

What Youth Soccer Has Meant to Me

Although I am only 17, I still feel like a kid at heart, and when I play soccer. I started playing soccer that the age of 5 and through all the two-a-day practices, tournaments every other weekend, and all the summer soccer camps, I wouldn't change a thing. I found out about 2 months ago what soccer really meant to mean in two totally different ways. In September I went to the doctor because I was having tremendous lower back pain and they said I had a bulging disc and would be out for 2 months. That didn't set well with me at all. I hated watching from the side-lines and almost went into depression because I couldn't bear the thought of not having soccer everyday in my life. When I came back from my back injury, I was more focused on my goal of playing soccer in college and taking it a little more serious, but at the same time being able to have fun. The other way I found out what soccer really meant to me was by reaching my goal. Next year I will be attending The University of Central Oklahoma to play soccer. It has been the most rewarding thing of my soccer career. I'm so glad and so proud that I have been able to stick with it for so long and it for it to finally pay off when it really counts. It has been such a blessing in my life and I'm so glad I've had the opportunity to play soccer at age 5 and age 17.