

What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

Youth soccer for me has meant more than just playing a sport, having something to do on Saturday afternoons, or simply the snacks after the game. It meant being a part of something; a team. While I didn't recognize it when I was younger, I see now that I wasn't a part of the soccer team; the soccer team was a part of me. People joke when they say "there is no 'i' in team", but I don't think anyone really realizes how crucial of a lesson that is for a young child to learn. I was so busy trying to help my team with my skills that I didn't realize what the team was doing for not only my skills, but for me as a person. I learned so much playing soccer but the best thing is that I had so much fun doing it. I am a firm believer that if you enjoy what you are doing you are more likely to come away with so much more than if you hated it. Well, I loved soccer and it became a large part of me and my goals in life. I was so proud to be a part of my team I almost didn't want to grow up because opportunities like that don't come around as easily. Everyone in the back of their mind, whether they are willing to admit it or not, knows that they want to be a part of something. I was a part of something great, and that has helped sculpt me to be the person I am proud to be today and hope to be in the future.

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