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Experience in the Air Force Academy Soccer Team

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Abstract

My name is Hector Fernando Pineda Euceda. I was born in a city called Comayagua, in the Republic of Honduras, Central America. I am a fourth year exchange student at the Air Force Academy in the Republic of China (Taiwan). This short paper is a summary of my experiences in the soccer team at the R.O.C. Air Force Academy, which I would like to share with you.

A brief introduction of my soccer history

I was born in a city called Comayagua, in the Republic of Honduras, Central America. I am a fourth year exchange student at the Air Force Academy in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

I had been playing soccer since I was 5 years old, but stopped playing soccer at age of 13. I had almost forgotten the feeling of playing soccer. After I came to Taiwan, I could retry to join the ROCAFA's soccer team since the freshman year.

In fact, half of my life had been made of playing soccer, and so, when I came to Taiwan and I realized that there was a soccer team in the air force academy, I didn't think twice to join the



team.

The ups and downs in the soccer training

I joined the ROCAFA' s soccer team since I was a freshman. There were many reasons why I decided to join the team. One of them was because my foreign senior recommended it, but the most influential reason was because I liked to play soccer. I enjoyed playing soccer and this sport made me feel relaxed.

When we were third-year cadets, we participated in many soccer competitions. Although soccer was not played very often in Taiwan, there were good soccer players. Then we met the current soccer coach, who also taught us many important things about soccer. Thanks to him, we have won many matches in soccer competitions. I share many unforgettable moments of playing soccer with my teammates, moments of sadness when we lost a game and joy when we won.

Our fourth year was a time of joy, as we managed to enter the national competition of the third class soccer. Even though I started to play soccer before coming to Taiwan, I had learned many important things from the Taiwan Air Force soccer team. I keep in my heart all the games, which I joined, the games we won as well as the one we lost. The important proverb was that practice makes perfect.

Half of my life has been made playing soccer. Sometimes we won, and sometimes we failed, but I never thought playing soccer as a responsibility, rather, as a way to keep me relaxed. It made me feel very happy to get the feeling back of kicking a ball. The most important is to try our best.

A brief introduction of the coach and players

When I was sophomore, our coach, Guo-wei Ye, taught us a lot of things about soccer. He was preparing us for the competition when there was a typhoon in Taiwan. Still, we had to continue our training. He was an excellent coach. When he taught us, he not only told us how to do some things, like throwing a pass, stopping the ball, kicking the ball, etc., but also showed us how to do things.



He was a really good coach.

I also remember the captain of the team, a very good player. His ability to lead the team was very good. There were many good soccer players, including Jia-sha Ma. Although we did not have enough time for training and we did not get into the final competition, we learned many things.

Conclusion

Soccer is a sport that must be learned, to throw a pass, stop the ball, shoot the goal, defend, and attack, but I realize that Taiwanese people learn very fast. I think people Taiwan have a good potential. It is only a matter of practicing.

Practice makes perfect. For whatever sport, we will be good enough to compete with anyone else only if we practice enough. Many international soccer stars start to practice from nothing, so they become who they are now, for example Ronaldinho, Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo, and many other famous soccer players.

I play soccer in Taiwan, and I feel very happy to get the feeling back of kicking a ball, running with the ball in the feet, facing a goal post and shooting to the frame. I won't say I am a very good playing soccer. I just enjoy it and have fun playing it. Although I am the eldest in the team, my performance is not so bad. I hope that the next ones that come to be part of the team do not take it as an obligation, but, as a sport that they like and that they want to learn more every day.

I feel thankful to my four colleagues for sharing these four years playing soccer at my side, the coaches who have taught us many things, and the other team members and people who have supported us in each competition, bringing us encouragement to move forward.

At the moment I am going to graduate in a few days, and I think it is difficult to have an opportunity to come to Taiwan again, but if I do, I long to come and look for my soccer team to recall these moments together. I hope that the team continues to progress and



that one day our team can advance to the first place. I also hope to remember them and someday I can return to Taiwan and find that our team members are always eager to play soccer like we are now.

R. O. C. Air Force Academy!!! Go Go Go!!!



Fig.1. Photo of 104 school year R. O. C. Air Force Academy Soccer team (I was in the second row, the second player from the left.)

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