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“What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me”

I have been playing soccer since I was five years old. Growing up playing soccer has taught me so much more than just dribbling, passing, and shooting. Soccer is a game of skill, talent, and drive, something you are not just born with. Youth soccer has taught me hard work, discipline, dedication, and teamwork. All of these skills have helped me throughout my life and not just with soccer, but with school and work as well. I believe that participating in a sport at a young age helps develop the player as a whole. I don't think I would have become the person I am today without all of the experiences I have gained from youth soccer of meeting new people, overcoming challenges, traveling, working hard, and most importantly having fun.

Thirteen years later, I am still playing soccer and loving it. Without youth soccer, I would not have had so much fun growing up. Soccer, especially through my teen years, has been my “get away” from any stress in life. Soccer helps me clear my head and gets my mind off of any rough times I may be going through. It has become such a big part of my life. I have met so many new people and become good friends with many of them. It has given me memories that will last a lifetime. It has made strive to do my best, not just for myself but for my teammates as well.