

A NEXT GENERATION LEADER...



SYDNEY "SYDO" VANHORN

"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

SOMETIMES YOU WIN. SOMETIMES YOU LEARN!

With 59 games played already this season, each Hurricane team has enjoyed just about every emotion possible. From the joy of victory to the agony of defeat; the exhilaration of last minute wins to the devastation of last minute losses. But at all times, there's been opportunities to learn and grow. In fact, it's in defeat that we perhaps learn the greatest lessons. Here are just a few:

- Losing allows us to recognize and work on areas of weakness
- Losing keeps us humble
- Losing makes us appreciate the times of success
- Losing helps us rejoice with/for the victors (this is a tough thing to do!)

We all prefer to be "winners", of course, but let's be sure to learn from the challenges which come from the crucible of defeat. As Winston Churchill wisely, stated, "Success is never final; failure is never fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."

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Sports Quest is dedicated to sharing Biblical truth to reach, teach & encourage next generation leaders through soccer. Over the years, we have been privileged to see God at work, as former players have not only returned to become coaches within the ministry, but have also become leaders away from the soccer field. The following testimony of "player turned coach/mentor" is just one example of how soccer ministry truly does make an impact...

*"My name is Sydney Vanhorn - or "Sydo" as Coach Jim likes to call me, and Sports Quest and the Hurricanes has played a major part in me becoming a **NEXT GENERATION LEADER!** I had the privilege to play for the Hurricanes the very first year homeschool started a girls team. I played the following two years, my Junior and Senior year of high school, and continued to play at Toccoa Falls College, where I was awarded athlete of the month and First Team All-Region player of 2016. I played all the way until I graduated in May 2017 and now have the opportunity to come back and coach the Hurricanes middle school girls team!*



Obviously, from a time standpoint, soccer has always been a huge part of my life. However, it has also helped shape me into who I am today. I was beyond blessed during my time as a Hurricane. The Sports Quest coaches I had taught me more than just soccer skills. They taught me what it meant to work hard, look out for others, play competitively yet with character and ultimately how to glorify God in everything I do. They showed me how to take something that I love doing and turn it into a means to spread the gospel. The Sports Quest coaches I had during my time with the Hurricanes and the coaches I had in college all poured into my life in such a real way. Yes, they cared about winning, improving soccer skills, all that good stuff, but more importantly they cared about me as a player.



I have seen and experienced the impact a coach can have on a player's life and that is why I am so excited to be on this side of soccer now. I miss playing, but coaching the middle school girls team has been a huge blessing in my life. I have learned so much through this sport and now to pass it on to another generation of girls brings unimaginable joy. Sports Quest and the Hurricanes are such cool ministries to be a part of and I am glad that God uses them the way He does."

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