





# OUR SOCCER STORY

## THE POWER of SOCCER

A Journey into Prince George's County Soccer



**Friends and Family**  
**Alumni**





## MFC PLAYERS

Our Experience

### SAMUEL KAHSAI

I Won Five Dollars

I was born in Ethiopia, in a little city called Addis Ababa. When I reached the tender age of 4, I started playing football whereas in America it is called "Soccer". I was taught growing up with my two big brothers that soccer wasn't just about your strength and ability to score.

"Soccer was about your fundamentals and being comfortable with the ball at your feet at all times". We played soccer with paper balls, tennis balls, and soccer balls. By the time I was 7 years old, I was playing in tournaments, on the streets and pickup games with adults.

My parents decided to come to America for better educational opportunities for my brothers and me. I was 8 years old when I enrolled in 3rd grade at Thomas Stone ES., in Mt. Rainer, Maryland. This was the beginning of my educational journey. Both of my older brothers graduated from the county school system and went on to attend Mt. Saint Mary's. and Salisbury State respectively.



One day, Dr. Ruth Hodges, the principal, announced that a soccer program would be offered at the school. I quickly returned my permission slip with my parent's signature to the school. I wanted to be a part of this program. Soccer is my love.

On the first day of class there were fifteen students in attendance. One student named Elvis Zama, a native of Cameroon would become a teammate of mine at MFC for a period of six years.

When the coach named Eugene Pascoe arrived, he quickly threw out the balls for everyone to juggle. I played around with the ball and even FAKED like I didn't know how to juggle.

After a while. Coach Eugene shouted out loud that "IF ANYONE HERE COULD JUGGLE A SOCCER BALL TO 50 WITHOUT DROPPING IT, WILL RECEIVE \$5".

When it was finally my turn to go, I juggled over 80 times and quickly took my \$5 with a big smile on my face.

# “Our Alumni”

What age did he move to America and why? \_\_\_\_\_

What universities did his brothers attend?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the principal of his elementary? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money did he win for juggling the soccer ball more than 50 times? \_\_\_\_\_

How many did he juggle? \_\_\_\_\_

Name the coaches other than Coach Eugene that had a major impact on his soccer development?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name his best friends at MFC.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_