

Reading

Read Paul's diary entries.

Sunday 5th October



Yay! We won the football cup! Ryan and I both scored a goal — awesome! Coach Tam said we worked well together. I agree with him. It is easy to play well with your best friend by your side.

Tuesday 7th October



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Today a new boy called Dan joined our team. He is a great player but I think he is a show-off. Ryan likes him a lot though. After training, they talked about their favourite Italian football players. They got on like a house on fire. I felt a bit left out ☹.

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Saturday 11th October



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Terrible day ☹☹! I quarrelled with Ryan for the first time ever. At football training, Dan and I both tried to get the ball. Dan tripped and twisted his ankle. Ryan thought I hurt Dan on purpose. 'Of course not!' I said. But my friend didn't believe me. 'Why are you so mean to Dan? Are you jealous of him?' he said. Mean!? Jealous!? Me!? I was so upset and disappointed.

Monday 13th October



Today we had a match against Hill School. We played really badly and lost 5-0. Ryan and I didn't pass the ball to each other. The other team laughed at us. Coach Tam talked to us after the game and reminded us that we should always work as a team.

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I felt really bad. I wanted to talk to Ryan but I didn't know what to say. Then Ryan came to me and said, 'I talked to Dan. I know you didn't hurt him on purpose. I'm sorry I didn't believe you.' I said it was OK. Later, Ryan and I went to see Dan at his house. He said his ankle was getting better. Then he smiled and said, 'I'm glad you two are friends again. With everyone working together, our team will be unbeatable!' I think I can get on with Dan after all! ☺☺☺

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Imagine you are Paul. What would you do if you felt left out?