onions and carrots. If you want it he will make it for you, but this man has traveled the world and as a good Burgundian, he likes to share. I tried the Mussels Philippiene with craft and calamanse (a kind a lime) and the Garlic Garlic and it was fantastic. The crab fat accentuated the ocean flavor and the calamanse gave it a nice twist. The Garlic Garlic, well a handful of garlic and a dollop of cream in a pot full of mussel was gratifying, but my wife had to disagree with me for some reason that night.

Bernard Dehaene is an experienced chef who previously owned The Mannequin Pis in Olney, MD. He came over to check on us a couple of times. Erwin asked him if it was true that you should only eat mussels during the months which carry the letter 'r'. Dehaene explained that he gets his mussels from Prince Edward Island, Canada where they are growing in a controlled environment. According to him they taste better than the Dutch mussels. Since they are farm raised mussels are available throughout the year. The reason however that, traditionally, the mussels were less desirable from May though August was that in those months the animals spawn. During this period they separate certain 'juices'. These make the mussel less tasty. In the olden days this was an approximate period because every individual mussel was on a different schedule, not in controlled circumstances it is possible to bridge the spawning period in a matter of weeks, not months.

"Do you play backgammon?" chef Dehaene asked when we were ready to leave. We were sitting at the bar and when we turned around, we saw three backgammon games laid on the restaurant table. Apparently the chef had another passion. Ignorant I said "tric-trac" but Erwin, who once played backgammon to save his life (but that's another story) corrected me, so I stayed away from the game. *Even if you don't like backgammon, Zot is a great experience.*

ZEILEN IN NEDERLAND IN DE ZOMER

Al vele jaren organiseren wij, **Exclusief Zeilinstituut De Bird te Heeg, Friesland**, zeilweken voor jong en oud. Ook dit jaar hebben wij weer een attractief programma, zoals staat vermeld op onze website: <http://www.debird.nl/>. Ieder seizoen weer komt een groot aantal kinderen van Nederlandse expatriates, uit diverse landen, bij ons op De Bird. Zij genieten dan van een fantastische week in eigen land. Zowel ouders als kinderen stellen het op prijs dat zij niet de enige cursisten zijn die uit het buitenland komen.

Daarom vinden wij het belangrijk een zo groot mogelijke groep ex-pats te informeren over De Bird en onze weken. Het is immers niet alleen voor de kinderen van uw leden geweldig, maar ook voor de kinderen van andere Nederlandse Verenigingen, om elkaar op De Bird te ontmoeten. Om hier de aandacht op te vestigen zouden wij daarom graag een banner op uw website willen plaatsen.

Daarnaast vestigen wij uw aandacht op de mogelijkheden om bij ons bijvoorbeeld een weekend te organiseren. We doen dit voor families, maar ook voor bedrijven of verenigingen. Zo was het mogelijk (geografisch en praktisch) om bijvoorbeeld een exclusief weekend voor de Nederlandse Vereniging Luxemburg te organiseren, welk begin juni dit jaar zal plaatsvinden. Dit doen wij in samenwerking met het bestuur van de NVL, te weten de heer Sibrand van Roijen. Mocht u meer informatie willen ontvangen over het organiseren van dergelijke weekenden, bijvoorbeeld voor families of misschien voor uw vereniging (of een reünie voor oud-leden terug in Nederland), dan vernemen wij dat graag zodat wij u daarover verder kunnen informeren.

Exclusief Zeilinstituut De Bird bestaat sinds 1965 en is al jaren de top als het om zeilopleidingen gaat. De basis hiervoor wordt gevormd door de unieke locatie, perfecte accommodatie, professionele staf en veelzijdigheid aan materiaal. De vloot van De Bird bestaat uit Optimisten, Laerlingen, Lasers, Buzz, Splash, Valken, catamaran, surfplanken en platbodems. Waterskien behoort eveneens tot de mogelijkheden.

Belangstellend zien wij uw reactie tegemoet.



(Dutch Jokes)

After another losing season Feyenoord head-coach Leo Beenhakker visits his friend Jesper Olsen who is Ajax' head coach. How do you do that? Beenhakker asks, how do you create such a successful team? Olsen answers that the secret is to train the players not only physically but also psychologically. "Let me give you an example," he says. He calls Litmanen and asks him a riddle: "It's your father's son, but it's not your brother." Without "blinking Litmanen says: "That's me."

Beenhakker, happy to have pried away one of Ajax' secrets returns back to the training field in Rotterdam immediately. The players are doing their warm ups and he calls Henk Vos, the striker. He asks him the riddle: "It's your father's son, but it's not your brother, who is it?" Vos scratches behind his head and says, "give me a minute." He jogs back to the players group to ask the same question. "It's me," Van Bronkhorst says. Vos jogs back to Beenhakker and says: "It's Van Bronkhorst." "No, stupid," Beenhakker replies agitated, "it's Litmanen."

A young soccer fan went to Rome, with his parents, to see the pope. The little boy, a devout Catholic, wanted to get the pope's attention and put on his brand new Feyenoord jersey. That afternoon many people are waiting on St. Peter's Square to get a glimpse of the Holy Father. After a while he appears but he doesn't see the little boy, instead he walks right by him to address another little boy wearing an Ajax jersey. In tears our boy throws away his Feyenoord jersey, drags his parents to a soccer store and have them purchase a really expensive Ajax field jersey. The next day he can barely get himself to put on the jersey. Religion, however trumps soccer, so he closes his eyes and puts on the shirt. A little later, on the square the pope comes out again and steps right toward him, the boy falls to his knees to receive the Holy Father's blessing. "Didn't I tell you yesterday to scam!"

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