



Kang Chiao at the Michael Jordan Flight School



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Michael Jordan is one of the most famous basketball players in the world. He established his own training camp at the University of California, Santa Barbara, 17 years ago. We were the first group from Taiwan to join the Michael Jordan Flight School!

From August 3rd to August 7th, our students joined the Michael Jordan Flight School. There were lots of junior and senior high students from all over America who wanted to improve their basketball

everyone's ability in order to adjust their team roster.

The rest of the camp day was League ball games and various training lessons which focused on personal skills, offense and defense practice, pair cooperation, three-man cooperation, lay-ups, shot, and crossover.

One of our eighth grade students, Greg Hsu, said, "Although I was not the star on the court, I could cooperate very well with my teammates. This kind of experience let me realize the importance of team work."

"Our team had won four consecutive ball games. Even though we had some players with wounded hands, legs, and even eyes, we still wanted to fight our opponents," said Linus Liang from 803.

The most amazing thing is Michael Jordan came to the camp every day! He walked around, chatted with campers, and instructed them on how to perform better! Every day, there was a period of time spent meeting with Michael Jordan. Students could play a shooting game with Michael Jordan, or one-on-one with Michael Jordan, or listen to Michael Jordan talk about his passion and enthusiasm for basketball.

One camper questioned Michael Jordan, asking if he is afraid to do a buzzer-beater? Michael thought about it and said, "No, I'm not afraid. On the contrary, I really want to take the shot! I'm not afraid of trying and of failure!"

Our students were very involved in this camp. They ran for the fast breaks, and they jumped for the rebounds. When they played defense, their opponents could not even get the ball. Although our students got hurt, they got their wounds wrapped up and got back to the court.

What did our students learn from this camp? They faced people who were taller, faster and stronger players. They had to arm themselves, strengthen their minds, and fight for the championship! They had to cooperate with each other, either playing offense or defense. They needed to think, and to work out strategies. They were facing tough guys, and they had to keep a competitive attitude so they could get the chance to win.

Our students endured a tough week. They were challenged by the other students. After this camp, they know they cannot dunk yet, or that they cannot get 20-20. However, they know that if they do their best, they can get closer to the championship.

At this camp, Kang Chiao students learned to set a goal, to think and make plans, and to try their best.



skills, and of course, to see the "Air Man".

The first day, students were separated into several groups based on their age. The coaches let them play 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 ball games. This helped them to realize

Another grade eight student, Jim Han, felt he had a very good relationship with his coach, "Our coach treated us warmly! Whenever we lost the game or made a mistake in practice, he encouraged us to try our best instead of blaming us."



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