

St. Ambroeus: The All-Refugee Team



1) Discussion

- a) Are there any clubs in your country that are close to the community?
 - b) Does your country accept a lot of refugees? If so, what does it do to help them settle into the community?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Quintessential (adjective) | a) A safe and peaceful place. |
| 2) To Nestle (verb) | b) To combine or mix things together to make a whole. |
| 3) Haven (noun) | c) Very close and supportive of each other. |
| 4) Refugee (noun) | d) To settle in a comfortable and cozy place. |
| 5) To Integrate (verb) | e) The best example of something. |
| 6) Akin (adjective) | f) A person who leaves their country to find safety in another. |
| 7) Tight-knit (adjective) | g) Similar or related. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Quintessential

To Nestle

Haven

Refugee

To Integrate

Akin

Tight-knit

- 1) Through programs like "Football for Unity," organisations aim to help immigrant children _____ into their new communities, using the sport as a common language and tool for social cohesion.
- 2) Teams like Borussia Dortmund are known for their _____ communities of fans who passionately support their club through thick and thin.
- 3) Lionel Messi is often described as the _____ representation of a modern football genius, combining skill, vision, and consistency throughout his career aintegrat Barcelona and PSG.
- 4) The DHL Stadium in Cape Town is _____ in the harbour of the city underneath Table Mountain.
- 5) Eduardo Camavinga's family moved to France as _____ from the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 6) In Brazil, football is _____ to a religion, with players like Pelé and Ronaldinho being worshipped as national heroes and cultural icons.
- 7) Football stadiums should be safe-_____ for people of all ethnicities and backgrounds.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What is the primary role of St. Ambroeus FC in Milan's football culture and community?
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Milan's Refugee Team

Milan, a city globally renowned for its rich footballing heritage, is home to some of the most storied clubs in world football. While AC Milan and Inter Milan dominate the headlines, the soul of the city's football culture often thrives in its grassroots clubs, with St. Ambroeus FC standing as a quintessential representation of this vibrant scene.

Located in the heart of Milan, St. Ambroeus FC embodies the passion and communal spirit that defines Italian football. Named after the city's patron saint, Ambrose, the club is more than just a team; it is a symbol of unity and local pride. Nestled in the bustling neighbourhoods, the club provides a haven for young talents and a gathering point for the community.

St. Ambroeus FC was founded with the mission to nurture local talent and provide an inclusive environment for all football enthusiasts, by helping immigrants and refugees integrate into Italian culture. With players from Mali, Guinea, Senegal, Cameroon and Morocco, they play a crucial role in helping refugees feel at home in Milan. Over the years, it has grown from a modest beginning into a respected institution within Milan's football landscape. The club's commitment to fostering a family-friendly atmosphere and promoting sportsmanship has made it a beloved fixture among locals.

The importance of St. Ambroeus FC to the community cannot be overstated. It offers a platform for children and teenagers to develop not only their football skills but also their personal growth and social interaction.

In a city where football is akin to religion, St. Ambroeus FC plays a pivotal role in keeping the grassroots spirit alive. It stands as a testament to Milan's enduring love for the beautiful game, reflecting the city's dedication to nurturing future generations of footballers and fostering a tight-knit community bound by their passion for football.



4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on St. Ambroeus FC?
- b) Can you think of any clubs in your country that are important to the local community?
- c) Do you think it's important for clubs to be involved in the local community?

