



Point of View

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U-23 Korea National Football team eliminated from the Olympic for the first time since 40 years

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It has been recently reported that the U-23 South Korea National Football team failed to reach the Olympic stage after losing to Indonesia in the Qatar U23 Asian Cup in the quarter finals. It was vital for South Korea to reach the semi finals which was the pathway to achieve the participation ticket for the next olympics. However, they managed to go to overtime by drawing 2-2 but failed to achieve the semi final ticket after losing 10-11 in the Penalty Kicks. This was shocking news for the Korean soccer fans due to the fact that it was their olympic elimination for the first time in 40 years. If the U23 team managed to reach the olympics, it was their 10 streak of reaching the olympic round. Nevertheless, due to their failure of this epic record, it was hot news that was going around on the news and social media. As a result of this disaster, the South Korean football fans are highly speaking out that the KFA leader Jeong Mong Gyu should step down from his spot not only due to this Olympic elimination but also the failure that resulted recently in the Qatar Asian Cup. People mention the responsibility for these recent failures should go to Jeong Mong Gyu due to his failure in appointing a successful manager for our National Team. The U23 national team manager Hwang Seon Hong, is a well known player in South Korea after playing a significant role in reaching the semi finals of the 2002 World Cup. However, his skills as a manager are highly doubtful as his managerial pathways weren't smooth compared to his career as an athlete. Despite these concerns, Jeong Mong Gyu forcefully appointed Hwang Seon Hong as the U23 manager, which resulted as an elimination from the Olympics. As a South Korean soccer fan, I hope Jeong Mong Gyu takes responsibility for his past actions and steps down from his spot.

Did ILLIT Copy New Jeans?

by BRIAN CHOI

HYBE's new girl group ILLIT has been in controversy after ADOR (one of HYBE's many subsidiaries) CEO Min Hee-jin

accused of plagiarism. Due to her claims, Min Hee-jin has been officially laid off from her position in ADOR and that has caused a legal lawsuit between her and HYBE but the main cause of that is due to plagiarism accusations. Min Hee-jin has already made a big name for herself before joining HYBE. She first rose to stardom after becoming the art director of SM Entertainment and was credited with the success of groups such as Girl's Generation, f(x), and Red Velvet, so when her contract expired with SM in 2021 with her showing no interest in renewing with her previous company, HYBE entertainment signed her to a contract with special conditions. One such condition was that HYBE would make a new company for Min Hee-jin and she would receive full control of it. Therefore ADOR was created as a subsidiary of HYBE in November of 2021 and in just less than a year, they launched their first girl group New Jeans. New Jeans gained immediate popularity after their debut. The media was already hyping them up as the 'Min Hee-jin Girl Group' and New Jeans surpassed all expectations and quickly became one of the top names in the K-Pop industry. In a time where groups were following the girl crush concepts after the success of Blackpink, New Jeans returned to the 'High Teen' trend popular in the early 2010's and gave fans something they have missed for a long time. Following their success, the group won Rookie of the Year in both Melon Music Awards and Mnet Asian Music Awards – two of the most prestigious K-Pop awards ceremonies – and followed up next year by winning Artist of the Year in both awards again.

In March 2024, HYBE released another girl group ILLIT and even before their debut, fans have said they observed similarity between them and New Jeans. Both groups are girl groups, and they consist of five members, – three Koreans, two foreigners – their overall concept is all very 'High Teen', and even some choreography are very similar. Until this point it was just a small number of fans claiming plagiarism so the media and the public did not care much, but things changed when ADOR CEO Min Hee-jin claimed ILLIT is a direct copy of New Jeans. This whole shenanigans led to the aforementioned lawsuit between HYBE and Min Hee-jin. Shortly after the CEO's comment, HYBE announced that Min Hee-jin would be immediately removed from her position as CEO and would arrange an emergency meeting with ADOR's Board of Directors for the company's future actions.

As of now New Jeans is scheduled for a comeback in May and despite the lawsuit, it seems like their comeback would not be hindered. ILLIT's debut tour has just finished so their situation is also unbothered by the claims. There is undeniable resemblance between these two groups, but no cold proof of plagiarism. It is more than likely that HYBE saw the success of New Jeans and decided to create another group with the same

'High Teen' concept, but just this concept was not made by New Jeans nor Min Hee-jin so to call it plagiarism might be a stretch. Nevertheless, this civil war within HYBE will inevitably end with one side winning and that will determine the fate of New Jeans and ILLIT.

Though this is a new, fun approach, it unfortunately has many barriers. We can try inventing more of these products, or try decreasing energy use ourselves. It's hard both ways.

Eating Water for the Future?

by JIHOON CHOI



Image Source: CNET

It is no secret that plastic waste has negative effects on the climate, ocean, wildlife, and more. Out of all plastic produced, about 36% is made for packaging, which includes single-use plastic containers that we use everyday. This includes Coca Cola packaging, Samdasoo, or Starbucks. Most of us are likely to throw these away after single use, just like they were intended to be. To reduce the effects they could potentially have on the environment, the company Notpla lab (formerly skipping rocks lab) has created the so-called "edible water", using seaweed.

Ooho water is biodegradable, taking 6 weeks to fully disappear. It is also very easy to make, and it can even be home-made; it takes less than 5 minutes. Sodium alginate (seaweed) and calcium chloride are the only ingredients that it requires, and these are accessible materials which can be bought from Coupang. After dipping water into the mixture made from the ingredients and waiting for a couple of minutes, an edible water package will be formed. The eating process too, is much more relaxing than when trying to open your water bottle cap with your sweaty hands. You just have to throw the blob into your mouth, and chew on it. Marathon runners in London once took advantage of this and tried to replace the traditional plastic water bottles.

While reading this, you may be wondering why we don't see them often, or none at all. Well, I think we would all agree that carrying around exploding water packets is inconvenient. Looking at the business level, when they want to supply these or ship them to a location, it is very hard to do as they are not the most sturdy material. A small pop is all it takes to make it burst, and by implementing methods to keep them stable, it contradicts the original goal of trying to reduce plastic usage. Also, they can be prone to bad health conditions, and need to be kept in very clean, costly conditions.

A Short Introduction to Calculus

by YESEONG LEE

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Image Source: link

Imagine any function. Now think of the slope of the function and the area under the curve. If you thought of linear function, you might easily get the two things that I told you to get (probably). However, if you think of a curve, many problems occur. Firstly, the slope changes along the curve, unlike linear functions. We do not know which slope to get. Or does the slope even exist at the point? Secondly, we cannot simply use simple geometry to get the area under the curve. This is because the slope keeps changing. So, what should we do?

This is where "calculus" comes in. Calculus is the mathematics of change. It can capture the change. This magical tool consists of two main branches: differential calculus and integral calculus. Differential Calculus is concerned with a derivative, which is the slope of a tangent line to the point on a curve. It basically means it captures a change in a point so we can find a slope at any point. Integral Calculus is concerned with an integral, which is basically the opposite of a derivative. It represents the accumulation of quantities, which can be shown by the area under the curve. You will find out why an integral is the reverse of a derivative, plus more exciting concepts when you take an calculus class.