



Where were you on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>? For those who were fortunate enough to be watching the Manchester United vs. Aston Villa game you watched true history. In the 61<sup>st</sup> minute it was put on the shoulders of Federico Macheda to save Manchester's spot at the top of the Premier League table. When the number 41 lit up the fourth official's board, the collective soccer world simultaneously asked the same question: Who is Federico Macheda? The Italian answered that question in the 93<sup>rd</sup> minute with a beautiful bending shot leaving American keeper Brad Friedel's fingers just not long enough. Called to the first team due to injuries and suspensions, Macheda has made the most of his half an hour in the spotlight. The kicker of it all – HE IS ONLY 17!!! That's right. While you are texting in home ec. or dazing out the window of your math class, this 17 year old is playing next to Giggs and Ronaldo. Talk about a dream come true.

So here is my question to the soccer player of today. What is your dream? Do you have the guts to dream that one day you may play for the Galaxy next to Donovan and Beckham? Or even better do you dream to play for our Sounders next to the likes of Kasey Keller and Freddie Ljungberg? Do you dream of playing at a top class college or perhaps winning the league with your club team? Whatever it is I challenge you to dream and dream big!

You will never become what you don't have the imagination to be!!!

Yours in Soccer,  
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