



"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."- 1 Timothy 4:8

SUCCESS IN DEFEAT

We've all heard the saying that the game is never over until the final whistle. Well, that whistle officially blew at 4.30 pm on Saturday February 10 as the Hurricanes HS Girls brought our season to an end in Dallas. At first glance, their 4-0 defeat suggests a disappointing conclusion to the past 4 months of hard work and commitment. But if we look a little closer, and adopt the right perspective, we'll see just why the 8 hour round trip, 2 games on the same day, a 0-0 tie and 4 goal loss represents a resounding success. Why? Because, when all is said and done, our win/loss record is not the measuring stick for assessing how well a team has done. In the big picture context of why HCYA Hurricanes exists, results matter in the moment, but ultimately, they are irrelevant. The Hurricanes program is, as we've often repeated and consistently hash-tagged, is so much **MORE THAN SOCCER**. Competitive yes. All-consuming, no. Enjoying defeat, not a chance. Allowing setbacks to defeat or define us, never!

"Despite the weather we had an amazing day of soccer and fellowship. Having the two teams eat lunch together was just great. My girls had such good stories to tell. They made friends, they talked soccer and most importantly they shared with each other showing that opponents are not your adversary but rather people just like you!" – Coach Chumley

The Hurricanes culture centers around a proper understanding of our purpose. And that is to glorify God – to put Him on display regardless of the outcome of a game. Of course, this naturally involves the pursuit of excellence and a deep desire to be the best we can be both individually and collectively. After all, Scripture tells us to, "Run (the race) in such a way as to get the prize" (1 Corinthians 9:24). It is our duty as Christian athletes and coaches to strive passionately to win. But we must never lose sight that soccer/sport is a cruel taskmaster, and that our valiant efforts on the field may simply not be enough to succeed in a way the world judges success. There are so many ways to "win" other than simply putting the ball in the net more times than your opponent!

And so to the HS Girls (and families) who spent their entire Saturday repping for HCYA Hurricanes...Congratulations, great job. We are proud of you! Your witness on the field was significant and impactful, as Head Coach, Brad Chumley was eager to point out: "We had so much fun, we love you guys, and your girls are amazing representatives of HCYA.....soccer and Christ!"

THE SEASON AT A GLANCE

October 17 through February 10 has been quite a journey:

- 2,250 minutes of practice per team (6 teams)
- 25 post session devotionals on "Living by the Book"
- 116 Games played
- 55 wins. 51 Losses. 10 Ties. 258 goals for. 233 goals against
- Hundreds (thousands) of miles on the road
- Exhilarating wins and heartbreaking losses
- Shots on target and shots in the trees; near misses, close calls, unbelievable saves and incredible goals; silky skills, brave defending, hustle, heart and heroism; lessons in life, leadership and playing for the love of the game. And in all things and at all times, a covering in prayer for each other as well as for our opponents



This is success. This is HCYA Hurricanes. This is why we keep coming back. So until next time: "GOOO Hurricanes!"

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. YEAR END CELEBRATION BANQUET

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24 @ 7.00 PM – FREEDOM FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

2. POST-SEASON TRAINING

**STARTS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH THURSDAY MAY 3 (10 WEEKS, 20 SESSIONS)
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- ✓ Individual skills development**
- ✓ Speed, agility and fitness**
- ✓ Small-sided games**
- ✓ Full-field scrimmages**
- ✓ Multiple goals for shooting/finishing practices**
- ✓ Daily devotionals and prayer**