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**CHAMPIONS
Tynecastle
Ladies FC -
winners of the
Italy Cup**

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Local ladies lift Italian Cup for the third time

By Paul Hunter

TYNECASTLE WOMEN'S football team - formerly Hailes United - won the Italy Cup for the third time in five years at the annual tournament in Verona.

They defeated Ellingsoy from Norway 3 - 1 with two goals by Susan Meikle and one by Gillian Simpson.

Tynecastle's six games were all played against Scandinavian opposition and they scored 16 goals while conceding only four.

Jim Brown, the team's manager/coach, said: "I

have seen better teams in the Cup but the quality was good and the teams were closer in ability than in previous years. Our finishing made all the difference."

THRILL

"The biggest thrill for most of the players was not simply to reach the final but to win the right to play in the Bentigodi Stadium, home of professional club, Verona, which was used in the 1990 World Cup Finals."

The team proved to be as popular as ever with their Italian hosts and, according to Jim, that is why they have also received invitations from countries such as Brazil and the USA to take part

in tournaments there.

He said: "They make so much noise that, psychologically, they've often won the game before they've even kicked-off. They're always singing and the like, which none of the other teams do."

HELP

"The Bentigodi area is quite like Wester Hailes so that also helped us get on well with the locals."

Once the week-long tournament was won, the team headed to Lake Garda near Venice for a well-deserved holiday for the next seven days

before returning to Edinburgh.

The aim now is to accept an invitation to compete in the Cleveland Cup in the United States during the 1994 World Cup.

SUPPORT

"We have had great support from groups in Wester Hailes such as the Management Agency, the Sentinel and Club 85 among others but if anyone has any spare air mile tickets or cash, we would be very interested to hear from them if we are going to make it to America," said Jim.

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