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As we all know, there are uncountable amount of discourse communities that exists. Just as every sport has their own unique way of playing the game, they also share their own unique discourse communities. Discourse community is where group of people from same community group come together to share common set of goals with help of each other. Throughout this paper I will be discussing about a specific discourse community. This discourse community being Discourse community of soccer. I choose to write my paper about this community because soccer is a sport that has personal connection to myself. Soccer being one of the biggest international sport in the world with fans all over the countries, it has its own connection with me emotionally. I have been part of different teams and met many different people from different countries and even continents. Everyone had one thing in common and that was their passion for the sport, for the team and passion to win.

I have made a proposal for this paper, which involves some questions for the members of the group and some for the senior members of the group or have been a coach in their carrier of soccer. My proposal also includes scholarly research and knowledge about the topic I have choose. I have also decided to conduct an interview with a coach and some team member to share their knowledge and their feelings about the community they have decided to be in. I will be closely examining their game play, their field language, off the pitch relationship and off the

pitch languages. It's because I believe, by doing that it will gain some knowledge about how they share common goals and get to see them share their passion for the sport.

When the sport was first born it had different rules and regulation comparing to how its played now. It also has many different leagues and national games where all the nations compete. Overall, soccer is of the sport known to bring nations and diverse people together to share their happiness together. Comparing to other sports, soccer players are also one of the highest paid athletes in the world. Soccer wasn't what it was called when the sport was invented. It was called football, but some countries like America calls it soccer. American football and basketball are the most viewed, well respected and hugely prioritized sport in America. This tells me that, there are audiences for every sport and it also means that each of this has formed different communities depending on interest of the audiences.

There aren't one community for all the sport because not everyone would be interested in one sport, which means the communities are formed depending on love for certain things from certain group of people. Soccer is mainly known as a European sport, which is one of the biggest reasons that it isn't as popular in the other countries. Since I have always been one of the biggest fans and one of every gamer viewer of the sport, I have witnessed the madness of European people over the sport. Soccer has variations of games and what I mean by that is it has many leagues and it's also played by the nation. Most of the league games are from Europe and other soccer league aren't as popular as Europeans leagues. For Example; MLS (Major League Soccer) is the biggest soccer league in the United State, but it's still overshadowed by the European soccer league. Some of the biggest league in the world are; LaLiga Santandar, Champions League, Seria A, Bundisliga and etc. The games played nationally with professional national players are called World Cup, Euro cup and there are others.

During my research I have discovered new information's about the discourse communities. Communities are formed based on similar interest and similar goals, but it's always a success because people's interest can change. Soccer community might be one of the biggest communities because the sport is international and there and people all over the world communicating through some social platform trying to share their voice. Professionals have said in the past that soccer or any sport isn't to divide people, but it's there to bring people together and enjoy the moment together. Togetherness bring better memories and joy than separation.

During an interview, one of my coach from the past (David) told me a short story about his experience and how he sees the soccer community. David once was a player too. When he joined a club for the first time, he realized that every one of his teammates shared a common passion for the sport and even common goals, but different visions of achieving them goals. Everyone wanted the most playtime. Everyone wanted to be the best and recognized by the coach. Everyone wanted to believe their alter ego telling them that one is better than the other. David's coach once told them " Every one of you might not get same amount of time on the pitch, Every one of you might not be happy with my decision, Every one of you might think you're better than each other, but the reality is you can't achieve the championship and trophies without each other's support. In fact, if you guys can't take responsibilities and be happy for one another, you don't deserve to be part of the soccer community neither deserve the trophies".

Life is full of experiences and surprises, which is one of the many way communities are formed. Communities doesn't only take large group of people with similar set of goals. It's also formed with different experiences from large scale of people. During the same interview, David was asked some questions regarding his experience as a coach. David said "Soccer is one of the most diverse sport in the history of sport. As a player I have learned enough and I have clear

understanding about the sport. I know what it's like to be part of winning community and losing community, so I decided to become a coach and try winning for the community. I want to help the dreamers dream bigger and help them work harder to form a community by supporting all like a one big family”.

Bar-On Tamir's "Three soccer discourses" stated that "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that".[11] Football doesn't have same values all over the world and it's not everyone's cup of tea, but it's culture and ritual so many countries all over the world. There are mad supporters in some countries who are ready to kill and die for their favorite player, club or national team. In the world of football or any other sport, the community is built bigger by the fans than actual players. "The Soccer War', or 'The War of 100 Hours', it was fought between Honduras and El Salvador. It was precipitated by tense qualification matches for the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. When the guns of war were silenced after less than one week, 6000 people tragically lost their lives, 12,000 more people were wounded, and 50,000 individuals lost their homes, fields or villages" [13].

Football has its own dark history, which involves countries conflicts and fans going mad at each other, but it also has its loving side that reflects unity. High school soccer, College soccer and even professional soccer are played with players from all over the world. Soccer/football is a diverse sport being played with people from different skin colors, background and ethnic background, but one thing that unites them is their dream. Yes, the racism does exist in football but its rare. Yes, players are 'booed' by their own fans. Yes, every player isn't educated. One important factor football has is the biggest international recognition. As a soccer/football community fans play their part to support their club team, national team and their favorite

players. Some of the way fans are supporting their teams and players are just by creating social media accounts naming it fan club of this player or that club. Other way, simply by purchasing their jersey/scarf or favorite players cleat. Sports grow as a community and it can't be made with one person or one supporter.

During one of the three interviews I did with coaches, I picked up some players to interview. The goal was to see how the players thinking are different from the coaches. It was also to figure out what they think about being in the community of soccer, how do they feel about other teammates. Other goal was to see if anyone was treated differently than the other. It's likely to happen when there are group of people that has different ethnic and financial background. One of the players who agreed to be interviewed wasn't from the US. He moved here from somewhere else with his parent when he was little. He claimed that "at first, I was bullied by some people and now when I think about it, it might have been because of language barrier. I might have also been because the way I played or looked." He continued with "It was hard for me to get along with them because my communication skill isn't the best and I believe they weren't comfortable coming and talking to me just because I looked different from them. It was easy for them to get along with other players who were from here and has the same skin tone or ethnic background. They became friends faster and I used to feel left out."

After interviewing the player one question that kept coming back was, did anyone do anything to help the poor kid? He was asked the same question as well. Did you do anything to help yourself and get close to your teammates? He answered "I am a very shy person and I get intimidated to start a conversation with someone. I have public communication anxiety, so I didn't do anything. We played together, one thing that made me happy was, every time we scored goals, we celebrated it together and every time we lost, we help each other bring back up

just by practicing harder”. The coach was asked a question about the awareness of these things in their community of soccer. “As coaches and managers, are you guys aware that there might be players in your academy who are lonely and to fit in with the squad but isn’t able to do so because of lack of communication and lack of attention from the coaches?”. The coaches replied, “ we try our best and try to get everyone together and treat each other like a family, and we as coaches even talk to players individually to make them feel comfortable, but it’s also to the players to open up and get comfortable, we can’t do everything from our side. We have so much of responsibilities about the roster and trying to make everyone happy with their positioning and play times.” The coaches and the managers are right on their own place. It’s not only their responsibility to look after every player.

Based on the article posted by New York Times Company "We may all be from different parts of the world, but we have come together as brothers, really, on and off the field," Bekoe said. "We all have different styles of playing, but it has not been difficult to come together and click." Football or any sport are there to unite people. Everyone has their own way of playing and way of thinking about the sport, but that’s what makes the sport so important to the players live. Even though, every sport is a business, it’s also social. From the same article where Yatsunami said. "My team is a blend of players from different backgrounds, but all are strong students and highly motivated. I love the mixture of cultures, and for me, everything changes through soccer." Every person that is working for the team matters and everyone has the equal amount of responsibility to complete, which makes them the community.

It’s been witnessed in the past that soccer community has stronger impact on people’s lives mostly in Europe. Every giant teams’ games are celebrated like festivals. For instance; In Spain there are three biggest clubs (Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona, Athletic de Madrid FC) who

are known to be rivals to one another. When the three team goes against each other, they're called El Classico or Derby. Real vs Barcelona is always called El Classico and it was first played in 1902. Every El Classico is like a Christmas festival for people there. People are impacted by the losses of their favorite team or their own team is because they're passionate about the sport and it's also because they are as involved in the community of the sport as the players, fan and the coaches are involved.

Football/soccer is known to be a European sport and it's also known that it was first invented by the Europeans. Football is also known to be one of biggest factor to people uniting in Europe and it's also known to be one of the biggest factors to start a fight or conflict between two group of people that support different teams and players. Despite all the community thing the sport is related to, it's also one of the biggest economical sources to help the European countries. Soccer players are known to be the most expensive players in the sport community and that includes American football and basketball. They're also known to be the biggest taxpayers. Speaking from an experience, even a blind person can have the most beautiful moment of his life at the European giant's game. The atmosphere, the fans, the cherish and the every second of the game is filled with tensed. Fans screaming at the refs, booing the other team, but most importantly enjoying the game together. To just witness the experience and feel the atmosphere is one of the most beautiful experiences out of all.

Football in Europe isn't just about watching it together and experience the most delightful time of your life. It's also about keeping your head up when the team looses and support them to get back up next time. To let the team know it's okay to have a bad game, but it's also to come back strong next time. We have faith in every members and we will fight as a family again and we will rise again.

