

Darcy McFarlane stride for greatness

“(Playing Stanford) was one of my proudest moments just because it was one of my best games because I proved to myself that I deserved to be on the field.” Darcy McFarlane wasn’t a starter at North Carolina University when she was a freshman. She was not happy with her performance so she practiced really hard and trained during the off-season. It was an important game for her because she came from the bay area so she was very familiar with the team. She knew a lot of people in the area, and she wanted to prove that she could compete with Stanford.

“So I just worked really hard tried to like do my best in practice to try to prove and get to the point where i has good enough to play in the games” I can relate to this because one time I played on a team with 14 year olds while I was ten and they were all way bigger and stronger than me so I had to work really hard to be able to compete with them and it showed the first game I played I dribbled the ball up the field and striked it right into the top corner it ended up hitting the post but I proved that I could compete and play with them.

Darcy told me about a game where she was really fired up for the game. She actually started that game and described it as one one of her proudest moments playing soccer. This reminded me of when we were in the state cup semi finals and we were down by one and I got fouled by the half way line. All I remember is my coach yelling “far post” and me making it right in the top corner to tie it up. I also scored another goal to win it. We won the state cup the next game so I think that's my proudest moment.

Darcy said that when she got to college the other players were really good. At first she didn't get a lot of playing time but she worked really hard and got to the point where she was starting and was proud of her performance. I think this is really cool because I believe that playing with better players makes you better which is why I enjoy playing with older teams more than teams my own age. I always want to win and be the best and I hate losing. I love getting better so I can perform better and help my team as much as I can.

I've learned from Darcy to never stop working and that you won't always be the best and you just can't stop working. You have to push and push and work as hard as you can and if you are willing to do that you can achieve anything you want. If you put in the work you will see the results. If you aren't working your hardest there will always be someone else working harder and getting better than you but if you work hard anything is possible.

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