

## For Ever & Ever, Amen.

### Taglines:

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- I agree to all of this. Let's go home and live it
- God is good and I am part of his plans today and as I head home

### Basic Premise:

*A person goes to a football match and is really excited when they leave. However, as time goes on, they miss more and more games. When they finally go back to the stadium to see a match, they think that they are unable to remember the basic things such as how to get to the ground and buy a ticket.*

### General Notes:

- It's about picking a situation where you fail to regularly keep up with something. Lee Abbey is seen as the tonic that lasts for the whole year and this has to change
- It has to be an event that happens every week
- Be wary of conflicting messages. On the one hand we need a moment where a friend tells the person that getting back into football isn't as hard as they thought
- Yet we also need to encourage people to go along as regularly as possible, this way they see more of the development of the team
  
- Would it be possible to use the overhead facilities to resemble either a text message conversation that develops between the two, or a series of e-mails? – *speak to Richard Argent*

### The Script:

*Two fans are at a football match. We watch as in unison they make various gestures, ranging from despair at a missed chance to expectation as a result of a corner. Eventually, they get more and more excited before one of their players scores the winner. As the two of them walk home, they begin to discuss the game*

Supporter 1: Every time they do that, every time! Sneaking a goal in the final minute, keeping us on edge right up until the end.

Supporter 2: It's all worth it though, staying up in the Premiership among the big boys.

Supporter 1: I just wish they didn't have to put us through such emotional trauma.

Supporter 2: It's our lack of a proven goal-scorer that's the problem.

Supporter 1: It's the whole team that's the problem!

Supporter 2: Don't worry, we'll be alright. The manager is pretty good when it comes to wheeling and dealing in the transfer market. I've heard he's on the lookout

already. Mid table security beckons next season, maybe a place in Europe. You'll see...

*(Supporter 1 rolls his eyes)*

*Pause*

Supporter 2: Well, I better go and find out which platform I need. Take care mate, see you next season!

Supporter 1: Yeah, see ya.

*Cut to Supporter 1 sitting at home, listening to the radio. We hear as the scores for the Premiership are read out/excerpt from 'Sports Report' (is it possible to track one of these down on a recording?). Eventually he gets up and switches the radio off*

*Cut to a video link of a sports reporter supposedly at a game, relaying the events of an exciting game (this needs to be filmed in advance). Supporter 1 turns the television off*

*Cut to Supporter 1's housemate sitting reading the football results in the sports section of the newspaper. Knowing that Supporter 1 is a fan, he asks if he wants a read of the results. Supporter 1 says no*

*Cut to Supporter 2 on the phone to Supporter 1, asking why he hasn't been to see the team for a while. Supporter 1 comes up with various excuses and the phone call ends with Supporter 2 saying that it's up to Supporter 1 but he'd love to see him at the next game.*

*Cut to Supporter 1 arriving at the next home game. He looks around nervously, unsure of what to do. Eventually he walks up to a ticketing booth and asks for a ticket, although queries first whether it's ok because he 'hasn't been for a while'. He is surprised at how easy it is. He then turns and starts to walk towards the stadium, ticket in hand. When he gets closer to the turnstiles he is unsure of where to go in the stadium and out loud he starts to panic. Eventually he is tapped on his back by Supporter 2*

Supporter 2: You going my way?

Supporter 1: Oh hi!

Supporter 1: Come on, the game's about to start.

*The two Supporters climb the stairs into the stand and take their seats. Gradually, Supporter 2 starts singing and getting into the game. Supporter 1 is not able to get into the game as much as Supporter 2. He turns to Supporter 2 and gestures to leave.*

Supporter 1: I better go. I feel like I shouldn't be here.

Supporter 2: What are you talking about, sit down!

Supporter 1: But I don't know anything about the current team, words to the songs or anything!

Supporter 2: But you're here now and that's what counts. I'm glad you came back I really am.

Supporter 1: Thanks.

Supporter 2: I just wish for your sake you'd realised how much more you see when you come every week. It becomes a far greater experience. A late Wednesday night

trip to Grimsby in the cup can seem like a pain, but the feeling you get when you win is fantastic. I've learnt more about the team, appreciated what the manager is trying to achieve and felt more a part of the club than ever before. What was it Bill Shankly one said? 'Football isn't a matter of life or death. It's more important than that'. And to me that is so true.

*Pause*

Supporter 2: And it's not like the club doesn't care about you. They value your support as much as the next guy. How much better do you think it feels when we pack this stadium full? Following the team in the comfort of your own home is one thing, but there's nothing like being here at the stadium on match day.

*As Supporter 2 says this, the team grab a late winner and the two fans break out into song.*

*END*

N.B You are basically making the analogy that going to football games is like going to church. The football club wants you to be a part of it, but equally you need to understand your own commitment to the club

Props needed:

Warwickshire Bears tickets  
Football scarves

Sound recordings/video links needed:

'Sports report' music  
Video link of match summariser  
Crowd noises

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