



Christopher Juwaan McCurbin-Parkin

Mother: Paula M. McCurbin

Father: Alrick C. Parkin

Birthdate: September 21, 1996 North York, Ontario

Jersey # 5

Position: Center mid and Center back

Lovingly Nick-named CJ by the Parkin family.

Hobbies: Soccer, singing, reading, Math, playing French horn, watching movies, playing video games.

Chris started enjoying soccer at about the age of 3 age. I remember he would keep running onto the field while his older cousins Jaylen and Justin played their games. so next thing to do was to sign him up for soccer also and started playing with the York Jets House League program. Frequently practicing with his older cousins, his Uncle Andy who trained them believed we train, we all train at the same level.

Christopher transferred to House League with North York Hearts, then rep for North York Hearts and went on to Spartacus club. During the summer of 2008 Christopher was selected to attend Paris France representing Canada youth in the Danone Nations Cup (a trip and opportunity of a lifetime). After experiencing a test of character and humility, Christopher not of his choosing and in keeping with his respect for soccer team-mates, officials, coaches etc moved on from the Spartacus club. Christopher was quickly losing his passion for soccer and told me with tears in his eyes he would never play soccer again. However, a very caring Manager Peter Piliotis who cared also about the boys' all round well being suggested an indoor winter soccer training program that he thought Christopher could do to enjoy and stay conditioned in the interim. Well the rest is history. He met Pedro Dias who encouraged Christopher over and beyond my expectations. Christopher even wanted to give back- he helped for a few years with summer soccer camp training other younger children who also love the sport alongside Pedro who lovingly called him "my boy" and Ramires. As opportunities arose for Christopher to try out for other teams it became quite clear where his "heart was" it was with Sporting FC, and playing for Pedro Dias, who was a mentor to Christopher #5. At ages 14 and 15 Christopher became the captain of Sporting boys team as well as at his High School William Lyon MacKenzie. Christopher believed in always playing and doing "his personal best" on the pitch, in the classroom, in the orchestra, and in life, and knew without a doubt who blessed him with the talents, opportunities, friends and people he came in contact with. He always felt if he did not use the gifts and talents our Lord Jesus Christ gave us, they would be taken away, so he used all that he had.