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Mayville boys in Stuttgart

beat Ecuador

Pupils from Mayville High School had to return disappointed last week after they arrived at a stadium in Germany expecting to watch a World Cup match but the tickets had not been supplied. Following government talks with Fifa, the group of 23 were given tickets to see the England v Ecuador second round game on Sunday 25th June. Portsmouth Football Club paid for accommodation and transport costs.

[In Pictures: Mayville's World Cup Adventure >](#)**Jay Francis was one of the students who made the return trip to Germany. Here is his blog of an unforgettable weekend...****Friday 23rd June**

I'm on the ferry to France and it's amazing! Everyone's spirits are high, it's becoming more and more real as the journey goes on and we're all overwhelmed that we're going to see an England match. Sadly we can't get to sleep as the man opposite our group is snoring so loudly he drowns out all the 28 people in our group!

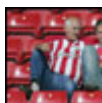


Jay and his Dad, Nigel

As the night goes on we are all slowly falling asleep one by one and as we drift into drowsiness we dream of how England will win the match on Sunday. Anyway, it's a long coach journey to Germany tomorrow so I'd better get some sleep.

Saturday 24th June

We have arrived in France and for breakfast the class ate in a cosy little restaurant on the roadside. Being in France is strange because nobody understands you and you feel

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Back on the coach

restricted but still we are all having fun.

The bus is nice but we have to make our own entertainment which is good and we are all happy. With only a few hours to our destination we are more excited than ever. Sleeping is not a problem and after last night we are all well and refreshed, our stomachs are full and we are smiling on our quest to

see a world cup match.

Sunday 25th June

We woke up really excited - it's not every day you wake in Germany ready to see a World Cup match. Before the game we went to a park and split into two teams and played a bit of football - in front of some cameras from German TV - I guess we are celebrities this weekend!

When we headed for the stadium it really began to kick in that this was the World Cup. The atmosphere was amazing - we had our Pompey tops on and were doing our Pompey and England chants. We were sitting behind one of the goals - it was the opposite end to the goal which Beckham scored in but we could see just how it curled and swung round into the goal.



At the stadium in Stuttgart

It was amazing when he scored. Everyone stood up and cheered and were still cheering five minutes after the kick off. Ecuador had a few chances but we made it through to the next round.

Monday 26th June

We're at a service station in Dover. After the game we got back on the coach and started the journey home. We slept on the coach as everyone was really tired - but everyone's started to wake up now. Looking back to yesterday, all the boys thought it was an amazing experience - seeing Beckham score the goal and the whole atmosphere - it was once in a lifetime opportunity.

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