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Friday Night Games

By Kelly Hashway

"Can we go see a movie tonight?" Bobby asked, tossing his backpack on the couch.

"We have to go watch your brother's football game," Mom said, grabbing her car keys. "Come on. We'll grab some food on the way."

"We have to go now?" Bobby hated having to rush around after school. He just wanted to relax.

"Sorry. Nick only has two games left. Then we can all have some free time on Friday nights."

Free time. Bobby couldn't wait.

"Better take some gloves. It's supposed to get cold this evening," Mom said.

Bobby grabbed his gloves and followed Mom out to the car. "Can we get tacos at least? I'm tired of burgers."

"Sure. I packed a blanket in the trunk so we can have a picnic. I thought it would be different and more comfortable than sitting on the cold bleachers."

Bobby hated the bleachers. They were uncomfortable and freezing cold at night. The more he thought about the game, the less he wanted to go. He sunk down in his seat and didn't say a word until they got to the game.

"Look, there's Nick," Mom said with a wave. "Come on. Spread out the blanket for us. I don't want to miss kickoff."

Bobby groaned as he placed the blanket on the ground. "Can I stay home next week?"

"And miss Nick's game? Why would you want to do that?" Mom sat down and placed



some napkins and tacos in front of Bobby.

"I just want to relax after school. This isn't exactly fun for me. Sitting for hours, being cold, I don't like it."

"You know, I used to watch your Uncle Scott play football when I was your age."

"You did?"

"Yup. I didn't really like it either, but he said I was his good luck charm." Mom smiled. "This morning Nick told me you and I are his good luck charms. He likes having us here."



Bobby looked at Nick on the field. He realized that supporting his brother was the right thing to do. He also remembered that Nick had come to his school concert last week. Bobby was glad that his brother was there to listen to him sing. He wanted to return the favor.

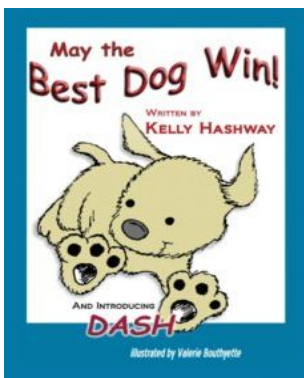
"Go, Nick, Go! Get a touchdown!"

Nick looked towards Bobby and nodded before getting ready for the kickoff. Bobby cheered for Nick every time he took the field, and before he knew it, the game was over.

"Hey." Nick ran over and gave Bobby a high five. "We played pretty well, right?"

"You were great," Bobby said. "I'm already looking forward to next week."

About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

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 - b. Think carefully before you make an important decision.
 - c. Watching others play sports can be more fun than playing by yourself.
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| 3. _____ field | c. scoring play in a football game worth 6 points |
| 4. _____ touchdown | d. Mexican foods made from a tortilla filled with ground beef |
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| 6. _____ concert | f. long boards made of wood or metal for sitting |
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Describe a time when you've attended an event and been supportive of a family member.

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