

Day 6.

Today started with a light breakfast and then we headed straight to training where we did a light 40 minutes running, technical work and some ball striking. Good way to get the stiffness out of our legs after the rafting. Then back to the Hotel for some lovely ice baths and then lunch at 11:45. After lunch we had a brief team meeting about the game, the guys looked very focused and in tune. We arrive at the fields at 2:00, kickoff at 3:00 so after the warm-up we told ourselves no matter who we play we control the result with our own performance. What a great performance it was, against undoubtedly the best team we have played. We really took the game to them and they struggled to find a way to get at us as the team showed great tactical understanding, so as the game wore on we started looking dangerous; then we got a corner..... Karson whips it in and Mike Hodgen rises and no it can't be... yes it is.... GOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLLLL!!!! GOOOOAAAAALLLLLLLLLL!!!! Fantastic we are 1 up with 10 minutes left in the half. We are 1 up till 30 seconds left in the half.... yup you guessed it we lose the ball on the wing and bang 1-1..... and its half time. So I applauded the guys for their 1st half and challenged them to better it in the second half and we did! We had three 1 v 1s with the keeper and a goal disallowed, for what I'm not too sure??? Then on the counter we lose the ball again on the wing and we are 2-1 down. The guys reacted well and gave all they could, but we just couldn't find the net again. But wow what a great game, our best so far. MVP today was Taylor Peay; he played like a giant in the back line. Well done boy!

So after a long ride home, we reflected on the game and decided we have a lot to play for tomorrow and today's performance would help tomorrow. After dinner we had a Region IV Talent Show; some very good, some not so good, but they all tried. After that we had a 9:00 PM pool work out. Then back to our floor and then lights out. Tomorrow we have a great day planned as we are doing a city tour and then spending time with a orphanage. Oh yeah and we play Costa Rica U1-7 National Team tomorrow afternoon. What a great experience. After the game we have the closing ceremonies and dinner. Overall, another good day with a very good performance on the field.

Till tomorrow,

Coach Reece



Action in front of the Region IV goal



Region IV and Alajuela



The judges, "Randy, Paula and Simon"
aka, Steve, Holly and Richard



The Talent Show winners, Carlos, Mike & Tommy