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Keith Foster: Today in Anaconda - Sports.

A Man City player at the age of 15, John Guidetti talks about living the life of a professional footballer.

Kick about with the Hammarby player Monday James from Nigeria.

And hear Carl Gunnarsson talk about his first ever NHL goal.

JH: Welcome to Anaconda, I'm your host Johannes Hallbom.

Coming from Nigeria to Sweden was a culture shock for Monday James but the two countries share a love for one thing, his sport – football. Our reporter Christine Demstader went to tackle some questions with the defender who nowadays plays for the Stockholm team Hammarby.

CD: As a teenager growing up in Lagos in Nigeria, there were two things that mattered to Monday James – football and family.

MJ: I was happy to grow up in Lagos because sport is one of the things that unites everybody together. You can unite anybody all over the world because everybody loves football. If you're playing, you feel happy. My family, we love sport. When I was growing up, my mother encouraged me to play the game and everything, so even on this level I have to thank my mother because it's my mother that gave me the encouragement to be in this level.

CD: Monday is one of six brothers who all loved to play football, just like his friends. But he was the only one who went on to make a career from the game.

MJ: The most important thing is to play for your country. So I represent my country for the Olympics and some youth tournaments so I was so proud to wear my country's flag."

to tackle – att tackla

**a defender -
en försvarsspelare**

**to matter -
att ha betydelse**

to unite – att förena

**to encourage –
att uppmuntra**

**a youth tournament -
en ungdomsturnering**



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CD: Football and family are still the two things that matter most to Monday – now as a professional footballer he is happy to have made his mum proud.

MJ: If you have a good family who wants the best for you, you're not going to put your mother into shame. You have to fight hard because once you get to the top and your mother saw you, you're going to be a joy because every time I go into the national team, playing on the TV and my mother saw me, it feels like joy and happiness.

JH: That was a kick about with Hammarby football player Monday James.

When he was growing up, Carl Gunnarsson had the same hopes and dreams as many other boys - he was crazy about ice hockey and wanted to be in a top team. For Carl it became a reality. When he was 22 he moved to Canada to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs and he tells us about the moment he scored his first NHL goal.

"...still not available. Everyone worried. There's a shot for the point that gets through! Carl Gunnarsson has his first National Hockey League goal! And what a bullet!"

CG: I actually didn't see it go in. All I saw was my team mates come cheering at me and I didn't really realize it until after. I even got a picture of me celebrating the first goal - I guess I'm gonna frame that one in – I'm keeping the first puck too so ,no, I was just really happy about it.

CD: When did you realise that you wanted to become a professional ice hockey player?

CG: I think when I started to realise that I could really get somewhere and when I got the chance. So I think I was probably around sixteen or something when I made the really big commitment.

CD: What advice would you give to young people out there who have the same dreams and aspirations that you did?

CG: Well, first of all I think you need to have fun all the time and really love what you are doing. And then you've got to make a commitment to the sport and sacrifice some of the other stuff. But I mean, if you love it and you have fun all the time, I think you've got a good chance

shame - skam

to score - att göra mål

available - tillgänglig

to cheer - att jubla, heja på
 to realize – att förstå, inse
 to celebrate – att fira

a commitment -
 ett åtagande

an aspiration – en längtan

a sacrifice -
 en uppoffring



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to get somewhere.

CD: When you talk about sacrifices, what sacrifices did you make growing up?

CG: When you start growing up and you become sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, a lot of your friends, they go out partying and having a good time and you can't do that every night. To be successful in your sport I think that's one thing you've got to sacrifice.

CD: What else do you need to become a professional sportsman or woman? What other skills do you think you need – personal skills?

CG: The will to get somewhere; to just not play the games or the competitions. I mean you've got to do just as well in the practises too.

CD: We talked about skills that you need...you live in Canada now, that's an English-speaking country. How important are language skills as a sportsman who is plying his trade – who is doing his sport – abroad?

CG: When you're part of a team I think it's easier if you speak good English. We've got some other guys who are not as good and I think they don't get just as well in the group as I did from the beginning. Yeah, it's a big part of coming over there and getting along with the guys.

CD: What's the best thing about being a professional ice hockey player?

CG: Doing the thing you love, of course. Not a lot of people get the opportunity to work with their hobby. I'm doing what I love and I'm doing it every day so I guess that's the best thing.

CD: The worst thing?

CG: Losing! It happens a lot – you're not happy after games you lose so that is probably the worst thing, yeah.

“...so Carl Gunnarsson has his first NHL goal lead. Remember, the... who leads the leads in plus minus, gives Toronto the lead here...”

JH: That was Swedish NHL player Carl Gunnarsson speaking to reporter Christine Demstader.

successful - framgångsrik

a skill -
en färdighet, skicklighet,
talang

a practice -
ett träningspass

to ply a trade –
att utöva ett yrke

an opportunity –
ett tillfälle



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He is already one of Sweden's biggest football talents, having signed to English club Manchester City when he was just fifteen years old. Meet John Guidetti – they call him Sweden's answer to Wayne Rooney.

CD: I know your football career started from when you were very young but when you were fifteen, you made the move from Sweden to Manchester to join Manchester City Academy. How tough was that decision to leave your home country, to leave your school, your friends and start something new?

JG: It was tough. It was tough in both ways. It was tough that I didn't know where to go if I was gonna go. If it was to Italy or if it was to England or what club in England. And then I found Manchester City and I thought, yeah this is the right move for me. They were very welcoming and they treated me very nicely and it was a great place to be in. But then it was also tough the other way, leaving the family and leaving all the friends but if you want something bad enough you have to do anything to get where you want to get so it was quite an easy decision for me, after all, in the end.

CD: Did you leave school?

JG: No I finished ninth grade here, as we have in Sweden and I didn't start gymnasiet, as it's called, but I'm studying from a distance now in Stockholm's Idrottsgymnasium. It's very important to study and that's true but I thought about it and I thought let's go for it now - I'll go for the football and if it doesn't work out I'll start studying a bit harder later. But – touch wood – it'll work out with the football.

CD: The impression we get from the media is that being a footballer is a very glamorous life – is it?

JG: Well yes and no. Of course you can achieve very big things within the football. You can get a lot of money, you can buy maybe nice cars but as everybody should know it's not so glamorous in the beginning. Not at all. And it's... All through your life it's very hard and you have a lot of eyes on you and you always have to produce at the top level and you have to work hard. I'm 100 per cent dedicated to it and I train very, very much. I train as much as I can. Of course when you have to rest your body, you have to rest, but I try to get in maybe four to five hours a day of hard work. And I love the attention, I love being on television, I love all those kinds of things. But otherwise, I am like all other guys, I like dancing, I like being with my friends playing

to treat – *att behandla*

an impression – *ett intryck*

to achieve – *att åstadkomma*

dedicated – *hängiven*

attention – *uppmärksamhet*



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PlayStation. I like flirting with girls, I like everything you know. I'm just a normal type of teenager but I spend most of my time playing football.

JH: That's Swedish football star John Guidetti. And that brings us to the end of the game of this sporty edition of Anaconda – I am Johannes Hallbom, for more Sports visit www.ur.se

And remember; Pain is temporary, pride is forever.

temporary - tillfällig