

DKU ATHLETICS



2026 YEARBOOK

CLASS OF 2026
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A Word From The Creators

Annie Tong

I am glad to have this yearbook as a memory for both my senior year and the end of my athletic journey at DKU. My hope is for this yearbook legacy to continue beyond my time at DKU, and the sentiment and memories of being part of a team is shared by all of our athletes. I believe this yearbook is the best way to keep those memories and feelings of teamwork alive. It has been an honor to create the second Athletics yearbook.

Kang An

I'm grateful to have another yearbook to capture the moments and bonds that we as a community have created over the past year. Imagine going back to it in 20 years - it would hit hard for so many reasons. I would like to thank all colleagues and student athletes who supported the project. And obviously Annie, this wouldn't have happened without you.

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Reflecting on the Year

This year marked a defining step forward for DKU Athletics. As a young program, we are already establishing a meaningful presence across local, provincial, and national stages—evidence not only of performance, but of the breadth of opportunities our students are embracing. From national champions in skiing and top performances in dance, to Tai Chi athletes earning multiple international podium finishes, to team successes across basketball, football, Frisbee and beyond—these achievements signal progress. More importantly, however, is the culture behind those results. What stands out

most is the visible, consistent support across teams—student-athletes showing up for one another, regardless of sport. That is not accidental. That is the foundation of a real athletics program, and it is something this community has built early and should take pride in.

This program is being built in real time, and each of you has shaped what it is becoming. The culture we are seeing today is a reflection of your commitment, your standards, and how you show up for each other.

Carry that forward. Protect it. Build on it.

**GROWTH AT THIS LEVEL
IS NOT JUST ABOUT DO-
ING MORE; IT IS ABOUT BE-
COMING MORE. THAT IS THE
CHALLENGE AHEAD, AND IT
IS ONE WE WILL TAKE ON
TOGETHER.**

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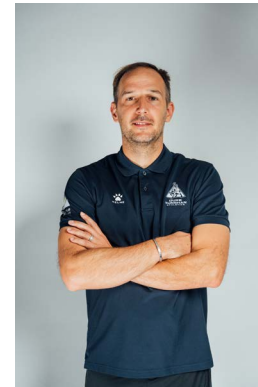
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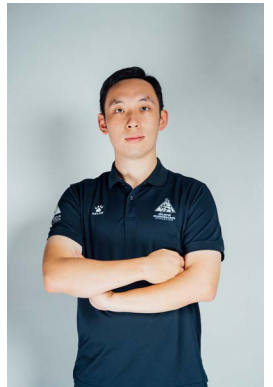
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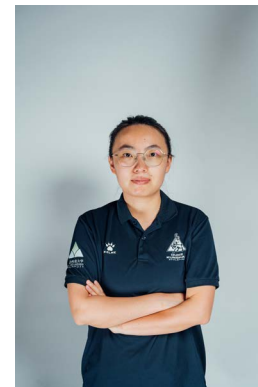
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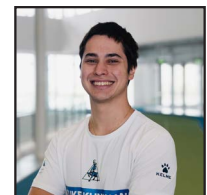
The Sport Clubs Executive Board (EB) serves as the administrative leadership body of the Sport Clubs Advisory Council (SCAC), representing all student-led sport clubs in university regulatory structures and ensuring effective communication with Athletics leadership. This year, the EB focused on strengthening the operational foundation of DKU's growing sports community. Key initiatives included overhauling club accountability through mandatory attendance tracking, finance sheets, and end-of-year reports, while assigning each EB member to specific clubs for monthly one-on-one mentoring. The board also laid groundwork for supporting individual student athletes (e.g., in skiing and Ironman competitions) on a case-by-case basis, and began developing formal policies on leadership roles across multiple clubs.

In addition to governance, the EB drove major event planning and student experience projects. The team managed the Athletics Awards—securing the AB Ballroom as the venue, finalizing the awards design, and overseeing the nomination review process. The EB also revived the annual yearbook, setting deadlines, collecting missing club submissions, and coordinating photo uploads. Other accomplishments included working toward fairer team representation on the DKU Athletics Instagram account, sharing updates and resources through WeChat, and launching a dedicated EB page on the Athletics website to clarify leadership structures and how students can get involved. Through weekly meetings and structured project updates, the EB ensured consistent communication, better budget planning, and a more connected student-athlete experience.



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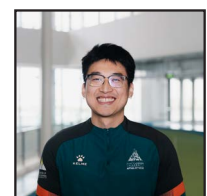
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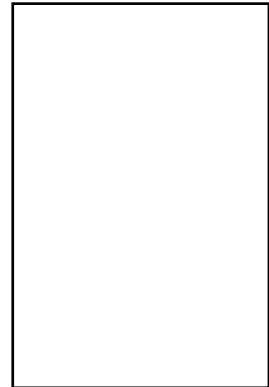
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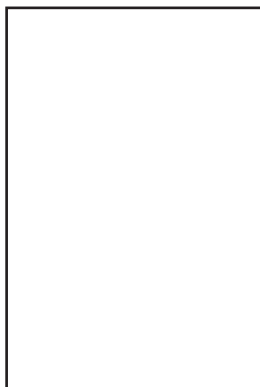
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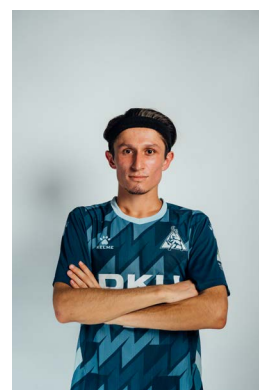
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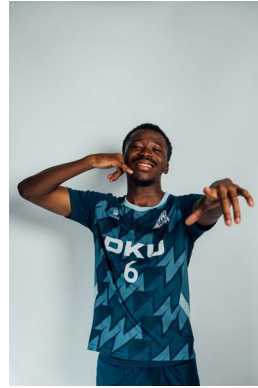
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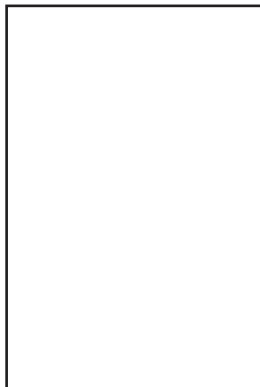
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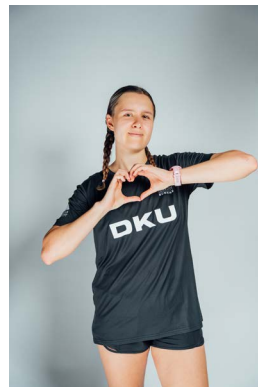
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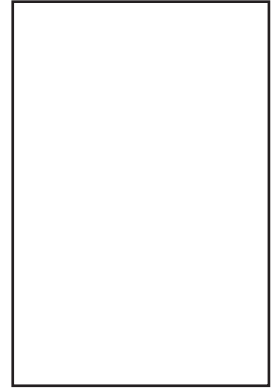
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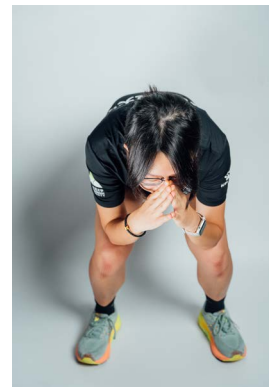
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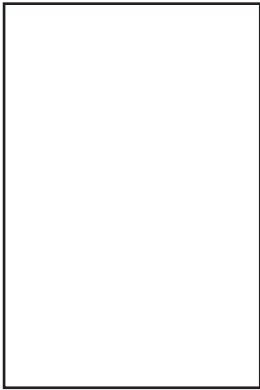


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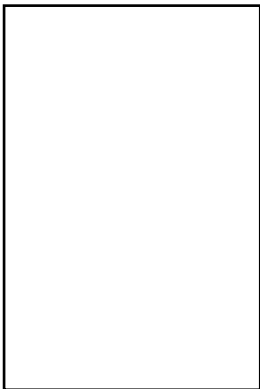
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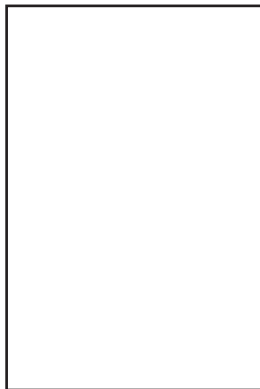
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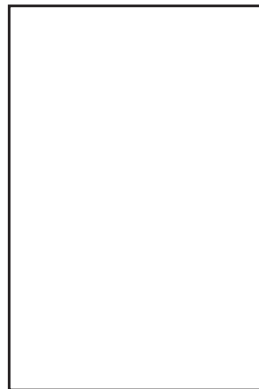
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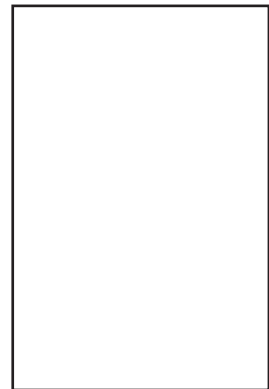
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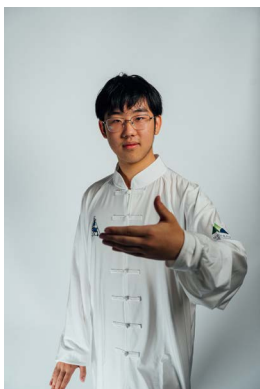
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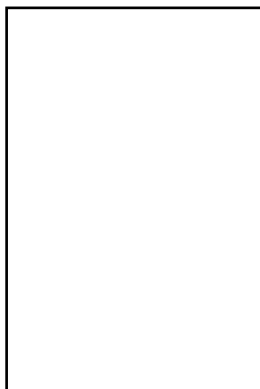
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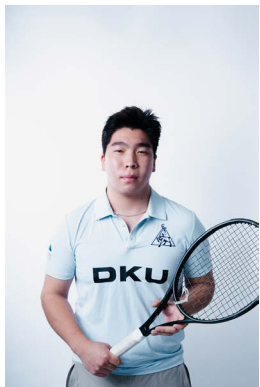
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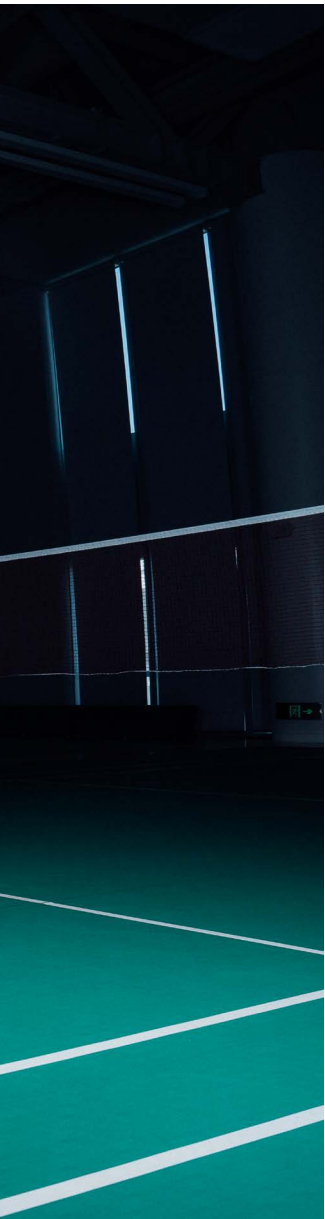


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BADMINTON

The DKU Badminton Varsity has demonstrated remarkable resilience throughout this year's Sino-Foreign Cup series. Competing against strong teams from UNNC and NYUSH, we consistently achieved second place in all three tournament legs. These results reflect not only competitive performance but also the team's growing cohesion and tactical maturity. Over the season, players have shown significant improvement in both individual skills and team coordination, adapting quickly to high-level matches and pressure situations. More importantly, the team has built a strong culture of discipline, perseverance, and mutual support, laying a solid foundation for future success. With this year's experience, the DKU Badminton Varsity is well-positioned to continue rising and aiming for even greater achievements in upcoming competitions.





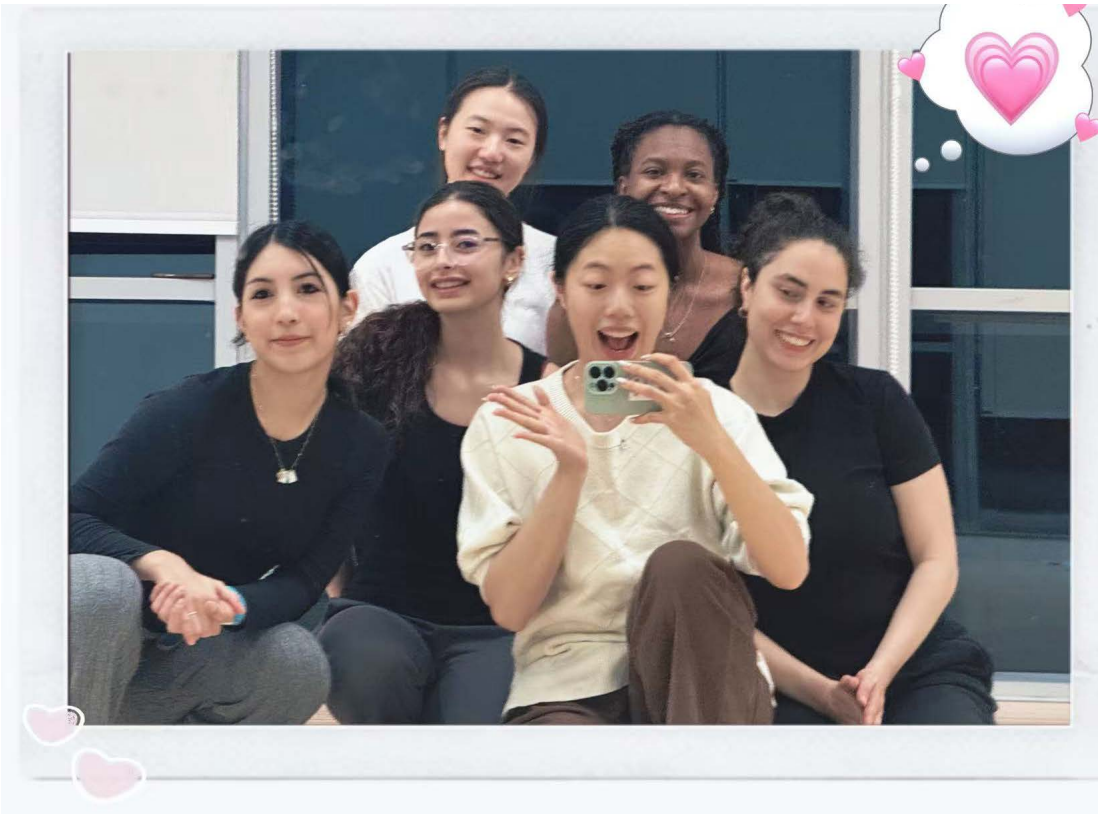


BALLET

The Ballet Club is defined not only by its dancers, but by the diversity and unity that shape its identity. With members representing countries including Ecuador, Pakistan, Morocco, China, and Vietnam, the team brings together a wide range of cultural perspectives that enrich both its artistry and spirit. Each dancer contributes a unique voice, and through collaboration, these differences blend into choreography that is both dynamic and harmonious. Despite varying levels of experience, the club thrives on a culture of mentorship and mutual support, where more advanced dancers guide newer members, fostering both technical growth and meaningful connections across the team. This year marked a major milestone, highlighted by President Yuanfei's success at the Prix de Europe International Dance Competition, where she earned two gold medals and a Starlight Award—an achievement that elevated the club's visibility and inspired a new focus on competitive growth.

At the same time, the team's journey throughout the season reflected its resilience, creativity, and strong sense of community. Preparation for Dance Night became a defining experience, as dancers collaborated through intensive rehearsals, adapted to partner changes, and overcame unexpected challenges with flexibility and commitment. From its beginnings, the Ballet Club has grown from the ground up into a vibrant and ambitious program, producing original works like **The Me In Between: Head vs. Heart**, participating in showcases, and creating lasting memories through performances and film. Beyond achievements, it is the shared moments—inside jokes like “meteorite” and laughter-filled rehearsals—that capture the team's spirit. With a foundation rooted in collaboration, courage, and artistic exploration, the Ballet Club looks ahead to expanding opportunities, strengthening training, and building a lasting legacy, including the vision of a future Ballet Varsity team.









MEN'S BASKETBALL

This season was nothing short of a “dream comeback” for Men’s Basketball. Facing a significant roster transition with key veterans graduating, the team began the year with a fresh face and uncertain prospects. However, what followed was a historic transformation. We didn’t just compete, but we redefined our legacy, securing first-ever championships in both the SFUC and the Kunshan League. Under Coach Marko’s tactical guidance, the squad evolved into a composed and resilient force. We became masters of the “clutch moment,” overcoming double-digit deficits and clinching titles with heart-stopping buzzer-beaters. Beyond the scoreboard, the culture shifted toward a more joyful atmosphere, where constant banter fostered an unwavering trust and chemistry on the court. From ranking last a year ago to standing at the top of the podium today, this season proved that unity and grit can turn any rebuilding year into a championship era.









WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The DKU Women's Basketball Team had an exceptional season defined by both competitive success and strong team culture. Finishing the year with an almost perfect record, the team once again demonstrated its dedication, discipline, and commitment to excellence on the court. For the second consecutive year, DKU captured the Women's Basketball Division title at the Sino-Foreign University Cup, showcasing strong teamwork and determination against other international university programs. The team also secured second place at the DKU Invitational, further highlighting its strong performance throughout the season.

Beyond the results on the court, the team built a close-knit and supportive community. Players encouraged one another not only during games and practices but also across campus activities and extracurricular events. The team shared many memorable experiences together, including attending a WCBA game as a group, which strengthened their appreciation for the sport and their bond as teammates. Countless team outings throughout the year helped build trust, care, commitment, and lasting friendships. Through hard work, resilience, and mutual support, the DKU Women's Basketball Team created a season defined not only by victories, but also by the strong relationships that made those achievements possible.









BINGDAO

DKU Martial Arts Short Weapon Club was founded in 2025 and currently has 9 active members. In its first year, the team advanced to the finals of the First National Short Weapon School League and earned awards in four different divisions. Over the past year, the club has focused on campus promotion and external exchanges. They organized “Martial Arts Bridge” events with the Learning Based on Community program and the Huzhou Martial Arts Association, attracting over 50 participants. In 2026, they held a technical and cultural exchange with Huzhou Normal University, the Huzhou Short Weapon Association, and Zhaocun Middle School. Through these experiences, team members have sharpened their skills, and the club’s influence continues to grow.









CHEERLEADING

DKU Cheer didn't begin with a coach or a handbook, it began with a group of students who simply believed it could exist. We figured it out together, one practice at a time.

There were moments that were hard. Learning from scratch, building routines, finding our rhythm as a team. But those were also the moments that brought us closest. The late nights, the small victories, the encouragement we gave each other when things felt uncertain, that's what shaped us.

We cheered at every Sino Cup game, through every weather condition, and through every challenge the season brought. But what we're most proud of isn't the performances. It's the people. The bonds formed in the process of building something from nothing turned into a sisterhood none of us expected but all of us needed.

This was our second successful season, and we're just getting started.





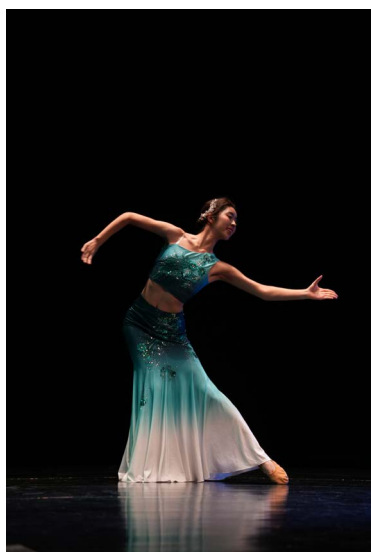




CHINESE DANCE

The Chinese Dance Club is a performance-based community united by a shared passion for dance and cultural expression. While rooted in Chinese dance, the club brings together members from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds, creating an open, collaborative environment where creativity thrives. With participants from China and other international communities, the team approaches Chinese dance not only as a traditional art form but also as a platform for cultural exchange. Through choreography, music, and storytelling, members learn from one another and contribute fresh perspectives, resulting in performances that are both culturally grounded and widely accessible.

This year, the club reached new heights through a series of ambitious performances and projects. At Dance Night, the team performed a range of pieces—including group, solo, and duet works—highlighting both unity and individuality. Their most significant undertaking, the dance drama **Dream of the Red Chamber**, marked a major step forward in scale and vision, requiring extensive collaboration in choreography, staging, and artistic interpretation. Alongside this, participation in the “Green Leaf Cup” Chinese and International Talent Gala expanded the club’s presence beyond campus. Through these experiences, the team demonstrated resilience, creativity, and a strong sense of purpose, building a foundation for future growth while continuing to push the boundaries of performance and cultural storytelling.





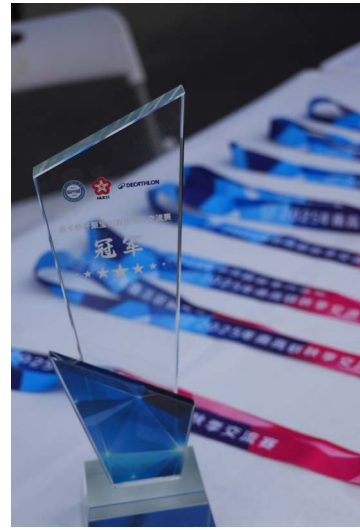


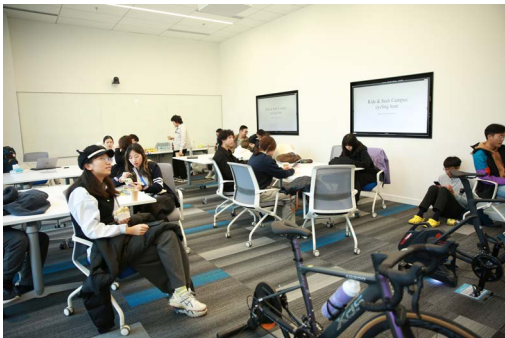


CYCLING

Founded in 2025, the DKU Cycling Club is a student-led community centered on wellbeing, athletic spirit, and a shared love for riding. Set between Suzhou and Shanghai, Kunshan’s scenic greenways and lakeside routes provide the perfect environment for both training and exploration, allowing members to stay active while experiencing the beauty of Jiangnan. The club brings together students from China, the Netherlands, Canada, and the United States, creating a uniquely international perspective on cycling. Through shared rides and conversations, members explore how cycling functions across different cultures—not just as a sport, but as a sustainable, people-centered way of life and urban mobility.

Over the past year, the club has transformed these ideas into action through regular group rides, skill-building sessions, and campus initiatives like the DKU Bike Clinic, where students learn hands-on repair and maintenance. Signature events such as cycling safety and sustainability workshops, participation in the Suzhou Metro bike pilot program, and the campus-wide “Bike and Seek” initiative have expanded the club’s impact beyond recreation into advocacy and community building. Representing DKU in regional events like the Nanjing University Cycling League and fostering intercollegiate connections, the team has laid a strong foundation for a lasting cycling culture on campus—one that promotes health, environmental awareness, and a vision for more connected, bike-friendly communities.









EQUESTRIAN

The Equestrian Club is defined by its unique approach to riding as a partnership between humans, animals, and the environment. Rather than focusing solely on technique, the team emphasizes communication, patience, and trust, encouraging riders to work with horses in a respectful and intuitive way. With members from China, the United States, Russia, Poland, Mongolia, and the UAE, the club brings together a wide range of cultural perspectives and learning styles, creating an open and supportive atmosphere. Through hands-on experience, members develop not only riding ability but also leadership, awareness, and confidence—learning to respond thoughtfully rather than simply control.

This season, the club's greatest achievement was building a strong and connected community. Riders of all experience levels made steady progress in skill, safety, and confidence, supported by a culture of mutual care both on and off the horse. Everyday routines—grooming, preparing equipment, and checking in on one another—became meaningful rituals that strengthened trust and responsibility within the team. By expanding connections with stables and professional training resources, the club has laid a solid foundation for future growth. Looking ahead, the Equestrian Club aims to pursue more advanced training opportunities, explore competitive pathways, and continue growing as both a learning community and a team grounded in respect for the sport and its environment.







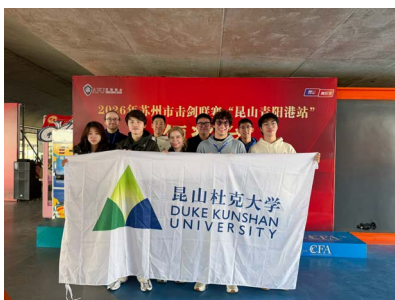


FENCING

The Fencing Club is united by both its competitive spirit and its rich cultural diversity, bringing together athletes from China, the United States, Cuba, Serbia, Romania, and Mongolia. This international mix shapes a dynamic team environment where members share not only techniques, but also the language and traditions of fencing from around the world. From calling out moves in different languages to cheering in their own voices during matches, each athlete contributes to a vibrant and inclusive team culture. Despite these differences, fencing serves as a common ground—building connection, mutual respect, and a shared passion that transcends borders.

This season, the club achieved outstanding success in competitions, highlighted by top finishes at the 2025 XJTLU–DKU Fencing Competition, including a first-place Men’s Épée Team and multiple podium placements across individual and team events. Strong performances at the Shanghai Shili Fencing Competition further demonstrated the team’s growing competitive presence. Beyond results, the team’s character shone through in moments of sportsmanship—most notably when athletes from both sides paused competition to support an injured opponent, reminding everyone that respect comes before rivalry. With traditions like recording practices and rallying together with “On guard! DKU Fencing Club,” the team has built a strong identity. Looking ahead, they aim to compete more widely across Suzhou and Shanghai, continuing to elevate the club’s reputation and showcase the strength of DKU fencing.









MEN'S FOOTBALL

Varsity Men's Football Team demonstrated clear growth and achievement throughout the season. The team began by winning the DKU Invitational, delivering dominant performances against Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and Soochow University. The team also competed in the Sino-Foreign University Cup, showing discipline, competitive spirit, and unity. In the highly competitive Suzhou League, which features 16 teams and over 400 players, the squad earned promotion to the Super Group this year, marking significant progress. A defining highlight was a 5–0 victory over Agriculture University, the previous Suzhou League champions, reflecting discipline, defensive stability, and clinical finishing. With 34 league goals, the team showed notable attacking improvement, particularly in the second phase, with stronger coordination and efficiency. The match against Wuhan University, attended by over 250 spectators, reflected growing recognition of the team. Beyond results, the squad built stronger chemistry, discipline, and resilience through structured training and shared commitment, supported by a diverse international roster that strengthened team unity. For student-athletes, winning and losing are part of the game; what matters most is maintaining control of emotions and character under pressure. The team also attracted large audiences and helped promote football culture through events such as intramural games and support for the varsity program.









WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Women's Football is more than a team—it is a global community brought together by a shared love for the game. With players from China, the United States, Morocco, Vietnam, Mongolia, and beyond, the field becomes a place where cultures meet and connections grow. This diversity is felt in every moment, from multilingual calls during matches to post-game food sharing and music exchanges that reflect each player's background. Despite coming from different footballing traditions and life experiences, the team has built a space where everyone belongs—where passion, respect, and support transcend language and borders.

This season, the team made history by organizing the first-ever Women's Intramural Football League on campus, creating a long-overdue space for women to play, compete, and thrive. The league brought together athletes of all levels and fostered an environment defined by opportunity, energy, and community. Beyond achievements on the field, the team's strength was most evident in moments of resilience—especially after tough losses, when overwhelming support from the wider club reminded players that they were never alone. This year's legacy is not just in matches played, but in barriers broken and pathways created. With a strong foundation in place, the team looks ahead to growing the game even further and ensuring that every woman who wants to play has a place to call her own.







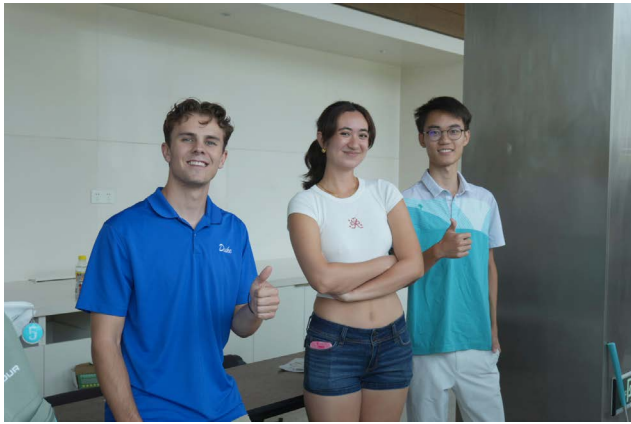


GOLF

In just a year and a half since its founding, the DKU Golf Club has grown into a vibrant and inclusive community that brings together students, faculty, and staff through a shared passion for the game. With members from a wide range of countries and cultural backgrounds, the club thrives on diversity, creating an environment defined by openness, mutual respect, and curiosity. Weekly training sessions not only develop technical skills, but also foster meaningful connections, as players of different experience levels learn from one another. Golf, in this setting, becomes more than a sport—it serves as a common language that bridges cultures and builds lasting friendships both on and off the course.

This season marked a major milestone for the club with its debut at the Sino-American College Student Golf Tournament, where DKU golfers delivered an outstanding performance, including a Women's Champion title and a third-place team finish. Competing against top universities on an international stage, the team demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and strong cohesion under pressure. Beyond competition, the club has built a culture rooted in consistency, support, and enthusiasm, strengthened by shared routines and a genuine love for the game. With a solid foundation now in place, the DKU Golf Club looks ahead to expanding its competitive presence, hosting future events, and continuing to grow as a hub for both recreational and high-level golf at DKU.









JUDO

The DKU Judo Club is defined by its close-knit and highly supportive team culture, where around 20 members train together as one unified group. This small but dedicated community creates an environment where every athlete is known, supported, and able to grow closely alongside their teammates. With members from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, the United States, China, Armenia, Mongolia, and Ecuador, the club brings together a wide range of cultural and athletic backgrounds. These differences enrich training through the sharing of techniques, languages, and combat sports experience—from traditional judo foundations to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu influences—building a team culture rooted in mutual learning, respect, and continuous improvement.

This season marked a major step forward for the club, highlighted by the successful hosting of the “DKU Cup” International Adult Judo Invitational and strong competitive results, including multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals across weight divisions. Beyond competition, the club expanded its impact by introducing cross-disciplinary martial arts events such as the Sino-Foreign University BJJ Cup and preparing for future international invitations. Throughout the season, the team overcame challenges such as injuries and early-stage development by adapting, growing in unity, and building momentum through shared effort. With traditions like the opening bow, post-competition medal reflections, and team gatherings off the mat, the club has cultivated a strong sense of discipline and belonging. Looking ahead, the DKU Judo Club aims to further strengthen its competitive presence while continuing to grow as a united, inclusive, and internationally recognized martial arts community.









KENDO

Kendo is a traditional martial art originated in China's Tang Dynasty and later developed into a modern sport in Japan. Since its founding in 2018, the DKU Kendo Club has been dedicated to providing high-quality training for students interested in mastering this discipline. Our primary goal is to cultivate skilled practitioners, preparing members for the rigorous Kendo level examinations while building a strong team capable of competing in university-level tournaments.

At the core of our club is a consistent weekly training program held every weekend at the Sports Complex. These sessions combine fundamental technique drills with dynamic sparring, all conducted with proper protective equipment to ensure both safety and authenticity. Through this structured approach, members steadily develop both technical skill and competitive spirit.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, the DKU Kendo Club has made significant progress in terms of membership, performance, and event organization. Our active membership has grown to over ten participants, with five members successfully passing the Level 1 examination last November and preparing for the Dan Examination this April. In addition, we successfully hosted the Second DKU Kendo Invitational Tournament on March 29, 2026, bringing together more than 50 competitors from over 10 universities and social clubs.

Together, these achievements reflect our continued growth and commitment to excellence in Kendo. We will continue to make progress and we always welcome new participants.





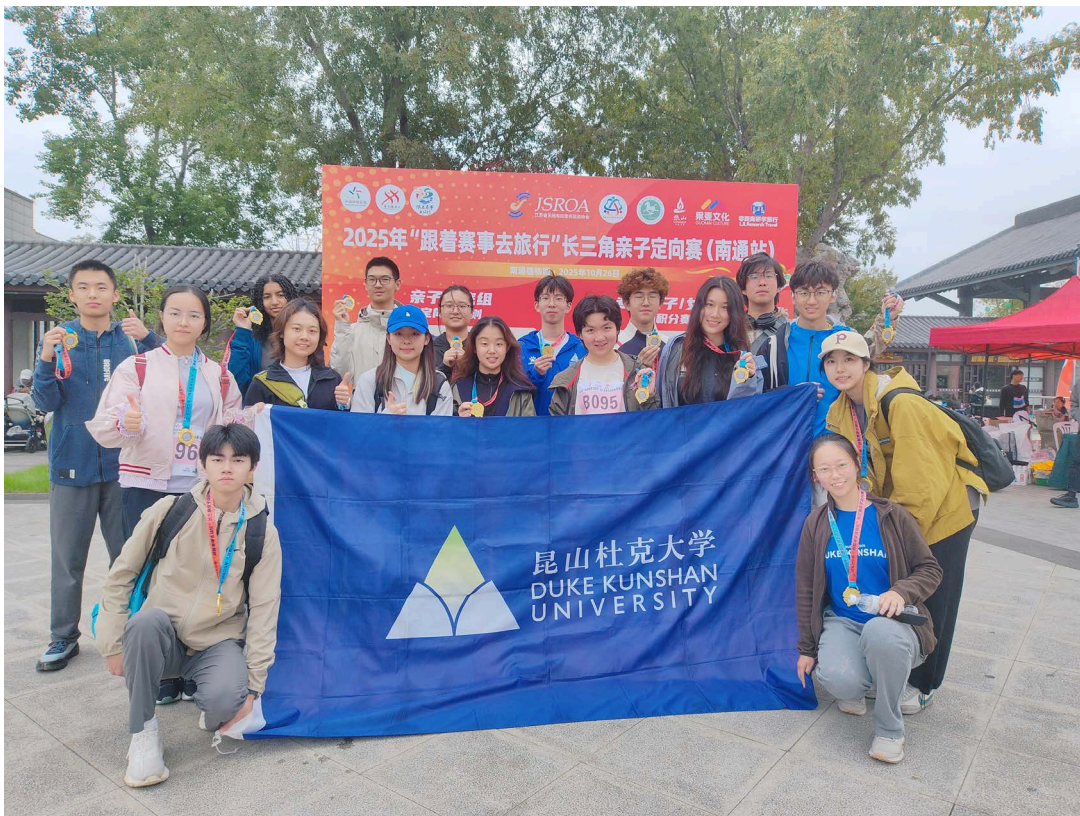




OUTDOORS

The Outdoor Club is defined by its strong international and multicultural identity, bringing together students from around the world who share a passion for exploration, endurance, and teamwork. With members contributing different cultural perspectives, communication styles, and problem-solving approaches, every activity becomes an opportunity to learn from one another. This diversity strengthens the team's adaptability and creativity, allowing us to face challenges with openness and cooperation. Beyond the activities themselves, the club fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment where friendships are formed through shared experiences in nature.

This year, the club took part in multiple orienteering events, most notably the "Travel with the Games" Yangtze River Delta Orienteering Series in Nantong. Competing in official China Foot-Orienteering events provided valuable hands-on experience and recognition, especially as our participation was fully supported by the organizers, affirming the club's growth and development. Beyond competition, moments such as plogging activities highlighted the team's core values of inclusivity and mutual support, as members naturally adjusted their pace to ensure no one was left behind. Through shared route planning, in-race communication, and collective decision-making, the club strengthened its sense of unity. Looking ahead, the Outdoor Club aims to continue expanding participation, improving performance, and building a cohesive, diverse, and active community centered around outdoor exploration.





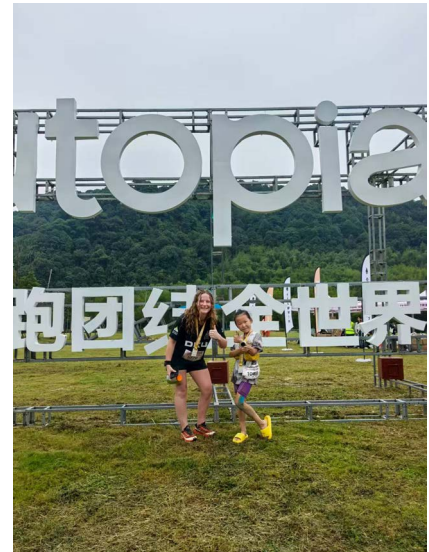




RUNNING

The Running Club is a truly global team, bringing together athletes from Armenia, China, Colombia, Hungary, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Spain, Ukraine, and the United States. This international mix creates a unique rhythm within the team—both on and off the track—where languages, cultures, and personalities blend into a shared stride. One of the club’s most cherished rituals is the multilingual cooldown count, where members switch seamlessly between languages—“one, two, three... 一、二、三... uno, dos, tres...”—a simple but powerful reminder that despite coming from nine different countries, everyone moves forward together as one team.

This year, the club achieved remarkable competitive success across multiple events, most notably the Changshu Shanghu Half-Marathon, UNNC 5K in Ningbo, and the DKU Park Run 50th Edition. Standout performances included record-breaking runs from Mason Swayne, multiple sub-two-hour finishes on the women’s side, and a dominant team victory at UNNC, highlighted by podium sweeps and 18 personal bests in a single day. Beyond results, the club’s true strength was shown in moments of resilience—when members continued to show up and support one another during periods of organizational challenge, helping sustain training and community spirit. With traditions like creative cooldown sessions such as “KT swirl,” and a culture built on encouragement and shared effort, the Running Club has built a legacy of resilience, connection, and collective momentum that will carry into the seasons ahead.









STREET DANCE

The Street Dance Club is a vibrant, multicultural team made up of members from China, the United States, Vietnam, Mongolia, South Korea, Myanmar, and Malaysia. This diversity is at the heart of our identity, shaping a dynamic space where different dance backgrounds and cultural influences come together. From hip-hop foundations to K-pop-inspired movements and freestyle street styles, each member contributes a unique energy that enriches our choreography. Beyond dance, this mix of cultures fosters an open, supportive environment where we grow not only as performers but also as individuals, building a true sense of community through shared passion and creativity.

This year marked a major milestone as the club transitioned into its first varsity team, navigating structural changes while strengthening unity through trust and communication. One of our biggest achievements was hosting a large-scale intercollegiate dance event with over 130 participants, as well as winning first place in the “Fantastic Dancing Students” competition—an especially meaningful victory in our debut varsity year. Throughout the season, moments like our instructor’s iconic chant, “Energy! Energy! ENERGY!”, became defining traditions that captured our spirit and focus before performances. Through challenges, performances, and growth, the team built a strong foundation rooted in commitment, resilience, and creativity, setting the stage for even greater achievements in the years ahead.









SWIMMING

Hi everyone! We are DKU Swimming Club. This year was our very first as an official club, and honestly, we couldn't be prouder of how it went. We came in with a lot of energy early on and were thrilled to see so many people join us throughout the year. Things slowed down a bit in the middle of the year, which is pretty understandable when you're asked to swim in the middle of winter, but a few members remained consistent throughout. We really appreciate the people who kept coming back, even when it was cold and schoolwork piled up. Our members improved a lot throughout the year, becoming physically stronger and more comfortable in the water. We're just getting started, and we can't wait to see where this club goes.



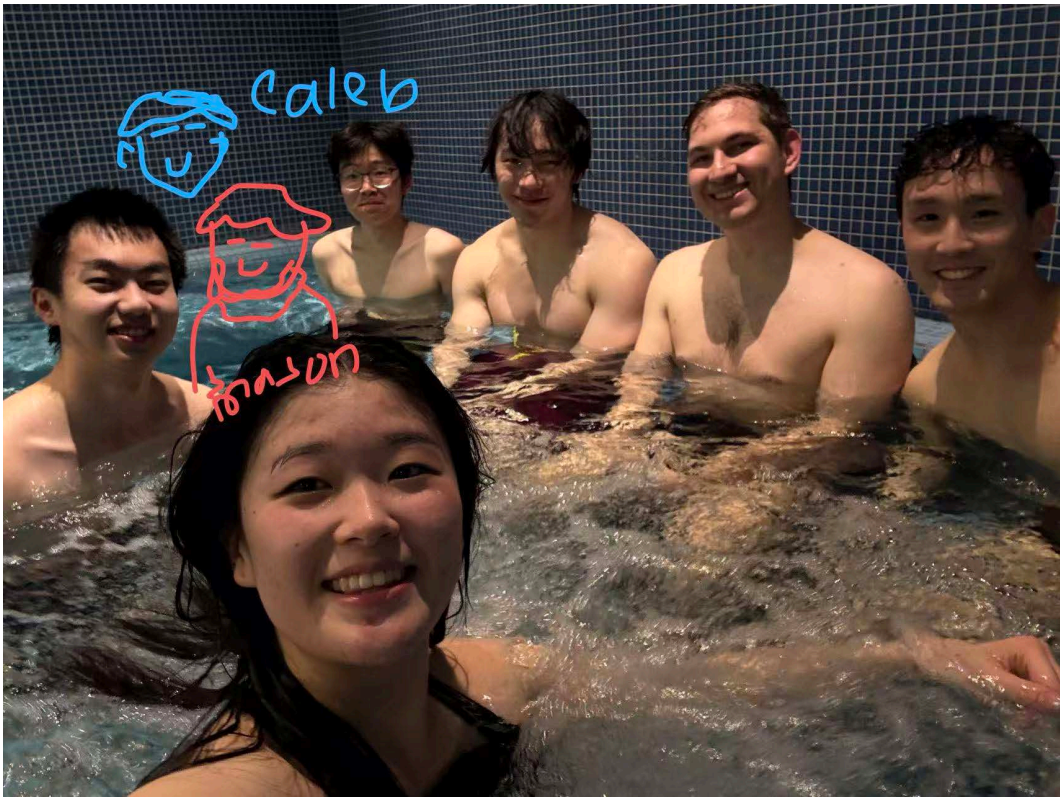


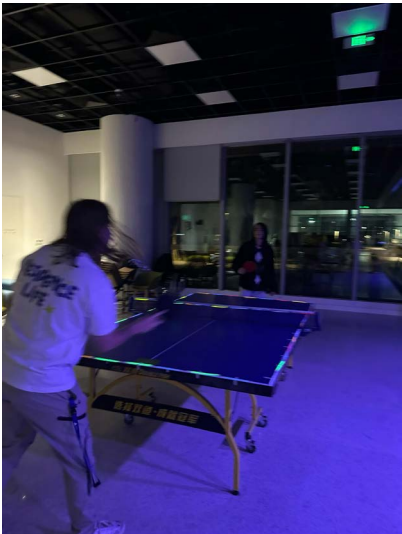




TABLE TENNIS

The 2025-2026 season marked a defining chapter for the DKU Table Tennis Varsity team. The team secured a historic first-place finish at the DKU Invitational, a breakthrough that reflected months of disciplined training and quiet persistence. Beyond campus, the team actively engaged in a wide range of competitions and exchanges, competing in the 29th China University Table Tennis Championship (Southeast Division) and gained valuable experience against some of the strongest collegiate players in the region. The team also traveled to Wuhan for friendly matches with Wuhan University, competed in the Jike Cup and the Sino-Foreign Cup, and built connections with clubs and university teams across regions. These experiences extended the team's horizons, exposing players to diverse styles of play and fostering a deeper understanding of the sport. Over the course of the season, the team developed not only greater technical consistency, but also a stronger sense of composure and collective identity. More than a record of results, 2025 stands as a year of opening outward, one that grounds the team's ambitions in both excellence and exchange.









TAICHI

DKU Tai Chi Team was founded in 2022 and currently has 17 members. This year, the team competed in the Jiaozuo International Tai Chi Competition, the First Jiangsu University Wushu Championship, the Wuyishan “Tea Road” International Tai Chi Invitational Tournament, and the 2026 National Tai Chi Open. They earned a total of 41 medals, including 19 second-place or higher awards, as well as a second-place team award. The team also organized a Family Day Tai Chi experience, a social event with Wuhan University, and two large-scale workshops. Through each competition and event, the team grew closer and members developed both personally and as a team.









TENNIS

Break through, fall down and reshape together made up the narrative of 25/26 DKU tennis. We came off strong in DKU invitational with our first win against XJTLU. As we confidently stepping into the new season, our story went off the track. In Ningbo, we lost both matches at a close call. Looking back, we have lost games that we were asserted to win, we have also won games that we never could have imagined...Tennis is a sport that relies heavily on individual skills, but now we know resilience, strategy and teamwork are equally important.









ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is built on more than just athletic ability—it thrives on trust, communication, and a shared commitment to the spirit of the game. Bringing together players from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds, the team embraces different perspectives on teamwork, leadership, and competition, making it both adaptable and deeply connected. Ultimate demands constant collaboration, where every handler, cutter, and defender relies on one another in real time. This interdependence shaped a team culture rooted in accountability and support, where players not only developed their skills, but also built strong relationships on and off the field.

Throughout the season, the team demonstrated steady growth through weekly practices, engaging activities, and strong performances in intramural tournaments. More importantly, they developed a clear identity—one defined by resilience, composure, and collective effort. Whether resetting after tough turnovers or staying energized through sideline support, every player contributed to the team's momentum. Traditions like pre-game huddles, constant sideline communication, and inside jokes added to a culture that felt like family. The legacy of this year's team lies in the foundation they built: a program grounded in trust, teamwork, and Spirit of the Game, setting the stage for continued growth and success in the seasons ahead.









MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DKU Men's Volleyball Varsity Team has consistently demonstrated a strong competitive level and team spirit over the past year. Over the course of this year, we have participated in several official games, including DKU Invitation and SFUC, as well as many friendly games. We have eight new freshman varsity members who joined this year, each making a consistent effort to improve and learn from our upperclassmen. Through systematic training and game experience, our team has steadily improved its performance. Each member has made remarkable progress in execution, game IQ, and decision-making. We have focused not only on improving our on-court skills but also on fostering a cohesive team culture and strong chemistry. Under the leadership of Coach Chaoran, Coach Hua, and our captains, Gavin and Jasper, we continue to hold ourselves to higher standards. Moving forward, we strive to turn our progress into consistent results and compete at a higher level in the coming seasons.









WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

This season, the women's volleyball team has continued to grow as a group. With a mix of returning players and new teammates, the team has focused on building strong connections, consistency, and improving communication on the court. Progress has been seen throughout the season, as each match has served as a learning opportunity that has contributed to overall growth in both individual skill and teamwork. Even in moments where the outcome wasn't exactly what we hoped for, support within the team remained consistent, with players continuing to uplift one another, demonstrating strong sportsmanship. Practices have been intentional, with the goal of learning something and applying it each session. As the season comes to an end, the team remains motivated to keep improving and making the most out of every opportunity. The foundation being built now reflects the group's commitment and sets the tone for future seasons.



