

# One Win, One Loss for Cougars in Fiji

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Used cleats collected from RSL exhibition game were given to Fijian children.

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The BYU Cougars are currently in Fiji for their annual international trip. Their first game was on Wednesday, May 7th, against the Ba FC, considered to be Fiji's most successful soccer team. The match ended in a 1-0 loss for the Cougars.

With very rough play and a few chances on goal for both teams, the first half closed 0-0. Ba scored the only goal of the game mid-way through the second half. The best opportunity for the Cougars came later in the half as Garrett Losee passed a ball to Steve Fellows who trapped it past the defense. As the goal keeper came out to grab the bouncing ball, Fellows chipped it over the keeper's head and it landed just shy of the post. Minutes later, a long ball was sent from the right wing to Fellows just left of center field for a break away, but the linesman rose his flag on what then became a controversial offside call. The hits continued to end of the game, and the final ended at 1-0.

The Cougars' second game was on Thursday, May 8th against the reserves of Fiji's U-20 Olympic team. Not long into the first half, a corner from the right side taken by Curtis Graham curled in and was knocked in by Freshman Derek Taylor. Mid-way into the half, Scott Heaton tackled an offensive Fijian player who was moving from the middle of the

goal box and nearly made it out before the tackle. The Olympic team was awarded a penalty kick which was shot wide of the left post. The half ended 1-0 for the cougars. During the second half, one of the Fijian players elbowed Steve Fellows on ground after a tackle just near the sideline and the player received a red card. Late in the second half, Garrett Losee was taken down in the box. He was awarded a penalty kick and scored the goal, but it was taken back because a Fijian player pushed Steve Fellows in the box shortly before the kick. A yellow card was given to the Fijian player and the penalty kick was re-taken. Losee put the ball on the ground left of the keeper, ending the game with a 2-0 win for the cougars.

Later that evening, the team was invited to a feast with the mayor of Ba which was attended by top officials both in the Fijian government and Fiji Soccer. The players are being hosted by the Fiji Soccer Academy.

The next game for the Cougars will be against Lautoka, a top team in Fiji, on Saturday afternoon.