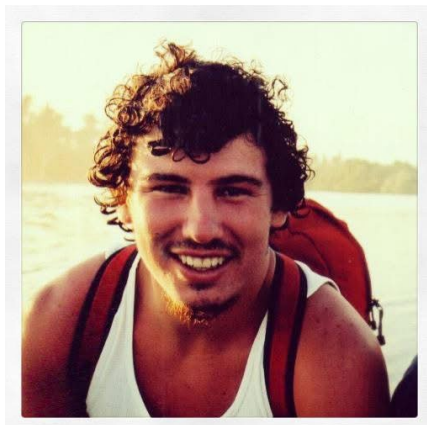


# Manuel Ignacio Gil

5 Jan 1979 - 3 May 2005 †



Manu was born in Argentina. He joined The Dukes when he was 24 following an invitation from Stefan Claes, whom he met while playing in a club in Mexico City while they both were living there.

He was warmly welcomed by everyone at The Dukes, especially Serva Urlings and his family, in August 2003.

In January 2004, he went on vacation to Argentina, always planning to return to Den Bosch, and there he was diagnosed with advanced skin cancer. He was never able to return.

He was part of this family for only five months, enough time for everyone he met there to stay with him, in one way or another, until the end.

In 2006, The Dukes created the Manu Trofee in his honor to reward the most promising young player of the season.

The Dukes' field was the last place where he played while feeling happy, strong and healthy.



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