The First Time I Played Soccer

By Mateo Austi Couriel

It was the World Cup of 2014. It was the most important game Argentina vs Germany. I didn’t understand the rules, and I didn’t know what team was playing at the minute 118 about 2 minutes from the penalty shootout, but a player called Mario Götze from Germany took the title from us. My family was crying and sad. Everyone was quiet without saying any word. We watched Germany winning the World Cup. Four years later it was world cup 2018 time, and I understood the rules and knew all the rules and the national teams that were playing on the World Cup. The 1st game was Argentina vs Croatia and we lost 3-0. The last game of the group stage was against Nigeria, and we won 2-1. Then in round 16 of the 2018 World Cup, we played against France, and we lost 4-3. We were eliminated and guess what? France the champion of the world cup and the Croatia’s best player Luka Modric was the best player of the tournament. Then 3 years later Argentina was the most important tournament in the continent of America. The America Cup and in the Final Argentina vs Brazil after a 90 regular minutes of the game we won 1-0 and we rose to the 15th America Cup in our history. One year later we played the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. We got to the Final after suffering every game but the most important game in the year 2022 had arrived. 120 minutes in we scored 6 goals 3 for France and 3 for us (Argentina). Then the definitive moment had arrived! The penalty shoot-out. It was all or nothing. At the last penalty for us we scored! Argentina were the champions of the world. Finally, after 36 years we won, and 5 or 6 million people went to celebrate.

The Family Treasure Hunt for the Golden Egg

Denzel Baxcajay-Charrez

Me and my family were hunting for eggs, but my family did not know I hid all the eggs, especially the most special egg in the whole wide world. So, I gave them a head start. “Ready 3,2,1 off you go!“ My family had an idea to get all the eggs. I saw them whisper to each other. They all went to the back and found some eggs and counted them all, “1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10!” Then I said, “Everyone must rock, paper, scissors to get the golden egg.” I was surprised but my brother won the victory. So, I gave the golden egg to my brother. He was so excited.

One Random Day

By Sara Cachima Palomino

On a Saturday me and my best friend A.K.A Gabby in my classroom and other people in the class were playing a game together. The game was Roblox. But this day was not the funniest or weirdest day for the group of friends that was playing with us. Anyways let’s start off by saying I was the only one on vr and the others were on phones or iPads. The group of friends were dying of laughter because I was there trying to grab Gabby away to not go to that one-person whose avatar looks like Geto Gabby’s **“boyfriend”**. “Yooo Sara just let Gabby go to him,” said one of the boys in the group. “Fine you want to see what would happen?” I said, “SARA DON’T DO IT!” “Please?” said Bella a girl in the other class of 5th grade. Then I let Gabby go. She went running like she was Flash. “HI, MY POOKIE BOOKIE BEAR,” said Gabby grabbing the poor person, The group was just looking at me like what did I just do. “Sara why? Just why?” said Bella and another girl. Anyways after that I would never let Gabby go again.

My Dog

By Jaxson Clifford

Nov 26, 2022, I just finished a baseball game and on our way to the dog shelter to get a dog. There were so many dogs to choose from. Labs, Pitbulls, Poodles. I looked in one’s eyes, and I bonded with a Pitbull named Butterscotch. I asked my parents, “Can we get him?” And they said yes but apparently, it was only a meet and greet. Turns out he loves truck rides, and he sleeps with Noah too. He has light brown colors with lines of white. He plays aggressive but he is so sweet he wiggles with excitement when we walk through the door. Literally he wiggles. So we named him Blaze or Blazey. And then, we rescued a dog.

Triple In Largo

By Sawyer Colton

Do you play any sports? If you do you’ve probably had a major moment happen right? Well, I’m going to tell you about a major moment in my sport. It was my turn up to bat. My hands were shaking. But then I calmed myself down and stepped in the box. The pitcher started his windup and pitched the ball. I watched it go by; it was a strike. The pitcher started his second pitch. The ball came out of his hands. WHAM! I hit the ball to the back fence. I rounded first. The ball was only midway through the outfield when I touched second. So, I went to third. I had to slide so I did, and the ump called me safe. I felt amazing! Two runs scored I saved the game.

Getting My Pet Roly Poly

By: Natalie Fogelman

It was just a normal day. Four-year-old me was sitting on the couch watching Peppa Pig when there was a knock on the door! I stood up to look out the window. My dad went to open the door and that’s when I saw it! My next-door neighbor Katlyn standing in the doorway with a three-foot cage. I walked over to her with a smile and said, “Hi Katlyn, why do you have a cage?” She replied with a gesture for me to look inside. There, nibbling some left-over kibble was a tiny black, white, and gold fluff chewing happily! I replied to this adorable sight with a squeal and said, “What is it?” “She is a Guinea Pig!” Katlyn replied. “Why did you bring her here?” I asked, “If your parents say yes then she’s yours!” “REALLY!” I said not believing what I had just heard. My dad just looked at me and said, “I don’t see why not.” “Yay what’s her name” I asked excitedly. My next-door neighbor replied simply with “Ginger.” I asked if I could rename her. She said sure, and that’s how I ended up with my guinea pig Roly Poly!

Why Percy Jackson is Better Than Harry Potter (Warning! Spoilers)

By Penelope Rose H.

The Son of Poseidon or the Boy Who Lived, who would win in a fight? Some would argue that Harry would win because he has any ability he wants. On the other hand, Percy can do anything to any water-based liquid. For example, Percy can blood-bend in the Heroes of Olympus series which is extremely dangerous. I would personally choose Percy. Harry did defeat the darkest wizard of all time, but he was 17. Meanwhile Percy literally fought a GOD when he was 12, plus he walked away unscathed and injured the GOD OF WAR. Harry has no physical combat skills while Percy fights with his magical sword Riptide or Anaklusmos. Some say Harry is more mentally strong, but Percy went through Tartarus, the most mentally scarring place and is still sane. When did Harry get betrayed by one of the only people who “cared” about him at age 12? Well, that happened to Percy. And Percy also got kidnapped by an angry goddess and lost his memory when he was a teenager. “But oh, Harry has a prophecy about him.” Well guess what, I think Percy is way stronger than Harry Potter, both mentally and physically.

Microphone and Friends

Ximena Maye-Cruz

It was a nice Saturday afternoon. I was really bored, so I decided to send a text message to my friends to see if they were online. I saw that they were online and already in a call, so I decided to join in the call with them. I said hello and said how was everybody’s day so far. They said that they were great, and their day was going good. We were all bored, so we asked what would we like to do. After a bit we all agreed to play some games. We worked all together to solve a puzzle, and we won the first round. After that we didn’t win the second round, and I started to scream in the microphone. One of my friends started screaming also. She and I were screaming in the microphone like crazy people. Then we all started to scream in the microphone. It was all fun and games and we had fun together in the end.

The Day I Got Gracie

Emmalyn Mullaney

It felt like we were driving for hours. We were on our way to get our new dog renamed to ‘Gracie’ from ‘Miss Piggy’. My stomach was curling with excitement about the new sweet puppy. We pulled in and walked up to the front office area. “Wait one moment while I get her,” the front office lady said. Wait? I’ve waited for 3 months since my parents told me we were getting her! Impatiently, I waited for about 10 minutes, until I heard small dog steps from behind the door. My eyes opened wide, could this be her? It MUST be her! I’ve waited too long for it not to be her! The door opened and out came a small black and white puppy! I bent down and reached out to pet her; she willingly jumped into my arms. I was so happy, it felt like I was going to EXPLODE! In the car, I rode in the backseat with my little Gracie-girl.

Comparisons Between Tablet or Nintendo Switch

Jack O’Brien

Which would you choose a tablet or a Nintendo Switch? Well, I would choose a Nintendo Switch because you can play lots of different kinds of games. For example, you could play Minecraft, breaking blocks, gathering resources, or beating the game. Or there is the tablet. On the tablet you can play online games, or you can just download games. For instance, there are game like golfing or farming or mysteries. You decide, tablet or Nintendo Switch.

LAST SHOT

By Amelie Painter

It is the last game of the season, last quarter of game. Here comes the ball to me, on defense, against the hardest team in the league. The score is 1-1. This is our last chance to win. I am pushing trying to steal the ball. “I got the ball!” I shouted. I’m running the ball up the line with all the support in the world shouting from the crowd. There the ball goes; will I score? I’m shutting my eyes wishing it will make it. I hear cheers. Opening my eyes I see the ball in the net. My team runs over yelling, “That was great!” The Ref whistles…...” We just won the finals!!!!!!!!” Coach yells. I was so happy and proud of myself.

Pioneer Day

By Sophia Roy

One day in first grade I was going to Pioneer Day and I was so excited! I could not wait to go in the bounce house. It was going to be great. When we got there, I petted the animals in the petting zoo and played in the bounce house, but just when we were about to leave, I saw the game where you throw a ball in the cups. When you won you got a fish. A real living, eating, breathing fish! I wanted to win the game so bad. But first I had to ask my dad if I could try to get the pet fish and thank god it was just my dad with me. If it was my mom, she would never let me get the fish if I won. So, I asked my dad if I could try to win the fish and he said yes! So, I played, and I won! I was so happy. But what would I name him? I asked my kindergarten teacher, and she said my fish was very tiny. Just then the perfect name popped into my mind-- pequeno (small in Spanish). It was the perfect name! After that we left and went home. I was so happy to have a pet fish, but my mom was not.

***“Abooga’ Word***

Gabriela Marie Rosenthal

One time I was on a call with my friend. Her name is Emerson, and she screamed on the call “AAAAAAAAAHH”. Then I said, “What the heck is wrong with you Emerson?” “SOMEONE JUST CALLED ME ABOOGA!!” she said. “Abooga?” I asked. “YES ABOOGA” Emerson screamed. She was acting so weird that I sarcastically said, “I really don’t know what you’re going to be when you grow up.” She paused and then said, “Well uhh. I’m going to be a…. professional screamer!” “Professional screamer? Why would someone be a-“ I said before she interrupted. “BECAUSE I SCREAM AND SCREAM EVERYDAY!” Emerson yelled. “Ok chill…” I said. Then I agreed with her life decisions, unfortunately.

CHUNKY MONKEY TREASURE HUNT

By Jahmari Savage

Chunky Monkey and his crew are looking for treasure in the forbidden jungle with monsters, dragons, and more. His commander Lightning D. Hippo encountered 5 water dragons. Luckily his lightning powers can do a lot of damage to anything to do with water, so he easily defeated all 5 of them. Now the treasure was right in front of them until the legendary dragon or the king dragon or the elemental dragon showed up. I thought this dragon was a myth. Chunky Monkey said, “Well it’s not Dead Eye.” Second Commander said, “They fearlessly fight to the death”. They ended out the victors and claimed the treasure.

The Time I Got Caught!

By Zoe Speelman

“Mom, I want a cookie!” “No Zoe you already had some.” My mom let out a sigh from her lips. “HMPH!” Little me said. Wait! I have an idea; this is what I’d do. Since it was almost my naptime, I’d pretend to fall asleep, and then I’d sneak out of the bed and grab those yummy cookies! “Zoe naptime!” My mom yelled from the other room. “Okay mommy!” I said with the biggest little kid grin on my face. My mom gave me a confused look but told me to go take my nap. Being a little four-year-old, I copied movies like the spy ones where they’d take pillows and put them under the blanket and pretend someone was there. I thought, “Zoe, you got this! All you have to do is go in the kitchen and grab the cookie!” Then I heard the most devastating word in the world…. “Honey I’m going to go check on Zoe she seems awfully quite.” I heard my mom say. Oh no! I thought to myself, and the worst part was that I didn’t even get the chance to grasp the cookie yet! So, with jet like skills, I grabbed the cookie and raced back into my old room, but… it was too late. “Zoe what are you doing out of bed!?” “Oh, hi mom I just went to the bathroom hehe.” “Okay well get back to naptime.” And just when I was going to put the cookie to my lips, I heard, “Zoe, I told you not to get a cookie!” I was busted.

The Greatest Comeback Win I Had

Rogger Terry-Moulton

At half time, the score was 27-15. We needed to get back on top or we would be out of the county summer games (for basketball). Coach wasn’t worried. All he said was, “This always happens before halftime.” We still had 2 more quarters to play. We needed to work on our defense to make their offense force shot, and to not allow offensive rebounds. The more important thing was to take smarter shots. We huddled back together and yelled, “One, two, three, Go rangers!!!” In the fourth quarter, the score was 53-41. We were still behind, but there was 2:00 left to play and 1 time out left. We started to play harder, better, more confidently. When there was 0:30 seconds left on the clock, we needed a three pointer to win. Our opponents were exhausted. They got the ball and when they weren’t paying attention, they passed the ball to me!!! I ran down the court, stopped before the three-point line, and shot the ball. EEERRRRRRR!!! “Swish” was the last sound that was heard. For the first time we did it. We won the summer games.

Diagon Alley

Diego Vargas

I turned a secret corner at Universal Studios. Little did I know that the Gringotts’s dragon would be breathing fire at the top of Gringotts Wizarding Bank. It was a majestic sight while strolling down Diagon Alley. With my mouth open, I was looking like I was trying to catch flies. All the famous shops circled me, the Leaky Cauldron, Ollivanders, Tomes and Scrolls, Flourish and Blotts, Madame Malkin’s Robes for All Occasions, and Weasley’s Wizard Wheezes. It was awesome! It was like living in the world of Harry Potter. It was just exellawesome. (Excellent and Awesome).