



“Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness”- 1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB)

## HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 15

And just like that...It was over! Finished. Training for the 2019/20 season officially ended on a cold, rainy, but memorable day on Tuesday January 28. The highly anticipated in-house tourney proved once again that players of all ages and experiences CAN get along in an atmosphere of joy and friendly competition. Sandwiched between the Hurricanes' technical skills and tactical awareness was much laughter and freedom to simply enjoy the game. And, an invitation for players to reclaim their childhood without the pressure of having to be the best, achieve the most or lose the least. On this day, none of that mattered. While scores were kept and a random “league” formed, the emphasis of FUN could not be overstated. For some (Seniors), this was their last hoorah before moving on to (almost) adult life. For others, it was their first taste of soccer at its purest. Kinda like street soccer in the “good old days!” Perhaps fittingly, the tournament champions had named themselves “The Black Mambas” – the nickname of basketball legend Kobe Bryant who tragically lost his life, along with 8 others just 2 days earlier. Somehow and very soberingly, the heartbreaking reality of such a devastating loss drew a line under all that we had discussed throughout the season:

- That the Christian life should be characterized by spiritual discipline
- That we should walk in humility, just as Jesus Himself did
- That MOST IMPORTANTLY, life is uncertain, unpredictable – sometimes exhilarating, other times debilitating. Just when we feel we're in control, our world suddenly falls apart. Or in our darkest hour of doubt and despair, we receive encouragement to press on from a kind word from a friend, or from God through His holy Word

Our message over the past 27 sessions has been consistent. We haven't tried to sugar coat the truth of man's mortality. Instead, we've engaged in “tough talk” since the Gospel needs to be told, heard and received. It might be years, even decades before one turns to Jesus Christ to forgive them of their sins – to acknowledge their need for a Savior and to begin walking in the light of His grace, mercy and love. And yet maybe, just maybe, a Word was received or a Scripture memorized which made an eternal impact. Ours is not to know the who, when, why or how behind a person's decision to yield their life to Christ (become a Christian). No. We are called simply to care and to share. It is God's role to convict and convert! If any of the following Scriptures from 2019/20 resonate or strike a chord, then understand it is GOD speaking to our heart. These are not man's words, but our Creator's:

- All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Delight yourself in the Lord! (Psalm 37:4)
- How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. (Romans 10:15)
- Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13)
- What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14)
- Whenever you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. For they make their faces unattractive so that their fasting is obvious to people (Matthew 6:16)
- Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34)
- Pour out your heart before Him (Psalm 62:8)
- The wise store up knowledge (Proverbs 10:14)
- God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6)

Thanks for a great season, and see you on at the Banquet!

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# HCYA HURRICANES 2019/20 SEASON



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **1. YEAR END BANQUET – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21**

- See HCYA Hurricanes App for details (under “Events”)

## **2. POST SEASON TRAINING (AGES 11-18 YEARS) AND SKILLS TRAINING (AGES 5-10 YEARS)**

- Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 am
- First session is Tuesday February 25 (NOTE: No sessions during Spring Break week – March 19)
- The training location is North Oaks Baptist Church, 18411 Stuebner Airline Rd. Spring, TX 77379
- The focus of the sessions will be on individual skill development, speed and agility as well as decision-making through small-sided games
- Each session will close with a short devotional and prayer
- Players will be separated according to age and ability
  - a. 5-10 years
  - b. 11-18 years
- Two training options are available for players aged 11-18
  - a. 10 weeks (\$195) per player
  - b. 8 weeks (\$160) per player
- A \$20 discount applies to siblings
- One training option is available for players aged 5-10 years
  - a. 8 weeks (twice per week)
  - b. \$100 per player
  - c. Discounted introductory rate
- Players are required to bring a soccer ball; shin guards and water
- Register online at [www.sqsoccer.com](http://www.sqsoccer.com)

## **3. HAITI SOCCER MISSION TRIP – JUNE 16-21**

- See HCYA Hurricanes App for details (under “News”)

## **4. SQ/HCYA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM VERSUS KINGS ACADEMY FROM ENGLAND – APRIL 7**

- Details to follow