



Sergeant Alcide Tchamabo (left) and the Patriotes team during their victory in the Longueuil Soccer Club Senior Mixed League Cup, D2 division.

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On the soccer field, in summer and winter

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Sergeant Alcide Tchamabo, of the 51st Field Ambulance, is passionate about soccer. A native of Cameroon, he has been practicing this sport since childhood. In addition to being a member of the Patriotes, he plays in a civilian league in the fall and winter.

Sgt Tchamabo explains that soccer is a sport accessible to everyone. “No need to spend a fortune on equipment to play. That’s why I started becoming passionate about this sport at a very young age.” Among other things, he says he loves this discipline because it is played as a team. “Soccer requires technique and strategy. I think that’s great.”

Since joining the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Sgt Tchamabo has played with the Patriotes, the representative team of the FAC in the Montreal region. A knee injury has prevented him from playing for several years. He therefore lives his passion by focusing on training. He maintains that playing soccer is excellent for the military. “Just like in the CAF, to succeed in this sport, you have to work as a team. Soccer allows you to develop this way of doing things even further and to better understand its importance. »


A true fan, Sgt Tchamabo coaches the Patriotes team which also plays in the senior league of the Longueuil Soccer Club. The team also won the Senior Mixed League Cup of the Longueuil Soccer Club in the D2 division in the summer

of 2023. “What is nice about the civil league is that we have access to interior grounds. It’s perfect for playing during the cold season and continuing to progress. »

Although there are still many men's and women's teams, Sgt Tchamabo mentions that soccer is a very inclusive discipline. “There are more and more mixed teams. This fall we had three women playing with us.”

Military players wanted

Currently, the Patriotes team has around thirty players. In view of the next season, Sgt Tchamabo invites CAF members to join them. “We are open to welcoming both players who have experience and others who would like to start playing soccer.”

 To join the Patriotes



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