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I was really excited when I got selected for GPSFA, as it meant I would be playing football at a higher standard. It certainly didn't disappoint and my seasons playing for the county, were the most influential experiences I have had so far. I learned so much and have become a much better player as a result of the brilliant coaching.



I looked forward to the weekly training sessions come rain or shine. They were a chance to get together with my friends and develop core skills. On match days, we got to travel around the country playing different teams. We would travel by minibus which was a lot of fun because we would mess around, make stories, sing songs and drive Ed mad with our loudness! I particularly remember the Nationals and the Birmingham Cup as they were a big achievement.

The tour was great too, I never would have dreamed I would have the opportunity to go on a tour of Wembley, but I did! We saw the players' shirts all lined up in the dressing room, sat at the side of the pitch where the managers sit and held the (fake) FA Cup. We had to keep a diary of our activities which will help me to remember my time away.

I have made many new friends who I hope I will continue to play football with in the future. We all got on as a team, but we were also lucky to have extra activities which GPSFA organised, for example XJump, footgolf, bowling and swimming. These were all so much fun because we would laugh a lot and do lots of crazy things.

I enjoyed playing my home matches at Longlevens. However, the best thing was really the chips and chicken nuggets or sausages!

My most memorable moment was definitely coming third in the Nationals. My advice to future players is to work hard but to have fun.

I am really grateful to have had this opportunity, the GPSFA experience will stay with me forever.