

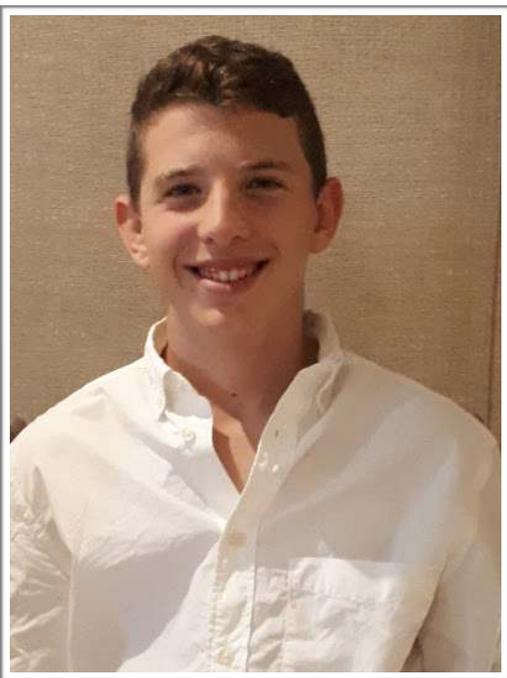
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Hey Cleveland! I thought it might be nice to give you a little background on this kid showing up with a strange British/Hebrew accent, so...my name is Dan Badnani and this is my story.

You may be asking yourself where the name Badnani come from? My grandfather, who came from Baghdad, said it means 'bad bread', so I guess somewhere in my history, we were pretty bad bakers?

I was born in Israel, but from the age of 1 to 5, we lived in Leeds in the north of England, which is where my love of football was born [you might

call it soccer]. I am an Arsenal fanatic, but when I watch Israeli football, I support Maccabi Haifa. As the youngest of 3 children, I followed my sisters into the scouts and spent more time there in the last 10 years than anywhere else. In the scouts, I've learned many skills that I know will help me in Cleveland and in life in general. I love to swim and spend time with my friends at the beach but more recently I have discovered a new skill...barbecuing!



I have the 2 most amazing sisters anyone could ever ask for. My older sister, Gal, is 24 and did a year of community service through the scouts before going into a secret unit in the intelligence division of the army.

Mika is 22, and here's a fun fact...I was due to be born on her birthday! In the end I came a week early so was saved from having to share my special day with her! She just finished her IDF service as an officer in the navy and then in the head office for human resources. She was responsible for what we call the 'lone soldiers', including taking care of all those who came from abroad and are in Israel without their families.

My parents are pretty cool too. My mum, Judi, is from England (therefore I learnt to spell the British way....no Mom for me!). She has been in



Israel for 27 years and yet her Hebrew is still not the best. She is a senior director for an international hi-tech company and spends a lot of time traveling abroad - she's even been to Columbus, Ohio. She comes from Brighton on the south coast of England and is the only girl with 3 brothers.

My Dad is Yaron and we are more like close friends than father and son. He comes from a finance background, although today he is a real estate entrepreneur. We love to watch football together and he has been a constant support to me throughout my life.