



“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

SEIZE THE DAY!

With just 2 sessions remaining and only a handful of games to be played, we surely ask ourselves yet again, “Where did the time go?” While we know intuitively that time never stands still, we sometimes wish it did. That we could roll back the weeks, months, even years to have a taste of what we once believed would last forever. The message to the players (and parents) of HCYA Hurricanes is always the same: Enjoy and embrace the journey of homeschool soccer. By design, it IS a different “product” to club soccer – it’s an alternative to the often (but not always) “everyman for himself” mentality which is ruining youth sports. It is no coincidence that over the past three years, the percentage of 6 to 12 year-olds playing soccer regularly has dropped nearly 14 percent, to 2.3 million players, according to a study by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. And to add further perspective, soccer has lost more child participants than any other sport!

So it is with great satisfaction that we “promote” an environment where Christ-likeness is valued more than collecting trophies; where success is measured not in terms of a win-loss record or creating a production line of college bound athletes. Success as a Hurricane is found when he/she recognizes their true worth in God’s sight; when the Word of God equips them to live a life worthy of the Lord (Colossians 1:10), and when their sport of choice is seen not only as an enjoyable pastime, but also as a platform for developing life-long friendships. Scripture and Soccer CAN go together. The Bible and a Ball can co-exist. But when the worlds of soccer and the Christian faith collide, there is only ever going to be one winner. As a Christian soccer coach, I am more interested in attitude than achievement, in encouraging Godliness more than goalscoring and respect for others more than self-centeredness.

And, just to be sure, we DO want to win games of soccer! We DO strive for individual and collective skill development. We DO hurt when we lose. Equally, we DON’T travel hundreds of miles not to compete. We DON’T put in hours of practice to (intentionally) under-achieve on the field but we DON’T lose sight that this is just a game! It is a season of life to be enjoyed and not endured, and if this ever becomes the case, then we must reassess our expectations of a program which is purposely, strategically and unashamedly, SO MUCH MORE THAN SOCCER!



Tuesday Devo: “Rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all” (Proverbs 22:2)

Takeaway: Whether you’re Cristiano Ronaldo making around 110 million dollars a year playing professional soccer for a living, or if you’re on minimal wage or no wage at all – God is the same Creator of both! Every person is of great value to God, regardless of status or fame. Our worth comes from the the sacrifice of Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save us from our sins. YOU ARE GOD’S MOST PRIZED POSSESSION!

Thursday Devo: “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest – and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man” (Proverbs 24: 33-34)

Takeaway: Crowned World Cup Champions in 2014, Germany was eliminated in the first round of World Cup 2018. Over the span of just 4 years, they’d become overconfident and paid a heavy price. COMPLACENCY LEADS TO DOWNFALL!

Looking forward to seeing you next week!

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