

Happy Wednesday!

Tina and I are enjoying our time in WI. Last weekend we took the Harley up to St. Paul to watch our niece's football game. Yes, she plays football. Real American tackle football. They played a team from Dallas (not the Cowboys) and beat them soundly 55 to 14. Her team has about 66 players. 66 players that love to play football. The team they played only had 15. I guess you can see the dedication to football is in MN and WI, but not in Dallas. The players pay their own airfare to travel to games all over the country. They buy their own equipment, pay their own medical bills when they get hurt. They really need to love the game to sacrifice that much to play. If they win the championship, they get a trophy; no big payout or recognition. They do have the satisfaction that in 2021, they are the best team in the country. I hope they can fulfill that dream!

I bet most people have never heard of women's tackle football. I know we never had until Sam started playing. I have to say, the game was fun to watch. They play hard, hit harder, and know the game. They practice, train, work out and learn the playbook just like a pro team. Even though most people will never know the Minnesota Vixens, they are trying to be the best they can be even if no one ever knows.

There are thousands of people like Sam and her team. They strive to achieve something even though no one will ever know. Some do it with sports, some with reading/teaching and some do it with their faith. You probably know, or even are one of those people that live out their faith every day. You train (pray) everyday, you work out (serve meals, make lunches), attend team meetings (go to church), study the playbook (read the Bible) and live your daily life trying to be an example of what a Christian should be. You go through life not worrying about what others think, or if they notice. You live your life following the example Jesus set for us. Do your best, practice your faith, live a life making Christ Known by your actions.

Thanks

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