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Tartan Army

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FANS DELIVER £20K TO ORPHANAGE

## Tribute to bike hero

MILITARY chiefs last night paid tribute to a Scots Navy hero killed in a horror bike smash.

Petty Officer Jamie Adam, 28, died after he and cop Chris Bradshaw's motorcycles crashed

and cop Chris Bradshaw's motorcycles crashed during the Manx Grand Prix on the Isle of Man. Chris, 39, of Tamworth, Staffordshire, lost his fight for life in hospital. A spokesman for HMS Sultan, where Jamie, of Prestwick, had just completed an air engineering course, said he had been "popular and professional", and added: "His tragic loss is felt deeply."

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# LITHUANIAV



BIG BANG THEORY . . . blind youngster gets to try out Tartan Army drum

From GRAEME DONOHOE Tartan Army Reporter, in Vilnius, Lithuania

THE Tartan Army carried out a hearts and minds mission at an orphanage in Vilnius yesterday - after local press warned our Scots fans are a SECURITY THREAT.

Lithuanian media caused a stir about our fun-lovin' fans when they suggested more cops would have to be drafted in to deal with violence.

But the caring troops showed a softer side and won over the locals by handing more than £20,000 worth of toys and cash to children's homes in Vilnius.

Craig Levein's Scotland take their first step on the road to

Craig Levein's Scotland take their first step on the road to Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine when they face Lithuania tonight in Kaunas.

But yesterday was all about winning over critics who dubbed the supporters as troublemakers.

A kilted delegation from the Tartan Army Children's Charity—including Real Radio DJ Cat Harvey—spread a little joy to some of the country's most deprived kids.

## **Thrilled**

The Scottish Football Association-The Scottish Football Association-endorsed charity donated £10,000 each to The Centre For The Blind and Children's Care Home Gile in Vilnius. Some of the cash will be spent building a kitchen — where the children can learn to cook — as well as basketball and football nitches

pitches.

Charity director Edvardas Javinskas beamed: "We are overjoyed at the generosity of the Scottish football fans.

"The children are so happy to know that there are people in another country who clearly care about them."

There were similar scenes of joy when the kilted troops marched into the children's home to the sound of the bagpipes.

Each youngster was presented with a rucksack containing a toy, pencil case and a Scotland

T-shirt.

Eleven-year-old Angelika
Petkeviciute ran away from home
two years ago.
She said: "My step-father was terrible. He used to beat me, my
mum and my brother. Almost every
day was violence. I had to get
away and it is much better here.
"We are so excited to see the
Scottish people and we can't
believe people from so far away
would help us like this."
Tragic Lena Katcuk, 11, has

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Tragic Lena Katcuk, 11, has lived in homes for five years with her six brothers and six sisters, ever since her parents were killed in a car crash. She





JOY . . . Lena, Angelika & pal



ON SONG . . . the pipers let rip

said: "Life has not been easy but the people who run the home are good to us. We have been looking forward to seeing the Scots men. They are kind-hearted."

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Cheeky Stanislav Lukjanov, 13, was taken into care five years ago. But he giggled: "This is generous. Thanks, but we will still beat you. Lithuania will win 3-0. This is a happy day.

"I only see my parents about once a month. They are alcoholics and have a lot of problems.

"They argue all the time on it was

"They argue all the time so it was better for me to come here. I'm happier now."

TACC patron Cat Harvey was over-

whelmed after seeing the child-ren's faces light up.

She said: "It puts football into perspective and it's great that so perspective and its great that so many Tartan Army supporters have put their hands in their pockets to raise so much money.

"A lot of nonsense has been written about our fans in the local papers, but I think this really shows what our fans are all about."

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TACC founder Carey McEvoy set up the fans' charity in 2006 for a visit to Ukraine.

He says fans have raised more than £150,000 and has pledged

Scotland travel there next month.

Commercial manager Carey, 38, from Edinburgh, said: "We can only do a small amount but even just a simple thing like a cuddle means so much to these kids.

"It's good to mix charity with football but none of this would be possible if the Tartan Army didn't all unite to dig deep and help out." help out."

To make a donation to the Tartan

another £20,000 to kids' homes in the Czech Republic when Scotland travel there next month.



# TORY COMES TO DEFENCE

EUROPE Minister David Lidington defended the Tartan Army yesterday as Lithuanian media slurs sparked a diplomatic row.

After one paper printed a picture of Celtic fans lifting their kilts, *left*, and another claimed Rangers fans had caused trouble, the top Tory said: "I have told the Lithuanians that the Tartan

Army are famous for their good behaviour.

"Scotland fans are excellent ambassadors for their country and I'm confident they will show why they win friends everywhere they trave



**BIRTHDAY BOY . . . Brian** 

Euro 2012 march — and confident Scotland will bounce back from last month's friendly defeat in Sweden.

Refuse collection worker Brian
Mason hopes Craig Levein's Bravehearts will deliver him the perfect
birthday present.
Brian, from Aber-

me celebrate

properly.
"I reckon the boys

will win 2-0 — no problem. I think this is the easy game. The tough one is Czech Republic away next month."

sriop worker Martin Heid, 26, also from Aberdeen, thinks Scotland will scrape a victory in Kaunas.

Martin, above, said: "I'm going for 1-0 Scotland with Kenny Miller getting the winner. I'm pretty confident.
"Sweden was a setback but we'll

have a totally different team out there against Lithuania. "I think Craig Lev-

s finally qualify for a nals. Let's face it. he

Dumfries, is also full of confidence. Don, above, said: "I think we'll coast it 2-0. We've got lots of players back that wouldn't play for George Burley.

"Play David Weir will do a job for year."

The defence against Sweden had only 12 caps between them, but Weir

only 12 caps between them, but Weir brings lots of experience to steady the ship.
"I'm not worried about his age because he's still good. He's last year's Player of the Year."
Soldier Craig Dickson, 29, from Edinburgh, is also backing boss Levein to

ing boss Levein to turn Scotland's fortunes around.

tunes around.
Craig, above, said: "He's a good manager and he won't take any nonsense. You won't get a Boozegate happening under him.
"I'm hopeful we will win 3-1 against Lithuania. Spain will win the group, but we've got enough about us to finish second."
Glasgow-born

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Derek Campbell, 34, from Luton, thinks 🛚 a draw is a solic

Taxi driver Alan McBain, 58, from

Aberdeen trinks Scotland will win — but only just.

He explained: "I think we'll win 2-1.

We'll go 2-0 up and they'll score just to make it a nervy finish, but we'll

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