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In "The Thirst for First is the Worst" the author believes winning is not important. That your side goals in the game are what you should achieve, and first place isn't everything. For example, the text states "For someone focused on winning, losing can be hard to stomach. In my experience, it is far more fulfilling to enjoy the work, game or swim meet than to constantly compare myself to others." In "Excerpt from The Importance of Winning" Winning is important. Sports are a competition. For example, the text says "Once an athlete reaches the high school level, winning should be a priority. It should be assumed that high school athletes have developed that passion that draws them to spend so much time playing their sport." In the first article, Reilly Blum believes that it's not all about winning. In the second article, by Andy Jobanek and Billy Low believe that winning should be emphasized. two different perspectives.

This point is revealed in each article in different ways. In The first article, "The Thirst for First is the Worst" the author takes from her experience and branches off of it to show why she believes sports are not just about getting that first place ribbon. In the second article, "Excerpt from The Importance of Winning" The authors reveal their opinion by stating facts, and using both perspectives on people's views of sports in their article. They show that as you go up by age, your goals and mindset should change.

There are a lot of things that come from sports. Is winning everything? or is it not important? there are many different perspectives. It's up to you how you decide to play the game. Whether you go for the first place ribbon, that's right there in your hands.



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Notional Score Point: 3 out of 4

Summary:

Your essay does a good job of identifying the different opinions of the authors of "The Thirst for First Is the Worst" and "Excerpt from The Importance of Winning." You clearly explain that Reilly Blum believes winning is not the most important aspect of sports, while Andy Jobanek and Billy Low argue that winning should be emphasized, especially at the high school level. This shows a basic understanding of the texts.

However, there are areas for improvement. First, your essay needs to be more organized. The ideas are there, but they need to be presented in a clearer, more logical way. For example, you could start by summarizing the main points of each article before comparing and contrasting them. This would help your readers follow your argument more easily.

You also need to work on your use of evidence. While you do include some quotes from the texts, you should use more specific examples to support your points. For instance, you could explain how Blum's personal experiences shape her view on winning, and how Jobanek and Low use facts to support their argument. This will make your essay more convincing.

Additionally, pay attention to your spelling and grammar. There are several errors that make your essay harder to read, such as "alot" instead of "a lot," "prespectives" instead of "perspectives," and "belives" instead of "believes." Taking the time to proofread your work will help you catch these mistakes.

Finally, your conclusion could be stronger. Instead of just repeating the question, try to summarize your main points and leave your readers with something to think about. For example, you could discuss why it's important to consider different perspectives on winning in sports.



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Overall, you have a good start, but with some revisions, your essay could be much stronger. Keep working on organizing your ideas, using specific evidence, and checking your grammar and spelling. Good job!

