

Day 7.

OK well we have a busy day planned today.

After a quick breakfast we headed over to the local orphanage to spend some play time with the kids. This was a fantastic experience for the boys and the staff as the little ones where all about playing and climbing all over the guys. So after playing chase and shooting hoops we had a group sing-a-long, then it was time to leave and head to downtown San Jose. We stopped off at a local market and did a little shopping.

We then rallied and head back to the hotel for a pre-game lunch come 3:00 pm it was game time and we had the chance to play the Costa Rican National team. The game was our final one of the trip and we were very excited to get after our opponents. We started very well and Richey scored the goal of the week with an upper 90 drive from 35 yards....WOW what a strike. Just before halftime CR equalized! The 2nd half started a little faster than we were ready for and CR scored their 2nd goal. As we chased the game and put them under pressure we lost a player due to a red card and this knocked us of stride a little. But we were still in the game as the time wore on we had to put more numbers forward and right at the end of the game we were caught by a counter attack to make the game 3-1 CR. MVP for this game was again Taylor Peay, well done T.

Overall we showed well again in this game and as I look at the week we were competitive in all 4 games; with a bit of luck the ties could have been wins but that's soccer! I was very happy with the performance of the team and we improved from day one to day six so that was very pleasing.

I think the guys have learned a lot about themselves as players and also what is needed to succeed at the highest level, which is great timing as many of them venture off to college next season. Good Luck guys and thanks for such a great trip.

Coach Reece



At the orphanage



Downtown Jose



What do you mean a "foul"?



A header by a Costa Rica player.