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Chapter 1361: Apology! _2

During the period of waiting for the urine test results of the competing athletes, Mist City Arts and Science University could only wait as well.

However,

the heat of the topic discussions on Twitter's trending list continued to rise.

After all, today's National University Sports Games had garnered considerable attention, and with Huo Feiyang's astonishing record of 9.91 seconds set at Mist City Arts and Science University, it drew a lot of attention to the University Games.

However,

Huo Feiyang's record of 9.91 seconds suddenly being linked to doping added more drama to the discussion, leading to gossip-mongering netizens joining the fray.

"I knew something was off about 9.91 seconds being so fast, turns out it's doping!"

"Athletes like this must have their results cancelled and be banned!"

"Looks like the hundred feet champion gold medal at the University Games will go to Zhou Hao then."

"The organizing committee hasn't said anything official yet, why are you netizens already accusing him of doping?"

"I feel like there's more to this story."

"I recall Zhou Hao posting on Twitter suspecting Huo Feiyang of doping, but that post was later deleted."

"Mist City Arts and Science University is just a private college, what kind of integrity do they have?" "Don't spread rumors, Mist City Arts and Science University is actually quite good, and even if it was doping, it's just the individual's behavior!" "From what everyone's saying, it feels like it's already confirmed." "The organizing committee should be announcing the results soon." "Goodness, doping can be detected, right?" These netizens had various opinions about Huo Feiyang and doping. Some were influenced by marketing accounts and believed Huo Feiyang truly used doping, while others were more rational, waiting for the results from the organizing committee. However, among these netizens, there were actually some who were "maliciously intended," more precisely, trained cyber-troops from certain companies. These paid trolls thrive by stirring controversy for profit. Initially, the issue of Huo Feiyang and doping wasn't going to trend, but Zhou Hao's post gave many marketing accounts and cyber-troops the opportunity they needed.

And because Mist City Arts and Science University was already a high-traffic topic, coupled with a major event like the National University Sports Games and a sensitive issue like doping, it exploded in no time. Despite Zhou Hao quickly deleting his post, the heated discussions on the topic could not be stopped.

At this moment.

At the organizing committee's urine testing center. The staff had completed urine tests for all seven athletes who competed in the final of the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle. Primarily, the situation with Huo Feiyang's urine test was key. "How is it? Are the results out?" Director Zhang, head of the committee, eagerly asked. This was no trivial matter—for if the urine test did indeed show doping, it would greatly impact Mist City Arts and Science University, and the organizing committee would have to make an immediate decision to cancel Huo Feiyang's championship results and implement corresponding severe penalties. "Director Zhang, the urine test results are all normal." The staff member replied. "Normal? Are you sure?" After hearing that, Director Zhang inquired again. "Yes, everything's normal, we are certain about that here," the staff member nodded affirmatively. Director Zhang finally breathed a sigh of relief, muttering, "That's good, that's good." No stimulants found in the drug test results is certainly better than if there had been any detected—

after all, if stimulants had been found, his committee would definitely be implicated.

With no stimulants detected, the truth stood clear.

After confirming Huo Feiyang's drug test results, Director Zhang immediately took out his cell phone and made a call to Director Xiao Wenxing.

It would take a while to directly inform Director Xiao Wenxing in person, so it was much more convenient to notify him by phone.

"Hello, Director Zhang, are the results out?"

After the call connected, Director Xiao Wenxing directly inquired.

"All the athletes' drug test results came back normal, with no stimulants detected," Director Zhang replied.

"That's great, Director Zhang. Then immediately, on behalf of the committee, release the results of this post-competition drug test!" suggested Director Xiao Wenxing.

"Alright, no problem."

Director Zhang naturally knew how important this drug test result was for the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University, and of course supported the immediate release of the results.

Meanwhile, after completing his call with Director Zhang, Director Xiao Wenxing immediately and excitedly informed Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, the results are out. The drug test results are in, all normal, no stimulants!"

Hearing this from Director Xiao Wenxing, Ding Yue, along with those around him including Huang Youjie, Xu Bin, secretary Wen Ruohan, and Director of Sports Xiong Yang, also could not help but heave a sigh of relief.

"Good."

Although Ding Yue was relieved, he still spoke very calmly, "Director Xiao, since that is the case, the committee should release the drug test results immediately. Additionally, concerning the Yancheng Sports Academy, as the heads of the committee, shouldn't you and Director Zhang compel them to do something?"

This matter was initially stirred up by Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy and his coach Zhang Mingxin, and it had already impacted the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University significantly.

So, naturally, this matter couldn't just end like that.

"Yes, indeed."

Director Xiao Wenxing thought for a moment, then said, "I'll go find Zhou Hao and his coach right away."

So.

Director Xiao Wenxing first met with Director Zhang, and then the two went to the Yancheng Sports Academy's team, finding Zhou Hao and his coach Zhang Mingxin.

"Coach Zhang, Mr. Zhou Hao, we from the committee solemnly inform you that regarding your report of Mist City Arts and Science University's student Huo Feiyang using stimulants, we have conducted a drug test, and can confirm that Huo Feiyang's performance had nothing to do with stimulants."

Director Zhang seriously informed Zhou Hao and Zhang Mingxin.

"What? No stimulants? That's impossible. Without stimulants, how could Huo Feiyang run so fast? Nine seconds ninety-one, that's the level of top world-class hundred feet athletes."

Coach Zhang Mingxin still couldn't believe it.

At this moment, Director Xiao Wenxing laughed and said, "Coach Zhang, did you never consider that maybe Mr. Huo Feiyang really does possess the level of a top world-class hundred feet athlete?"

This statement from Director Xiao Wenxing really left Zhang Mingxin at a loss for words.

"And do you know, just by you falsely accusing Mist City Arts and Science University's student Huo Feiyang of using stimulants, how much impact you have caused to the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University? Do you understand!"

Director Zhang angrily stated.

"This... that's my fault."

At that moment, Zhou Hao stepped forward, anxiously stating, "For the impacts to Mist City Arts and Science University's reputation and to Mr. Huo Feiyang, I bear a great responsibility."

Zhou Hao understood what happened; he was very clear that it was his own "rant" and "skepticism" on a Twitter post that sparked the nationwide debate and trending, impacting the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University and Huo Feiyang.

Initially, Zhou Hao didn't mean any harm; he was just incredulous and skeptical about Huo Feiyang's performance.

Seeing Zhou Hao assuming responsibility, Director Xiao Wenxing then told him, "Mr. Zhou Hao, and Coach Zhang, this matter, telling us doesn't help. Principal Ding and Mr. Huo Feiyang need an official apology and statement from you."

"What? Apologize?"

Upon hearing this, Coach Zhang Mingxin was immediately displeased, saying, "Drug testing for stimulants is justified; even if the results are normal, why should we apologize?"

Chapter 1362: Kick Them Double Digits?

"Principal Ding, Huo, I'm sorry!"

In a lounge at the Central Sports Ground, Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy sincerely apologized to Ding Yue and Huo Feiyang.

Looking at the handsome Zhou Hao, who appeared very sincere, Ding Yue smiled and said, "Director Xiao Wenxing and Director Zhang had also mentioned to me that the tweet you posted was an unintentional act."

"Principal Ding, I am truly sorry for the impact my tweet has had on your university."

Zhou Hao apologized again.

Zhou Hao indeed realized his mistake, the baseless doubt cast on Huo Feiyang's accomplishments, and the subsequent Twitter trending caused by that blog post were both mistakes.

The former was his subjective impression, while the latter was an incident he never expected would lead to such serious consequences.

But both were mistakes. Since he made a mistake, he must be brave enough to accept it and know that acknowledging a mistake, and sincerely apologizing is essential.

"Well, after the committee and you personally issued a statement, the impact on the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University will be minimized. As for whether student Huo Feiyang will forgive you, that's not for me to decide."

Ding Yue shrugged, giving Zhou Hao a way out.

Fortunately, at Mist City Arts and Science University, this issue was embroiled unintentionally, but fortunately, Zhou Hao realized his mistake and sincerely apologized.

So, it's not appropriate to make a bigger fuss about this matter or anything like that.

After all, Director Xiao Wenxing and Director Zhang have already intervened, surely it shouldn't escalate to require Governor Li's involvement?

There's no need for that.

"Huo."

Understanding Principal Ding's intentions, Zhou Hao immediately turned around, looked at Huo Feiyang beside him, and said very sincerely and earnestly, "I'm sorry, I should not have doubted your performance, 9.91 seconds is incredible, and I'm completely convinced now. I apologize for any impact I caused!"

Seeing Zhou Hao's sincere apology, Huo Feiyang, with a smile, said, "Actually, your 9.94-second record is also very impressive. Friendship first, competition second. I hope we can still compete on the same track in the future, and we should all show our best style."

Clap! Clap! Clap!

Just then, from the entrance of the lounge, applause and a voice came in, "Well said, friendship first, competition second. Each one of you should show your best style!"

"Governor Li!"

Upon hearing the voice, everyone turned to look at the entrance, only to see Governor Li walking over.

Ding Yue hadn't expected that Governor Li would also come.

Although Governor Li didn't leave immediately after the opening ceremony, to Ding Yue's surprise, Governor Li appeared here.

"In sports competitions, there often are various issues, big or small. It's the same with the National Games, the Asian Games, the Olympic Games, or other international competitions where these problems occur. But we need to uphold the sporting spirit. Just as student Huo mentioned earlier, every athlete should display their style on the field."

Governor Li said smilingly.

It's undeniable; Governor Li's words were very inspiring, and everyone on site listened attentively.

"Governor Li, you know about this incident?"

Director Xiao Wenxing stepped forward and asked.

"With all this uproar, how could I not know? However, now that it has been resolved, it's good. I hope the following competitions proceed smoothly. Principal Ding, I still have duties to attend to at the City Government building, so let's call it a day for today's games."

Governor Li seriously said to Ding Yue.

"Yes, of course, Governor Li."

Ding Yue immediately nodded.

Having Governor Li attend this National University Sports Games opening ceremony and even stay to watch the competition afterward was already a huge honor.

With six days of competition remaining, Governor Li certainly couldn't continue watching them; after all, he has much governmental work to handle as the head of the city.

"Goodbye, everyone."

Governor Li raised his hand, waved to everyone in the lounge, and then left with Secretary Zhang.

"Goodbye, Governor Li."

Once Governor Li had left, Director Xiao Wenxing couldn't help but remark, "See, even Governor Li had to be concerned about this matter."

"By the way, Director Xiao, did Zhou Hao come to apologize alone? What about his coach? I remember you just said that it was his coach who reported the doping, right?"

Ding Yue approached Director Xiao Wenxing and asked quietly.

He tried not to let Zhou Hao hear since Zhou Hao had come to apologize and he, on behalf of Mist City Arts and Science University, had forgiven him. Huo Feiyang had also shaken hands and made peace with him.

But his coach didn't come?

"Principal Ding, don't even mention it, his coach still hasn't recognized his error. I've discussed it with Director Zhang, but he still won't come."

Director Xiao Wenxing helplessly shook his head and said.

"This Zhou Hao is indeed a promising talent; it's a pity he has such a coach. It might be even more regrettable in the future," Ding Yue sighed regretfully.

Chapter 1363: Kick Them Double-Digit? _2

This Zhou Hao was able to run 9.95 seconds in the semifinals and further improved to 9.94 seconds in the finals. Each time, he performed even better than Yang Chen, which shows his incredible athletic talent and strength. If he were to come and train at Mist City Arts and Science University, his future would be boundlessly promising.

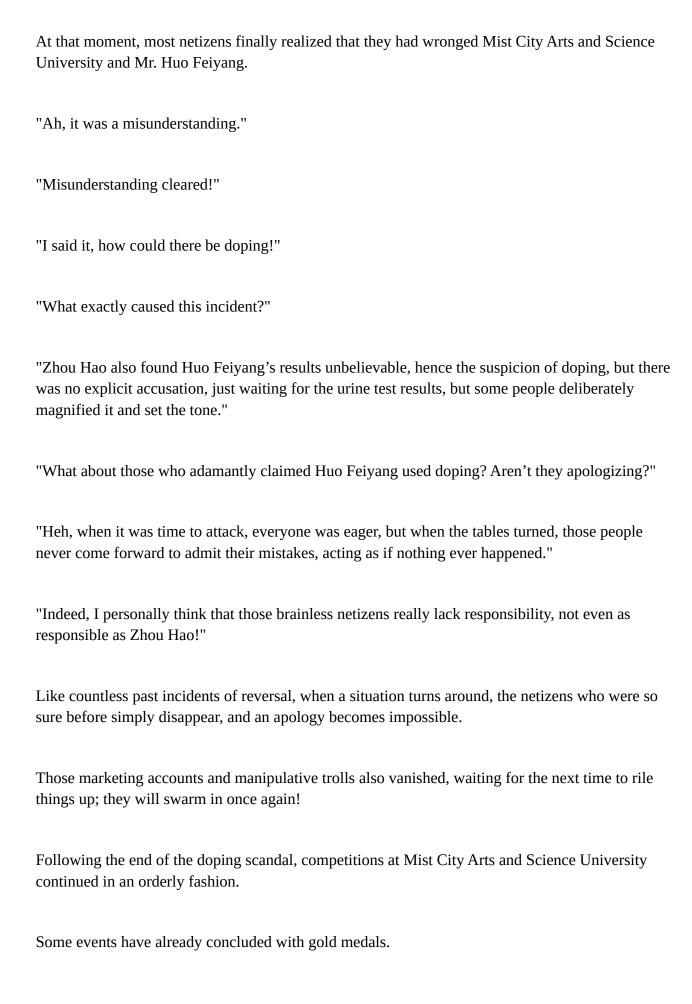
Unfortunately, it's just unfortunate.

With such a coach, Zhou Hao might only get worse in the future, ultimately wasting a sprinting prodigy!

But Ding Yue could only sigh.

After all, Zhou Hao is a college student from Yancheng Sports Academy, the strongest sports university in the country. It would be impossible to get him to leave Yancheng Sports Academy for Mist City Arts and Science University's sports department.

The doping issue was gradually resolved after the organizing committee issued a notice and Zhou Hao made a public apology.



First off was the One hundred feet sprint, in which Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University won the first place and set an astonishing record of 9.91 seconds.

This result has become an insurmountable peak in the hundred Feet event at the National University Sports Games.

Also, due to Huo Feiyang's astonishing performance and gold medal victory, Ding Yue received substantial rewards in the University Task.

Mist City Arts and Science University didn't just win this event alone this morning.

Besides the hundred feet, they also won gold medals in the four hundred meters relay and the high jump, totaling three gold medals, marking a super start to this morning's events.

Then there was Yancheng Sports Academy, which won a gold medal in the long jump.

Later in the shot put event, two students from Yancheng Sports Academy made it to the finals in the afternoon, with a great chance of winning the gold medal in this event.

It must be said, the sports strength of Yancheng Sports Academy that netizens talked about is indeed very strong, as Ding Yue could clearly see during the competitions.

While Mist City Arts and Science University might be weaker in some events, they absolutely dominate in the strong ones.

At noon, Ding Yue had lunch at the Fifth Canteen with Director Xiao Wenxing, Director Zhang, and others.

Directors Xiao Wenxing and Zhang would be present to witness the entire day's events, and for the following days' competitions, both directors would be mostly present.

After all, this session of the National University Sports Games was the most crucial task for both directors at the moment.

In the afternoon.

In the shot put finals, Mist City Arts and Science University won a third-place bronze medal, while the first-place gold medal was unsurprisingly won by Yancheng Sports Academy.

This afternoon, there was another competition that many people were paying more attention to.

It was a soccer match.

With Yancheng Sports Academy's soccer team going up against Mist City University of Technology's soccer team.

The reason why this game has attracted a lot of attention is because it is the first football match of the National University Sports Games, marking the opening battle.

Not only that, the Yancheng Sports Academy football team is also a very strong team, with several of Yancheng An Country's newly popular professional football internet celebrities.

As for the Mist City University of Technology football team, their strength is mediocre; after all, Mist City University of Technology is a technical university, and their football team is merely a group of football enthusiasts coming together.

"Principal Jia, you are here too."

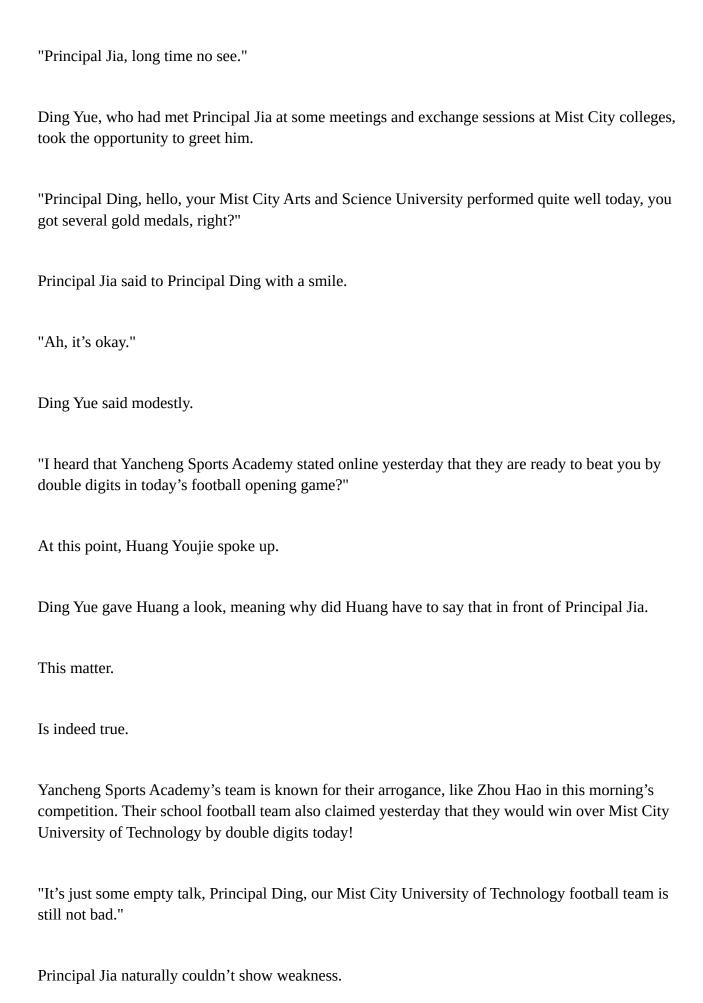
Next to the VIP seats at the Central Sports Ground, Director Xiao Wenxing saw an old acquaintance.

That was Principal Jia of Mist City University of Technology.

Unexpectedly, Principal Jia of Mist City University of Technology also came to the scene to support the game between Mist City University of Technology football team and Yancheng Sports Academy football team.

"The students are playing today, so I came over to cheer them up, it's not far anyway."

Principal Jia said to Director Xiao Wenxing with a smile.



"Okay, cheer up, strive to win over Yancheng Sports Academy in this opening battle!" Ding Yue sincerely offered his blessings.

However, this blessing was just a blessing; in terms of real strength, Mist City University of Technology is still quite behind compared to Yancheng Sports Academy.

Most importantly, Ding Yue disliked the arrogance of Yancheng Sports Academy, especially since they were playing against their "ally" in Mist City Arts and Science University's opening game. If Yancheng really won by double digits, it wouldn't just be Mist City University of Technology losing face, but the whole of Mist City.

Instead of saying this is a football battle between Yancheng Sports Academy and Mist City University of Technology, it might be more accurately described as a competition between the two cities of Yancheng and Mist City.

"Let's wait and see."

Principal Jia raised his head and looked towards the football field.

At this moment, the football teams from Yancheng Sports Academy and Mist City University of Technology had already taken the field.

"Director Xiong Yang, how do you think our Mist City Arts and Science University football team compares to Yancheng Sports Academy?"

After looking over the football field, Ding Yue asked Director Xiong Yang beside him about the condition of their own Mist City Arts and Science University football team.

"Principal Ding, Yancheng Sports Academy's football team is known as a top team, the elite, but as I always say, our Mist City Arts and Science University plays against the elite!"

Director Xiong Yang seemed very confident.

As for his own Mist City Arts and Science University football team, Ding Yue didn't know much; after giving them the system BUFF effect, he left it in the hands of Director Xiong Yang.

Chapter 1364: Suggestions from Principal Ding!

The match has begun.

Ding Yue attentively watched this inaugural soccer game.

From the start, Yancheng Sports Academy's soccer team firmly took the initiative, performing significantly better than Mist City University of Technology in both offense and defense.

"Yue, Mist City University of Technology is clearly no match for Yancheng Sports Academy."

Huang Youjie analyzed on the side.

"Indeed."

Ding Yue nodded slightly and said: "There's a clear gap in strength between the two, both in terms of teamwork and the individual skills of positions like wingers and center-forwards."

"Yeah, it looks like Mist City University of Technology is going to have a tough time winning today," said Huang Youjie.

"Win? As long as they don't lose too badly, it's okay. Didn't the Yancheng Sports Academy soccer team say before the match that they would beat Mist City University of Technology by double digits? Hopefully, Mist City University of Technology can lose with dignity."

Xu Bin said with a sigh.

Everyone could see that Yancheng Sports Academy's soccer team had the right to be arrogant as their strength was their capital.

Less than ten minutes into the game, Yancheng Sports Academy scored a goal!

This goal, like a sharp blade, instantly tore through the defense of Mist City University of Technology, not just on the soccer field but also psychologically.

After the first goal, it took less than five minutes to score the second goal. Just over fourteen minutes into the game, Yancheng Sports Academy scored another goal.

The score was now 2-0!

"Damn! Two goals in less than fifteen minutes!"

"This is simply overpowering in terms of strength."

"Mist City University of Technology is in such a sorry state, hahaha."

"The difference in their levels of strength is just too great."

"That forward from Yancheng Sports Academy is a player from the An Country soccer club."

"They might really end up losing by double digits?"

"It's over, it looks like it's indeed possible to get double digits in the opening game."

"Doesn't Mist City University of Technology care about their face?"

"To be honest, the soccer team of Mist City University of Technology is quite amateurish; they're just a group of soccer enthusiasts."

With Yancheng Sports Academy quickly taking a two-goal lead, whether it was the audience onsite or the ones watching the live broadcast, no one held any suspense about the outcome of the match, obviously favoring Yancheng Sports Academy to win.

The only uncertainty now was whether Yancheng Sports Academy could really beat Mist City University of Technology by double digits.



"There is?"

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin both turned their heads to look at Yue.

"How could there not be? Don't you have any faith in our own Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team?" Ding Yue said with a smile to his two friends.

"Oh right, right, how could I forget our own school?"

Huang Youjie slapped his forehead and exclaimed.

Earlier, when Huang Youjie was thinking about whether there were any powerful college soccer teams in Mist City, he was thinking about other colleges and had not considered their own Mist City Arts and Science University.

Now, after being reminded by Yue, Huang Youjie finally realized.

"Yue, is our Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team really that strong?" Xu Bin, who had always been busy with various major scientific research projects at the university, didn't know much about the level of the school's soccer team.

"We have a soccer club called Feiyue Soccer Club; over the years, it has indeed trained a group of excellent soccer players. This year's National University Sports Games will be a good opportunity for them to show their skills," Ding Yue said smilingly to his two friends.

This information was conveyed to Ding Yue by Xiong Yang, the director of the Athletics Department.

"Goodness, another goal, 4-0 now."

On the field, Yancheng Sports Academy scored another goal. There's still over ten minutes left in the first half, but the score has already reached 4-0. The advantage of Yancheng Sports Academy's soccer was too great, the victory was without doubt, and even reaching double digits seemed within reach.

Chapter 1365: Suggestions from Principal Ding! _2

After all, at this goal-scoring pace, Mist City University of Technology is basically unable to stop the opponent's offense.

"Man, this is the first time I've seen such a dominating football game."

"Seeing goals scored is so satisfying!"

"Yancheng Sports Academy rocks!"

"If only our Xia Country's football team could play like this."

"I feel like it's not that Yancheng Sports Academy's football team is too strong, but that Mist City University of Technology's football team is too weak."

Although the audience enjoyed watching the goals, they had no expectations for the outcome of this match.

Ultimately, after the first half ended, Yancheng Sports Academy had scored a total of six goals, making the score six to zero.

This left them just four goals short of the bold claim they made before the game, aiming for a double-digit score.

During the halftime break, the players of Mist City University of Technology's football team were all disheartened because they had been overwhelmed by Yancheng Sports Academy.

The morale was shattered.

"Everyone, cheer up!"

The coach of Mist City University of Technology's football team tried to motivate the players.

But even the coach knew very well that his team's strength was far inferior to that of Yancheng Sports Academy's football team.

As everyone was feeling down, a figure appeared at the door of the locker room.

That figure was Ding Yue.

"Coach Liu, fellow students."

Ding Yue stood at the door, smiling, and said: "I don't know if you all recognize me, let me introduce myself, I am the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue."

"Principal Ding."

Coach Liu certainly knew Principal Ding.

The soccer players from Mist City University of Technology also knew Principal Ding.

After all, the rapid development of Mist City Arts and Science University in recent years, becoming a well-known and strong private institution, couldn't have been achieved without Principal Ding's management.

"Gentlemen, today's match, as the opener, has a high degree of attention, and we, as a university from Mist City, represent not only our own school, but also Mist City. Yancheng Sports Academy said they would score double digits against you, do you really accept letting them reach double digits?"

Ding Yue's visit was just to boost the morale of Mist City University of Technology's football team.

If they really let them score double digits, it would be quite embarrassing.

After all, they are allies, and Ding Yue still hoped that they could withstand the pressure and not let the double-digit score happen!

After hearing Principal Ding's words, the members of Mist City University of Technology's football team felt even more pressure, but at the same time, everyone also felt the weight and expectations on their shoulders were not trivial.

"From the first half, it can be seen that each of your abilities is not bad; it's just that you haven't found the right approach. Coach Liu, haven't you noticed that once you are on the field, you are always led by the nose by Yancheng Sports Academy, the whole team plays very stiffly."

Ding Yue began analyzing the condition of Mist City University of Technology's football team.

"Yes, indeed."

Coach Liu nodded and answered.

"That's why you keep losing the ball. On the field, although you have to make adjustments based on the opponent's situation, you also need to play your own style. I suggest, and this is just my personal suggestion, during the second half, play in the way you are most proficient during your usual training, don't worry about the rhythm of Yancheng Sports Academy, just try to perform as well as you can."

Ding Yue suggested.

After listening, Coach Liu thought about it for a while and felt that Principal Ding was right.

Although Mist City University of Technology's football team was not as strong as Yancheng Sports Academy's football team, surely the gap wasn't as large as being beaten by double digits?

After all, in the first half, after being breached by Yancheng Sports Academy, they couldn't stop the bleeding at all, and the entire team, from offense to defense, completely collapsed. This definitely was not how the team usually performed during training.

"Students, I believe Principal Ding has really hit the nail on the head about our weak points. In the second half, we should use our most practiced tactics to counter Yancheng Sports Academy's attack. I hope that in the second half, everyone will perform at their best. If we let Yancheng Sports Academy score double digits, it won't just be us who lose face!"

Coach Liu finally decided to follow Principal Ding's advice and gave the soccer team a motivational boost.

"Alright!"

The members of the Mist City University of Technology Soccer Team responded in unison.

Their fighting spirit seemed to slowly recover from the disheartened state they were in during the first half.

"Yue, wow, your speaking skills are impressive," Huang Youjie said, following behind Ding Yue, amazed at how Yue could so dramatically change the mood of Mist City University of Technology with just a few words.

"The key point was that Yue grasped the critical issue of our loss in the first half."

Xu Bin analyzed and commented.

"After all, they're our universities in Mist City, we can't just watch them get beaten by double digits, especially not on our home turf."

Ding Yue said helplessly.

This was an unavoidable situation; if Mist City University of Technology was to lose by double digits today, it might impact Mist City Arts and Science University's Feiyue Soccer Team as well.

"Coach Liu, fellow students, today we shouldn't fear losing. We should face the gap in skill between us and Yancheng Sports Academy Soccer Team, but that doesn't mean they should be scoring double digits against us. I trust everyone, and please be assured, our Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team will bring back this respect for us. So, in the second half today, just go out there and play."

These words from Ding Yue not only motivated the members of Mist City University of Technology Soccer Team but also showcased the "strength" of his own Mist City Arts and Science University Soccer Team.

"Principal Ding, is your Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team really that good?" Coach Liu approached and asked curiously. Before this, Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team had not shown any particularly strong or dominant abilities. "You'll see during these National University Sports Games," Ding Yue replied with a calm and steady smile. With the whistle blow, The second half of the opening match began. After the halftime break, the Mist City University of Technology team seemed transformed, facing the aggressive attack of Yancheng Sports Academy, they played a defensive game that was effective and robust. Fifteen minutes into the second half, Yancheng Sports Academy hadn't scored a single goal! This surprised not just the audience but also the players of Yancheng Sports Academy. "It seems these guys have regained their spirit." "No worries, increase our attack intensity. With our strength and coordination, beating them should be easy." "Charge!" Several substitutes from Yancheng Sports Academy Soccer Team at the sidelines were still full of confidence about scoring double digits. "The Mist City University of Technology team seems to have regained form, huh?"

"It's almost twenty minutes in, and although Yancheng Sports Academy still has the advantage in offensive control, they haven't scored a single goal?"

"Mist City University of Technology, hold on!"

"Mist City University of Technology, just hang in there, it's okay to lose, but just don't let them hit double digits!"

The audience genuinely hoped Mist City University of Technology Soccer Team could withstand the pressure, as most of the on-site audience were students from Mist City.

At this time, if they wouldn't support their local university soccer team from Mist City, should they support Yancheng Sports Academy Soccer Team?

The dozen young men of the Mist City University of Technology Soccer Team did not disappoint, facing the strong attack from Yancheng Sports Academy, they defended strenuously.

At the ninety-minute mark, Yancheng Sports Academy Soccer Team only managed to score one goal in the second half, bringing the score to seven-zero.

Yancheng Sports Academy's boastful claim of double digits was still three goals away!

Chapter 1366: The National Team's Hope?

On the soccer field.

Although the students of Mist City University of Technology were outmatched by the Yancheng Sports Academy players, in the last ten minutes, they did not let Yancheng Sports Academy score another goal.

Even the winger of Mist City University of Technology showed off a little, almost scoring a goal, but in the end, it was blocked by the goalkeeper of Yancheng Sports Academy.

Until the final whistle sounded on the field.

Ultimately, Yancheng Sports Academy won the game, but they lost the previous boastful claims, with the score fixed at seven to zero, shattering their arrogant talk of scoring in double digits by the Mist City University of Technology soccer team.

And the main reason Mist City University of Technology's soccer team could exhibit such strong resilience in the second half was due to the crucial advice Ding Yue gave them during the halftime break.

"Held it down! Mist City University of Technology is awesome!"

"Hahaha, the double-digit target wasn't achieved."

"I don't know why, but although Yancheng Sports Academy won the game, I'm actually happy for Mist City University of Technology."

"The second half really resembled something."

"To be honest, if they could have been stable in the first half like in the second, maybe Mist City University of Technology would have scored a goal or something, and the final score might have been three to one, not the current seven to zero, but it's not bad either, at least they didn't really let Yancheng Sports Academy score double digits."

"Damn, I actually think Mist City University of Technology's soccer team is pretty awesome."

"Yancheng Sports Academy really embarrassed themselves today, weren't they incredibly arrogant before the match?"

"Today's opening match of the soccer game was quite interesting."

"Yancheng Sports Academy might be strong but they are too arrogant, though they indeed have the capital to be proud, as I guess the champions of this year's National University Sports Games soccer competition will still be Yancheng Sports Academy."

After the game ended, the spectators were teasing about how Yancheng Sports Academy lost face during the match, while Mist City University of Technology, even though they lost, won the respect of all the spectators for holding their ground against the double digits.

"Wow, this is the first match I've seen where everyone cheers and jumps for joy for the losing side."

"Yancheng Sports Academy got slapped."

"Mist City held their ground!"

"I think Mist City University of Technology's soccer team realized that if they really let the score reach double digits, it wouldn't just be a loss of face for Mist City University of Technology, but for the whole Mist City."

"Folks, this result is hilariously thunderous."

"After winning the match, the Yancheng Sports Academy's soccer team couldn't even laugh, hahahaha, while the Mist City University of Technology players lost but had smiles on their faces."

This contrast in the soccer game has caused netizens to sigh in various ways, and many have even started generating memes and expressions about this topic.

Especially the contrast between the faces of Mist City University of Technology losing with smiles and the Yancheng Sports Academy winning without any joy went viral on TikTok and Twitter, quickly becoming a hot topic on these platforms.

Today's soccer match is the opening battle of the National University Sports Games soccer competition, and over the next few days, three soccer fields at Mist City Arts and Science University will host all-day matches.

After all, dozens of universities participate in the National University Sports Games soccer competition, and with various promotion mechanisms, over a dozen soccer matches have to be played each day.

Fortunately, Mist City Arts and Science University has plenty of sports facilities, so apart from the Central Sports Ground which is mostly used for athletics competitions, the other two sports facilities are dedicated to soccer matches.

This is also why Mist City Arts and Science University was chosen as the venue, because Mist City Arts and Science University's sports facilities are top-notch.

In addition to outdoor sports competitions, there are also indoor competitions like basketball, table tennis, volleyball, badminton, swimming, etc., all taking place in the indoor sports hall.

Mist City Arts and Science University has a complete range of gymnasiums, and the preliminary, group, and ranking matches for these events have started one after another.

On the first day, the medals were mainly from track and field events.

After all, a track and field event can typically be completed within a morning or a day, including preliminary, semi-final, and final stages.

After the first day's competitions, the medal counts for the various universities were also announced.

Ranked first was Yancheng Sports Academy.

Because the overall strength of Yancheng Sports Academy's team this year was really strong, clinching a total of four gold medals in track and field events.

Thus, Yancheng Sports Academy topped the list with four golds, one silver, and two bronzes, seven medals in total.

While Mist City Arts and Science University is currently second with three gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze medal.

Speaking of which, those two silver medals were really a pity, just a bit shy of gold medals.

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And the only bronze medal was earned in the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle final, as Huo Feiyang took first place and set a new record.

Following him was Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy who earned the silver medal, and Mist City Arts and Science University's Yang Chen who won the bronze medal.

Despite ranking second on the medal table, Ding Yue was not in a rush.

After all, this was just the first day, and there were still six days to go, with many more competitions to come, and many of his Mist City Arts and Science University athletes had yet to compete.

That is to say, the potential for Mist City Arts and Science University to win gold medals in the future was enormous.

Sure enough.

After the start of the second day's competitions in the morning, Mist City Arts and Science University scooped up three gold medals, becoming the most dazzling presence of the morning's events.

Yancheng Sports Academy, on the other hand, gained just one gold medal that morning.

Thus, Mist City Arts and Science University, as the host, leveraged its prowess to surpass Yancheng Sports Academy on the medal table, claiming the top spot on both the medal and gold medal boards.

By the third day, Mist City Arts and Science University's lead in gold medals still held strong, even pulling away from Yancheng Sports Academy. If nothing surprisingly unexpected happened thereafter, Mist City Arts and Science University topping both the medal and gold medal tables seemed to be a done deal.

And this afternoon, another football match drew much attention.

That was the football game between Mist City Arts and Science University and Yancheng Sports Academy.

No need to say much about Yancheng Sports Academy, whose football team is claimed to be the top among domestic universities, and also the most popular. Their opening match with Mist City University of Technology even made it onto trending.

And there's even less need to say about Mist City Arts and Science University; as hosts, it's expected that the football match between Mist City Arts and Science University and Yancheng Sports Academy would garner high interest.

3:30 in the afternoon.

The weather was just right, partly cloudy, and the temperature was very comfortable, which for the football players on both teams, was a nice external BUFF bonus.

After all, playing football at a comfortable temperature point is much better than playing in scorching heat.

This match between Mist City Arts and Science University and Yancheng Sports Academy took place at the Central Sports Ground.

Ding Yue would naturally be watching the game on site today, as it was his school's football team competing.

Besides Ding Yue, other school leaders such as Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, as well as Director Xiao Wenxing from the Education Bureau of Mist City and Director Zhang from the Sports Bureau, were all present to watch the football match.

"Principal Ding, I hear that Yancheng Sports Academy's football team is very strong. Does your Mist City Arts and Science University football team have the confidence to win against Yancheng Sports Academy?" asked Director Xiao Wenxing with a smile before the start of the match.

"Indeed, Yancheng Sports Academy's football team is quite formidable," responded Ding Yue with a nod, first acknowledging the strength of Yancheng Sports Academy. Unlike Yancheng Sports Academy's prideful complacency, acknowledging the strength of others was a given for Ding Yue.

Then, Ding Yue said with a smile, "But I believe in every student of our Mist City Arts and Science University football team. Their continuous efforts over the past few years, I think, should yield some results."

"It seems Principal Ding is quite confident," said Director Zhang from the Sports Bureau with a chuckle.

"As the Principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, having confidence in our students is a given, but the outcome of this match will depend on how the players perform on the field," Ding Yue stated calmly.

While Ding Yue was discussing the situation of both teams with Directors Xiao Wenxing and Zhang, on the other side, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin were discussing how to place bets on this football match.

On a sports betting website, bets on this football match could go as high as ten thousand yuan.

"There's no need to say, of course we're betting on Mist City Arts and Science University."

Xu Bin didn't utter a second word and directly placed a bet of ten thousand yuan on Mist City Arts and Science University to win.

Speaking of odds, the odds for Mist City Arts and Science University to win are indeed a bit higher, as according to sports website data analysis, the probability of the Yancheng Sports Academy soccer team winning this match is somewhat greater.

Therefore, the odds for betting on Yancheng Sports Academy to win are lower, but obviously, more people are actually betting on Yancheng Sports Academy to win, because when looking at the strength of the two teams in this soccer match, Yancheng Sports Academy is without a doubt somewhat stronger.

The formidable strength of Yancheng Sports Academy is well known to all, but the strength of the Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team, however, is not very clear to everyone. Still, everyone thinks that it definitely can't match that of Yancheng Sports Academy.

"Then I'll bet on Yancheng Sports Academy."

Huang Youjie shrugged his shoulders and said.

"F*ck Huang, you traitor, you're actually betting on Yancheng Sports Academy to win?" Xu Bin's eyes instantly widened as he stared at Huang Youjie and spoke.

"Uh, haven't you already bet on our Mist City Arts and Science University to win? Although I also hope our Mist City Arts and Science University wins, when it comes to betting, we can't put all our eggs in one basket, right?"

Huang Youjie spread out his hands and said, "So, I can only bet on Yancheng Sports Academy."

Well, hearing Huang Youjie's explanation, Xu Bin was actually unable to refute.

On the soccer field, the players from both teams entered the pitch, and with the starting whistle blowing, the match officially began.

In fact, before the match, Ding Yue hadn't given a pep talk to the players of his Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team, mainly because Ding Yue trusted every player on his team, as well as their coach.

The Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team is actually the Feiyue Football Club, which belongs to the Feiyue Group. In other words, the players of Mist City Arts and Science University's soccer team have all signed contracts with the Feiyue Group.

Generally speaking, domestic soccer clubs provide very generous salary and benefits for their players, since, after all, soccer clubs are essentially commercialized with major enterprises responsible for them.

For instance, teams like Luneng and Hengtai, etc.

Feiyue Group also owns its own soccer club, the Feiyue Football Club, but the mechanism implemented by Feiyue Football Club is definitely different from other clubs, such as Luneng, Hengtai, etc.

At Feiyue Football Club, to receive a high salary and benefits, you must deliver good results; otherwise, the salary and benefits you get are just mediocre.

Unlike the national team players, who receive hefty salaries and benefits, yet play incredibly poorly.

With such a mechanism in place, coupled with the BUFF effect of Mist City Arts and Science University and the relentless efforts of every player on the team, Ding Yue believes that Feiyue Football Club can one day grow and become the hope for the future national team.

In reality, Ding Yue's aspirations for his Feiyue Football Club are not just as simple as being the hope for the future national team.

Ding Yue hopes that his Feiyue Football Club can one day become like Real Madrid, Bayern, Manchester United, Liverpool, Milan, Chelsea, and other top clubs in the world.

Of course, it would be even better if they could achieve a good result on the World Cup stage.

On the soccer field, the youngsters from Mist City Arts and Science University were playing tit-fortat with the players from Yancheng Sports Academy. This was the first time Yancheng Sports Academy faced a situation where they were not dominating possession. Ten minutes into the game, the ball possession rate was essentially even for both sides.

Yancheng Sports Academy attempted two attacks, but both were effortlessly neutralized by Mist City Arts and Science University.

Mist City Arts and Science University also initiated an attack that was blocked by Yancheng Sports Academy; the two teams were fiercely competing on the soccer field!

"Sh*t! This Mist City Arts and Science University soccer team is quite something!"

"They can actually play tit-for-tat with Yancheng Sports Academy?"

"These young lads are pretty fierce."

"This is what a thrilling soccer match is all about!"

Chapter 1368: No Tolerance for Idleness!

Mist City Arts and Science University's soccer match against Yancheng Sports Academy has been hailed by spectators as the most spectacular soccer match of this year's National University Sports Games.

Although Yancheng Sports Academy is known as the strongest soccer team in schools, they couldn't get any advantage when facing Mist City Arts and Science University's soccer team.

This really infuriated the coach of the Yancheng Sports Academy soccer team.

He originally thought that playing against Mist City Arts and Science University would not be a problem, acknowledging that Mist City might have some strength and even the home ground advantage, but facing their own strong team from Yancheng, they shouldn't collapse but wouldn't be able to withstand either.

It turned out unexpectedly.

The soccer match reached nearly ninety minutes, yet Yancheng Sports Academy still hadn't scored a single goal. Their persistent attacks were all resolved by Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Ah, such a great opportunity just slipped away."

Substitute players of Yancheng Sports Academy sitting by the field were all anxious watching the progression of the match.

However.

Undoubtedly, in stark contrast to Yancheng, were the coaches and substitutes of Mist City Arts and Science University, all of whom were very calm.

"Yue, there are only a few minutes left, who would have thought that we could actually go head-to-head with Yancheng Sports Academy!"

Huang Youjie exclaimed excitedly from the spectator stands.

"It seems I really didn't misjudge our Feiyue Soccer Club's team," Ding Yue nodded satisfactorily.

Originally, he thought that facing the mighty Yancheng Sports Academy might lead to conceding one or two goals, but unexpectedly, the match had dragged on to be still nil-nil.

Not only that, from the current situation, the defense of Mist City Arts and Science University's team was still very tight, almost without any laxness from the start.

On the other hand, Yancheng Sports Academy seemed to have tired.

In fact, by the second half, Yancheng Sports Academy's attacks had significantly tired compared to the first half, and now that it was already ninety minutes in, they were naturally even more fatigued.

Ding Yue could discern from the first day, and today's match, that Yancheng Sports Academy's strategy has always been strong attacks in the first half, attempting to shatter the opponent with a powerful offensive advantage, thereby soaring ahead with an almost irreversible lead.

As long as Yancheng's attack was broken in the first half, the second half would be much easier, even presenting opportunities for counterattacks.

However today, Yancheng Sports Academy's defense was also quite commendable.

Mist City Arts and Science University tried several attacks but couldn't breach Yancheng's defensive line.

Mist City Arts and Science University had a long shot that was quite accurate, but by the time the ball reached the goal, it didn't have enough power and was ultimately stopped by the goalkeeper of Yancheng Sports Academy.

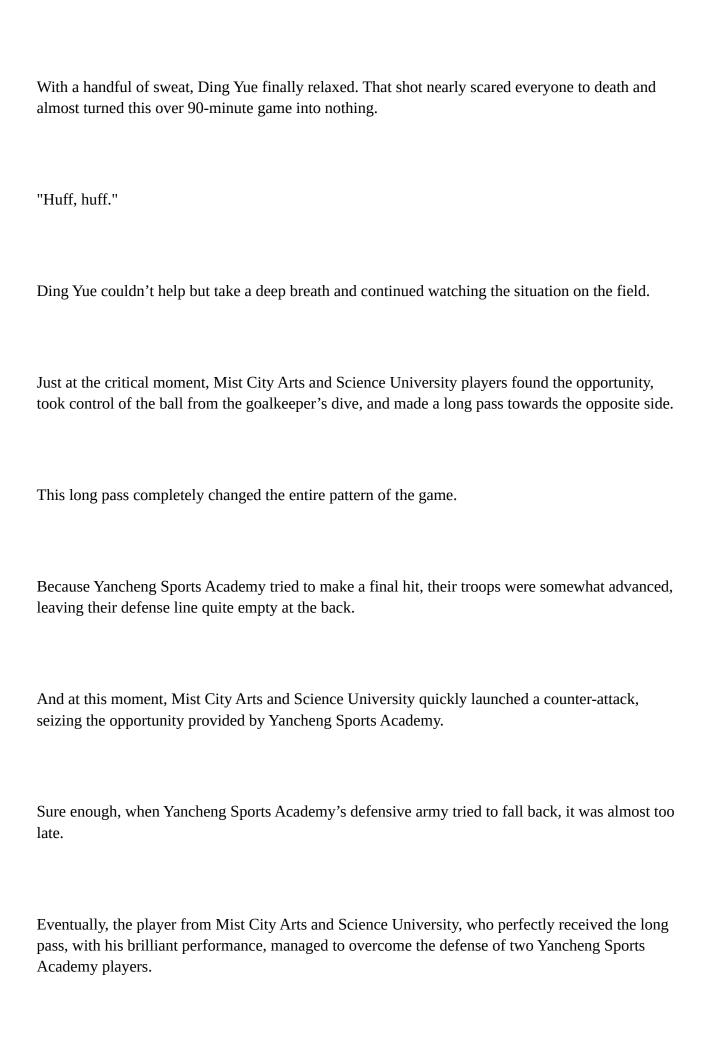
"This match is likely to end in a draw."

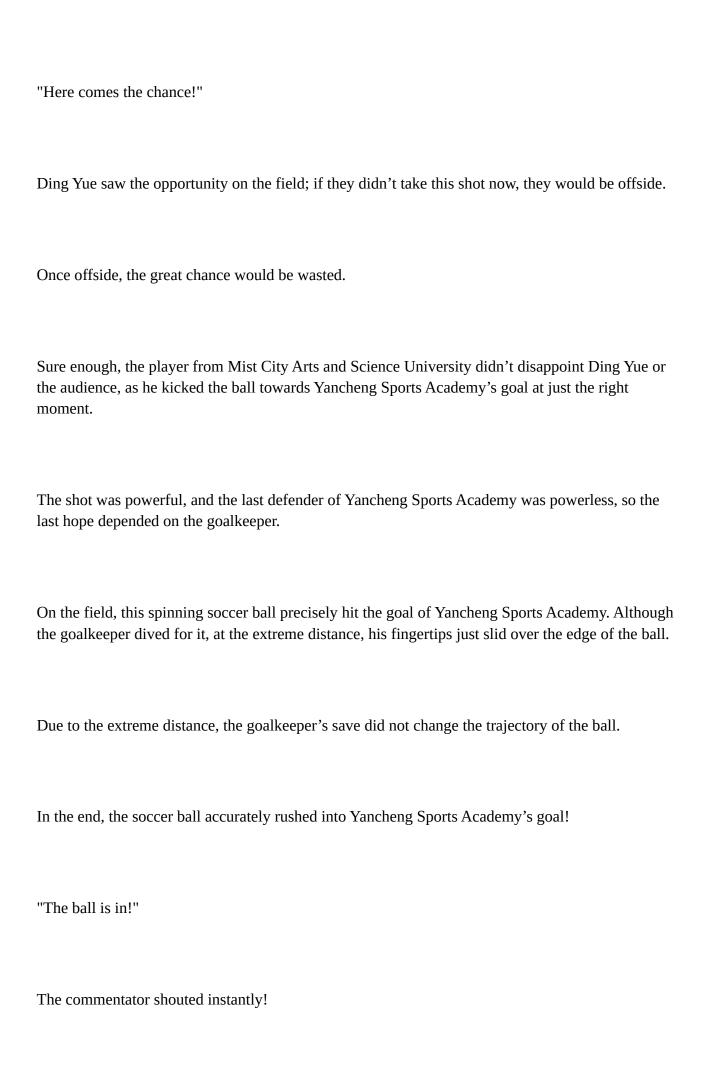
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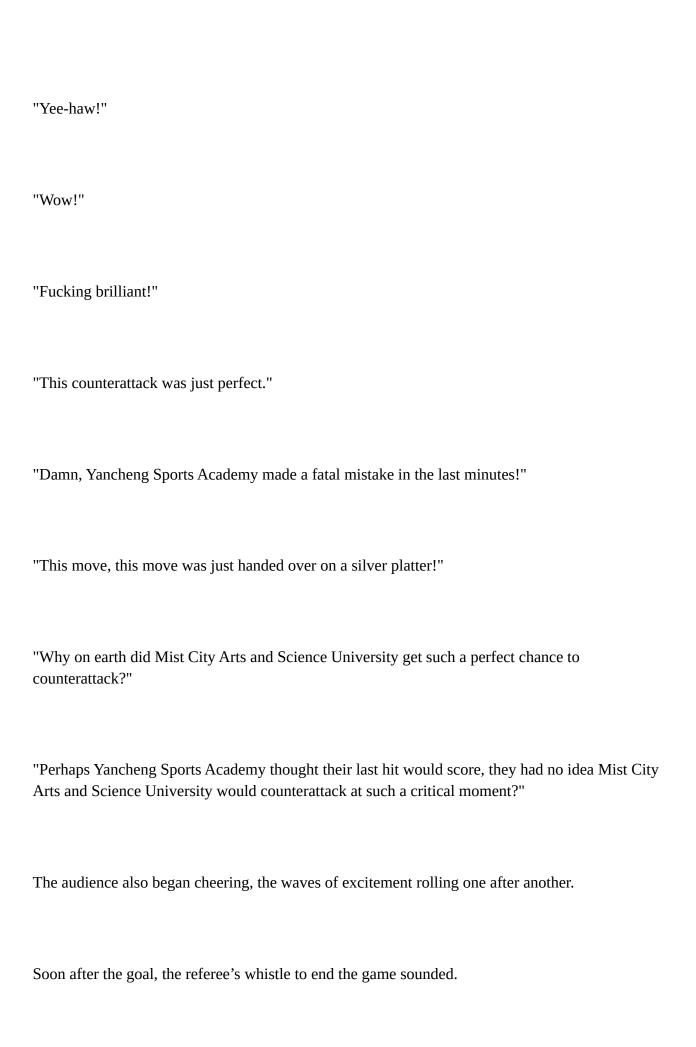
In the last few minutes, it was hard for a miracle to occur, especially as the players from both teams were quite exhausted. Scoring another goal would need a significant blunder from one side.

In the final moments of the match.
Yancheng Sports Academy's players seemed energized as if injected with a dose of adrenaline, making one last powerful attack.
"This must be Yancheng Sports Academy's final hit, it looks fierce!"
Huang Youjie exclaimed.
Ding Yue also felt his heart leap into his throat, this attack from Yancheng looked indeed fierce. Yancheng's players were unleashing their last bit of energy, trying to break the nil-nil deadlock.
Therefore, at this moment, it was impossible for Ding Yue not to be nervous.
After all, maintaining a zero-zero draw for over ninety minutes, if a goal was conceded now, all previous efforts would be in vain.
"We must hold on."
Ding Yue silently prayed.
The players of Mist City Arts and Science University were also defending tightly, trying to defuse this last attack from Yancheng Sports Academy.
However.
Yancheng Sports Academy's leading striker performed a bit exceptionally this time, bypassing two defending players, and in a gap between the third defender, he took a shot!
The ball traced an arc, crossing the penalty area and heading straight for the goal.
Bang!









The score finally fixed at 1-0!
Mist City Arts and Science University defeated the seemingly invincible Yancheng Sports Academy football team and created a legend and milestone in the National University Sports Games football match!
"We won, we won!"
Huang Youjie and Xu Bin couldn't contain their excitement and stood up from their seats in the stands.
"This defensive counterattack was really beautiful. It seems our Feiyue Football Club players must have been training hard regularly to have such good timing."
Ding Yue gained a clear understanding of the strength of Feiyue Football Club.
Before this, he mostly heard the director of sports, Xiong Yang praising how great Feiyue Football Club was, but now he had seen it with his own eyes.
After the match, the mood of the players from Yancheng Sports Academy was extremely low.
This was the second match for Yancheng Sports Academy; during the first match, they had ambitiously declared they would score double digits against Mist City University of Technology, yet they only won seven to zero.

Although the coach of Yancheng Sports Academy's football team scolded the players, he also encouraged them in the end to perform well in the upcoming matches.
Though they lost today, they had already secured one point from playing against Mist City University of Technology the first day. As long as they could secure the points from the upcoming matches, there shouldn't be a problem progressing to further matches.
Fortunately, the upcoming opponents aren't very strong, so winning should be no issue.
After the match ended, Ding Yue immediately went to his school football team's locker room.
After the players came off the field, they saw Principal Ding.
"Hello, Principal Ding!"
The players greeted.
"You all played beautifully today."
Ding Yue smiled and sincerely acknowledged the students' performance today: "The early pull against Yancheng Sports Academy was well-executed. You really put in the effort, you know, Yancheng Sports Academy's football team is said to be the strongest team in this National University Sports Games."
"Hehehe."

"Not bad."
"It's mainly because of good teamwork!"
The students laughingly said a few words.
"That last counterattack was brilliant, the goalkeeper defended well, and it was executed swiftly, showing your limitless potential. I hope in the coming days, you can train even harder and coordinate better to bring more thrilling matches to far-reaching fields, understand?"
Ding Yue highlighted the brilliant parts of the match and also expressed his expectations as the principal for this group of students from Mist City Arts and Science University.
"No problem!"
The students unanimously responded.
"Today's victory is the fruit of your efforts. Feiyue Football Club and Mist City Arts and Science University will definitely not undermine the efforts of those who work hard. Thus, I've decided to give you all a raise!"
Ding Yue said cheerfully.

Winning against a strong high school team like Yancheng Sports Academy proved that these young players from Mist City Arts and Science University hadn't wasted their training and had indeed trained extremely hard. Now that they have shown some results, a raise was fully justified.
"Really, Principal Ding?"
The students became instantly excited upon hearing this.
"Of course, have I ever gone back on my word? Remember, as long as you perform well and show flair, you don't have to worry about your wages in the club. But if you're only warming the bench, then I'm sorry, there are plenty of others ready to take your place!"
Ding Yue answered earnestly.
"Mmm."
The students nodded in agreement.
They naturally understood that if they chose the path of football, they absolutely had to persevere.
"This year, my expectation for you is to win the football championship at the National University Sports Games. Doing so would allow me to increase investments, giving you the chance to play in domestic professional leagues!"

Ding Yue said cheerfully to the student players.
By winning this year's National University Sports Games football championship, with some maneuvering, they could have the chance to play in domestic professional leagues.
Like the Summer League B, where having a chance to play could lead to promotion to Summer League A, and then the goal would be the Xia Super League! Chapter 1370: Hacking Incident!
In the following days of competition, Mist City Arts and Science University undoubtedly became the brightest star on the field!
Starting from the second day, Mist City Arts and Science University consistently led far ahead on both the gold and medal tally, opening up a significant gap from the second place Yancheng Sports Academy.
On the fifth day of the competition, the gold medals won by Mist City Arts and Science University had already surpassed twenty, averaging four gold medals per day.
In athletics, swimming, table tennis, basketball, badminton, football, and other disciplines, both individual athletes and teams from Mist City Arts and Science University showed strong competitiveness.
The sixth day of the competition was also the day of many finals.
For instance, the basketball finals took place today, as did the finals of several swimming and diving events; the track and field events had mostly concluded in the previous four days.

In the subsequent two to three days, the main sports venues were primarily used for football matches.
Speaking of football, since Mist City Arts and Science University defeated Yancheng Sports Academy in their first appearance, the Mist City Arts and Science University football team hadn't lost a single match, maintaining a winning streak.
After the defeat to Mist City Arts and Science University, Yancheng Sports Academy also claimed several consecutive victories.
Eventually, the seventh day of the competition, which is tomorrow afternoon, will see the showdown for the football championship, which also serves as the closing battle of the seven-day National University Sports Games.
In other words.
After the football championship battle tomorrow afternoon, the National University Sports Games will come to an end, followed by the closing ceremony of the Games.
After the closing ceremony, a highly anticipated "competition" will take place, not between humans, but between robots.
That's right.

After the National University Sports Games end tomorrow afternoon, Mist City Arts and Science University's artificial intelligence robot Big White will accept the challenge from Google Company's AI robot AlphaGo from The United States.
The two sides will compete in a series of matches in areas such as Go, athletic sports, and combat, with the ultimate winner earning the title of the world's strongest AI robot.
For Mist City Arts and Science University, it is a battle for honor.
For Google Company of The United States, it is a foundational battle. If they defeat Xia Country's AI robot Big White, Google's AI robot AlphaGo will become the most acclaimed AI robot in the world. Consequently, Google Company's future AI robot ventures will smoothly unfold, opening a massive market for AI robots.
However.
These matters are for tomorrow.
Today there is still one day of competition to be had, including the basketball finals.
Who will be the basketball champion this year?
The basketball finals will be contested between Mist City Arts and Science University and Qinghua University.

Γhat's right.
Mist City Arts and Science University's basketball team is extremely strong.
In previous years, Mist City Arts and Science University's basketball team has always made it to the final four in the National University Sports Games. This year they will compete against Qinghua University's basketball team for the gold medal of basketball champion!
The match is still in the afternoon, at Mist City Arts and Science University's Central Sports Stadium.
The Central Sports Stadium at Mist City Arts and Science University is quite large and can accommodate tens of thousands of spectators. Today's basketball finals here are extremely popular.
After all, one side is the local Mist City Arts and Science University, and the students there naturally want to watch the game live. However, with over eighty thousand students at Mist City Arts and Science University and the venue only able to accommodate a few thousand spectators, most students at Mist City Arts and Science University will have to watch the live broadcast in their dormitories.
Nevertheless, more female students from Mist City Arts and Science University attended the live event – a small "privilege" of sorts. The student union specifically encouraged more female spectators to come because having them in the audience naturally cheers on the Mist City Arts and Science University basketball team!
Ultimately, numerous young women from Mist City Arts and Science University enthusiastically went to the Central Sports Stadium to cheer for their school's basketball team.

Considering that the other finalist is Qinghua University, the top university in the country with the most comprehensive educational strength, it's quite impressive that their basketball team also made it to the finals.
As for who will win the championship gold medal in the final, it depends on who can hold out until the end in this afternoon's battle.
Ding Yue, as the president, naturally also attended to watch the game, anchoring down in hopes that the Mist City Arts and Science University basketball team can take the championship.
The match begins!
The battle between the basketball teams of Mist City Arts and Science University and Qinghua University has officially kicked off.
And really, for the student players of Mist City Arts and Science University's basketball team, this is the first time they've been this close to Qinghua University, but this time, they are facing off on the basketball court as opponents.
"Yue, based on overall strength, after watching all the basketball games of Mist City Arts and Science University and Qinghua University's teams, it seems that they are evenly matched. Whoever wins the championship today will depend on who performs better."