

Cougars Leave Fiji with 2 Wins, 2 Losses

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BYU Vs Lautoka

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The Cougars won 2-0 against the Fiji league leaders, Lautoka, on Monday, May 12th, giving BYU their second win on Fijian soil. In the first half, Garrett Losee scored the first goal after stealing the ball from Lautoka's center back. The second goal was scored by Zach DeFrancis from a twenty-five yard shot in the second half. The stadium was packed with about 4,000 fans, and kickoff was postponed fifteen minutes because the line of people waiting to enter was so long.

The Cougars hosted a clinic for about 194 Fijian children on Saturday. The team was able to donate hundreds of cleats which were collected from fans at the game against the Real Salt Lake Reserves in Provo earlier this month.

"Sports binds hearts," said BYU right full-back Daniel Turnbull. "What better way to help the needy children of Fiji by making them smile when you give them something that they need?"

On Tuesday evening, the Cougars took on Suva in the pouring rain. The game closed at 3-2 for Suva. Mid-way into the first half, a Suva forward shot the ball past the keeper and

into the net. The Cougars bounced back after a corner kick when BYU defender Clay Christenson blasted the ball into the right back of the net. In the second half of the game, Suva scored another goal, putting them on top at 2-1. BYU's Zach DeFrancis was the next to score a goal for the Cougars when he knocked the ball past the keeper in the upper left corner and made a twenty yard goal. After a foul, BYU's Zach DeFrancis tried to jump on a quick restart opportunity, but Suva stole the ball and scored the winning goal.