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REPORTING

When PERSAKA (Persatuan Sains Komputer) first announced the games that were going to be held for SUSKOM (Sukan Sains Komputeran), I was beyond happy to see netball as one of the games. SUSKOM was held by PERSAKA and it was held to tighten the bond among the students from the Faculty of Computing. The netball match held on the third of March 2020, just a few days before the university was closed down due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

I was really happy when I knew that medals will be given to the first, second and third place winners. I am really into collecting medals ever since I was a child! I persuaded my friends, Alifah and Alia, whom I have known since diploma, since we have been playing netball together for 4 years. At first, only Alifah agreed to play and she was excited to play together too. Alia did not want to join in the first place but we still persuaded her to and she gave in. We created a group chat in ‘Whatsapp’ and started to advertise our group in other group chats. We found four more people who were interested in joining our team.

We got to know that they were also direct entry students, and from there, we got along pretty well. One of them offered to look for another 2 members to complete our team and luckily, her friends wanted to join. We filled in the forms with our identification and descriptions and we started to plan our training days.

Because of our different courses, not all of us were able to join all the training days. We trained for two weeks straight, excluding Fridays and Saturdays. Before the day of the big match, an enemy team, wanted to play a friendly with us. But we kindly declined their offer as we did not have enough members on our team. On the day of the match, all of us wore our team jersey with matching brown hijab. We lost two matches and won one match making us the final third place winners.

Alifah, Alia and I also played against our ex-teammate, Kak Ain. Kak Ain used to be our teammate when we were playing for Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. We used to be on the same team because she was our senior but playing against her was weird. We had a lot of fun though. I did not go against her as I was a defend position as so was she. But Alia and Alifah had to face her a lot.

On the day of the closing ceremony, Alia, Alifah and I were not around as we had a few things to finish, so the other team members helped us collect our bronze medals. Till this day, the medals are still with them as we have not been able to see each other in months because of Covid-19.

From joining this SUSKOM netball match, I got the opportunity to experience playing netball with strangers, who later became my teammates, and most importantly my friends. Although it was hard at the beginning, the nine of us got through it and we were able to work on our team work.

RESPONDING

Ever since I was in high school, I have been in love with the game Netball. But to enter my school's netball team, I had to be over 1.6 meters tall. That fact made it difficult for me as I was only 1.5 meters tall. So during my diploma days, Where there were no height restrictions, I tried to play netball as much as I could.

My closest netball teammates were Alia and Alifah. The three of us used to play in the same team during our diploma years back in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. Imagine our excitement when we found out about the game here. The three of us quickly made a team and found a few other students from the school of computing that would want to join us.

At first, I was scared that this competition would be a distraction to my studies. But with Alia and Alifah by my side, I knew that they would help me with my studies. Besides, I only treat netball as an exercise and not more than than. Nothing more than something to sweat and release toxins for. I was also scared of meeting my new teammates for the first time Thankfully, my friends were there and they turned out to be really friendly too. We have even made our own team and want to join more netball competitions as a team after SUSKOM ended. Sadly, Covid-19 happened, and we did not get the chance to play more together any more. But fret not, our team RVBJ Mix, consisting of students from SCSR, SCSV, SCSB and SCSJ, will be up and at it again once the university opens and we'll be able to play netball again.

RELATING

As I have said before, playing netball has been something that I've wanted to do ever since I was in high school. But due to the height restrictions, I was only able to join an official netball team during my Diploma at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. On my first official game, with only a few practices, my team managed to win 1st place out of 11 teams. That win made me realize how much I like playing netball. Even though I was only either Wing Defend or Goal Defend, who do not get the ball often, I still had fun every time I get the ball from the team attacking.

I really enjoyed myself when I was playing for my team during Diploma and of course I extremely enjoyed myself when I joined this competition too. Not only did I get to meet new friends, I also got the chance to bond with my older friends. Not to mention getting to meet with an old teammate, who's playing for a different team! Getting to play with Kak Ain, who our senior during Diploma, was amazing. We have always played together as a team, so it was weird going against each other during the Semi-finals.

We actually got to know that she was joining the competition a day after we got a full team. It was sad we did not she was going to join earlier or she could have been in our team. She was ecstatic to train with us. It was an amazing experience getting to play together again after 4 years. Even when we are not on the same team.

REASONING

To highlight this part of the report, it was hard for us to train together as we were all from different courses, hence the name of our team being RVBJ Mix. Our trainings were never a full group of 9 players. It was extremely hard for us during the first few days of training, because some days, we did not even have enough players to play a game, so all we could do was pass the ball around. It was extremely hard for us to work together because there were holes in the game. Besides that, not all of our teammates were familiar with the game.

We had to teach some of them how to play and the rules of the games needed to be explained too. We also did not have a coach to help us at the time, making it difficult for us to play well. So we came up with a plan to pick a leader who knows all the rules and regulations, and the leader will decide who would get to play and what position she would play. After all the hustle, we made it happen. We managed to get third place in the competition and all that matters was that we had fun. Even though we almost gave up at the beginning, we had put aside our differences and tried to make it to every practice.

RECONSTRUCTING

As an answer for this part of the reflection, I conclude, that I would love to join more exchange programmes in the future. It was an outstanding experience. The only thing that I would like to change about the way this game was handled, was the time they released the information. It was released too late and we had trouble finding for other people to complete our team. We were lucky that we got to recruit 6 others who were willing to join us at the very last minute. Because all of us were interested in joining the competition, we had to make do with whom we have on the team.

Not all of us were netball players so it was hard at the beginning. But we had fun and that's all that matters. Besides that, everything was splendid. This competition has taught me about managing time well and teamwork. Without my teammates, we wouldn't have been able to secure third place in the competition. It was a valuable moment to me.

APPENDIX



RVBJ Mix



With the First Place Winners



Alifah, Alia, Kak Ain and myself