



Do you think girls who like watching football matches are weird and boyish? To be honest, I am one of those who not only like football matches but also love reading sports news.

On July 11, a piece of sports news caught my attention. The whole world sat up and took notice when Portugal made history by winning their first-ever European Championship the previous day. Thousands of people poured into the streets, shouting and crying with joy and excitement. Portugal, as seen by everyone, had the lower hand in the match and was doomed to failure because their leading star, Cristiano Ronaldo, suffered from knee injury and was out of the game with tears. But they did not give up. Instead, they strived to the very last minute. Eder Lopes, a substitute in the team, scored the winning goal in extra time. Although some commented that they had won by luck, I believe that they won because of their driving ambition and dogged determination. After the match, Eder, who was not even meant to be playing in the game, said, 'The ugly duckling went and scored. Now he's a beautiful swan.'

I consider this news my most favourite news story of the year. It was a timely reminder that I managed to achieve my goal, i.e. to pass the Grade 6 piano examination last month. Judging from my performance, even my piano teacher said that it was impossibly possible for me to pass it. Can you guess why? It was the first time I had taken a piano exam. Besides, I did not have much time to practise and the staccato scales of grade 6 were really difficult to play. I was extremely anxious, stressed and depressed; I did not want to let my mum down. Every time when I was about to give up, this news story served as a constant reminder of Portugal's sportsmanship. So, I devoted most of my leisure time to playing the songs. Guess what? I surprised everyone by passing the exam with flying colours!

"The difference between impossible and possible lies in a person's determination," said the baseball player Tommy Lasorda. The sports news story shows us the keys to success. It tells us how heroes are made. Heroes will not give up easily. So, be strong. If you have courage in adversity, you can turn the impossible into the possible and be the next hero.