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VOLLEYBALL

Interviewer: Hello and welcome to our regular Saturday afternoon sports programme. In the studio today, we have Diego Mendez, a Brazilian volleyball player who has been living in Europe since he was 18. He has played for several European volleyball clubs so far. Welcome Diego. Tell us, why did you decide to come to Europe?

Diego: Well, at first playing volleyball was just a hobby, but over time it became more than that. I started playing professionally. Then a friend of mine who had already left Brazil told me it was much easier to get a place in a team in Europe. I checked the Internet for different European teams, found an interesting offer, and here I am.

Interviewer: So you came to Europe straight from school?

Diego: No, not quite. I started university in Brazil. It was OK, but I didn't really have enough time for studying because I was training all the time. And I couldn't go to the sports faculty because it was too expensive.

Interviewer: Who are you playing for at the moment?

Diego: I'm playing for a volleyball club in a small town in the south of France. It's great. I really like it there.

Interviewer: What about the rest of the team? What are they like?

Diego: They are great. We really get along well. I'm quite lucky I've never had problems with injuries. Some players have even had to stop playing for a while. Well, I'm not very tall compared to the other players in the team, in fact, I'm the smallest, but that doesn't mean I'm not as strong as they are.

Interviewer: And what is it like living so far away from home?

Diego: Well, it's not easy. Sometimes I really need my parents' advice when I have to make important decisions. I can't see them as often as I would like because Brazil is so far away. Plane tickets are also quite expensive. It's not worth travelling such a long way for only a week or two. Another reason why I don't visit my family very often is that I can't leave in the middle of the season.

Interviewer: That's true. When did you first start playing volleyball?

Diego: I think I was nine or ten when I went to see my Dad play volleyball for a local team. They won and my Dad was brilliant. I wanted to become as good as he was. He still plays, but now I'm much better than him.

Interviewer: How do you spend your free time?

Diego: There's not much time left with all the training and matches that we have on our schedule. When I'm free, I like being outside and going for long walks to the park. I am also a keen photographer. I've already taken many really wonderful photos of the town and the people I've met. And I like going out with the friends I've made at the club.

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ORANA WILDLIFE PARK

An interesting place to visit while you are travelling around New Zealand is the Orana Wildlife Park in Christchurch. This is a place where you can see exciting wild animals from New Zealand and other parts of the world. It is not actually a zoo because the animals do not live in cages, but can walk around freely, except of course for the most dangerous ones.

The Orana Wildlife Park is New Zealand's only open range zoo. The Park is a ten-minute drive away from Christchurch International Airport and a 25-minute drive from the city centre. You can come by car or use the Sunshine Shuttles transport service.

In the Park, there are over 400 animals from 70 different species, including African animals, such as lions and giraffes, Australian animals such as koalas, wombats, and kangaroos, and a wide range of New Zealand birds such as keas, kingfishers and kiwis.

There are some rules you have to follow both for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. You shouldn't frighten animals on purpose; you shouldn't give them food, as the animals have their own diets, and you must not have picnics in the animals' habitats.

The Orana Wildlife Park is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm, but remember: last entrance is at 4.30 pm. The Park is open all year round, except on Christmas Day. April is the busiest time of year, so you might see more people than animals. May and September are the best months to visit the park.

There are several guided walkabout tours during the day. The morning guided walk begins at the Information Centre at 10.40 am. The afternoon walkabout starts at the African Lion Reserve at 2.30 pm. If you want to see the most famous New Zealand birds, the kiwis, wait at the entrance to the Kiwi House at 1.30 pm.

When you've finished your tour around the park, there are other things to do at Orana. There is an Education Centre where you can get information about the animals in the park. Don't forget to visit the gift shop where you can buy some interesting souvenirs.