ROUSING RETURN

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It has been 11 months (and counting) since the sports world was shot down by the coronavirus pandemic. Arenas remained empty as large gathering is still not allowed even as some parts of the country shifted to Modified General Community Quarantine.

There were no sporting events from grassroots to national level for quite some time until the Philippine Basketball Association copied the bubble set-up of the National Basketball Association in the United States to pull off its highly-awaited return.

In the local scene, the 2020 Regional Athletic Association meet spearheaded by the Department of Education for high school and elementary students has been postponed. With distance learning still effective, it remains questionable whether local sporting contests could make a surprise comeback this year unless vaccines arrive in the second quarter.

Amidst the long lull, student-athletes have showcased their discipline and determination as they continue to train at home to keep their bodies in top shape. This is a reflection of their never-say-die attitude in sports and a testament of their passion for the games they play.

Let’s hope things will go back to normal in the earliest time so our young athletes could once again show their grit in the battlefield. More than anything, these warriors - wounded but unyielding - deserve to reclaim the platform that can help them achieve their dreams.
Sports may have taken a break but passion lives forever. Our young athletes - hungry and determined - are patiently waiting.

Venues will be packed. The atmosphere will be electric. Expect some fireworks when sports finally make a rousing return!

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