

What Youth Soccer Has Meant to Me

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Soccer has meant many things to me throughout my career. It has been a very significant experience during my life. I've played soccer since I was in first grade. I'm currently a member of two teams, my Norman North High School team and my Fury '86 team. Soccer has been a constant in my life, when many things have changed. It's given me something to be involved in and be passionate about. And when other things in life weren't that great I could always escape from those troubles through soccer. Soccer has also taught me many valuable lessons about life. Being part of a soccer team has taught me how to be a leader, how to get along with people, and how to challenge myself. A team is always looking for someone to step up and take charge, I have realized that I can't always be looking for someone else to do it; sometimes you have to take it upon yourself to get things done. Being part of a team is about getting over your differences when you are on the field, you have to look past the person's flaws and move on because you need everyone to get the job done. Soccer has been challenging. It has forced me to push myself both physically and mentally. It has helped me to realize that I can conquer obstacles even though they seem impossible. Along with learning many things about life and myself, I've made the most wonderful friends. My coaches have been some of the most important people in my life, and my teammates have been friends that I will always treasure. And you share a special bond, it doesn't matter who your friends are at school, or even what school you go to, because you are connected in a totally different way. Soccer has been such a positive experience, I've loved it. I've had a lot of good memories that I will carry with me forever and it has influenced me to be the person I am today.