

"What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me"

Youth soccer has played an enormous role in my life. It has taught me skills for success that I have needed both on and off the field. I have also made many close friends as I have competed my entire life.

I have been the captain of my club team every year since Under 11's. This is an honor that I take very seriously and work hard to lead by example and to give the advice necessary when I see fit. I believe my teammates respect me and that just makes a person feel like they are doing something right. I don't know what my life would be without youth soccer. I would not be having the success in school, with friends, or in my future playing career at Creighton University if it had not been for youth soccer in Oklahoma.

I sincerely love that feeling of stepping onto the pitch on a Saturday morning or on a Friday night for a high school match. The joy the game brings to me will never change, even when I become too old to play.

As high school graduation approaches, people I have played with for over 10 years are all going their separate ways. It makes me think of all the memories I have from my years of playing. These moments are what we live for and what we grow to cherish so much.