

## WHAT YOUTH SOCCER MEANS TO ME

TO ME YOUTH SOCCER IS A WAY OF LIFE. I HAVE PLAYED SOCCER ALL OF MY LIFE UP UNTIL THIS PAST YEAR. IT IS MY FAVORITE SPORT BY FAR. I STARTED PLAYING WHEN I WAS FOUR IN OVERHOLSER. I DONT REALLY REMEMBER WHY I STARTED BUT I KNOW I LOVED PLAYING. AFTER I MOVED TO NORMAN I CONTINUED TO PLAY. AFTER FINISHING REC SOCCER I BECAME COMPETITIVE. MY FIRST YEAR I PLAYED ON THE MAGPIES W/ A FRIEND OF MINE. THE NEXT SEASON I SWITCHED AND STARTED TO PLAY CELTIC. I PLAYED CELTIC ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL MY SENIOR YEAR. INSTEAD OF PLAYING THIS YEAR I DECIDED TO COACH MY LITTLE BROTHERS U10 TEAM. IT HAS GIVEN ME A VERY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE GAME. I UNDERSTAND THE GAME ALOT MORE NOW + DO MY BEST TO TRY AND TEACH THE BOYS HOW TO ABOVE ALL HAVE FUN. THAT IS ONE THING I<sup>L</sup> HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN WHILE IVE PLAYED. IF YOUR NOT HAVING FUN THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING. ANOTHER THING THAT IS GOOD ABOUT YOUTH SOCCER IS IT GIVES KIDS SOMETHING TO DO + WORK HARD AT. IT TEACHES TEAMWORK + HARDWORK WHICH ARE GOOD QUALITIES TO INSTALL IN CHILDREN. SOCCER HAS HELPED ME TO BE A BETTER PERSON + TO MAKE ME WORK HARD AT SOMETHING I DO. I REALLY LOVE THE GAME + AM GLAD FOR THE PART IT HAS PLAYED IN MY LIFE.