

From FIFA to Real-Life



The Pre-game

On Sunday the 7th of February 2021 Drew was playing FIFA on the Xbox with Henry and Brad, we were playing a specific game mode where Drew had to get 18 wins to unlock some new players for his team, Drew had been previously working on this in his own time edging closer and closer to the mythical 18 wins.



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After a series of losses Drew was starting to feel the pressure of the series as he had only 2 matches left to play and needed one more win to get the full 18 wins.

After an intense 90-minute battle, unfortunately Drew lost his match 5-3,

Down but by no means out Henry and Brad gave Drew (what could possibly have been) the greatest football coach, pep talk of all time.



Feeling pumped up and ready for his next match Drew took to the controller and this time he nailed it! He gave the opponent the digital thrashing of the century! Winning the match 4-2! Everyone cheered and celebrated this victorious moment as Drew proceeded to unlock his new player, I did not know or recognise who the player he unlocked was, but Drew seemed happy with the result!

FIFA

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After this prestigious game, Drew wanted to know if we could all go to the gym to play some real-life football, Henry and Brad said that this was an excellent idea so Drew grabbed a couple of his footballs from under the Oakmore stairs and we all went over to the gym to have a few games.

Once we got to the gym Drew set up the goals at both ends of the gym we then began to warm up, passing the ball to each other and taking some practice shots at the goals, taking turns in goal.



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We all then took turns scoring a goal and then recreating the showboating victory dances from the FIFA game, Drew found this highly amusing as he and staff were dancing around the gym after a goal.



1v1 me Bro!

After this we then had a 1v1 match, unfortunately there were 3 of us in total so Henry kindly offered to take a back seat and unbiasedly referee the match between Brad and Drew.

The match straight away got off to an intense start with Brad scoring 2 goals against Drew within the first 2 minutes! Drew, however undeterred by this kept pushing back and eventually managed to score a goal against Brad! With the scores now at 1-2 Drew had everything to play for and Brad had to keep the pressure on to maintain his lead. After a few more interceptions Brad managed to get another two cheeky goals past Drew bringing the score to 1-4. Downhearted but still determined Drew continued the game and managed to get 2 more goals taking the score to 3-4.



After a series of exchanges between the two players goals were scored and goals were lost on both teams and by half time the scores were 7-9 to Brad. Much like the previous FIFA match Henry then took on the role of Drews Manager, offering words on encouragement and a speech that would rival that of Winston Churchill on D-day. After this Drew set off to the other side of the hall to continue the game with a new, burning passion for victory!

Henry resumed the role of referee and started the second half.

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Drew was immediately on the attack, scoring a goal (8-9) but matched only by Brad scoring a goal followed by 3 more (8-13). Drew really was feeling the pressure of this match but in some sort of magical, second wind came to life and scored a couple of absolute screamers into the opposition's goal! Taking the scores now to 10-13. With the time ticking away and the second half ending, all looked lost for team Drew when out of the blue came another goal! (11-13) In the dying seconds of the match the referee declared 1 minute of extra time, Drew managed to get in one more cheeky goal thanks to some finesse footwork taking the score to 12-13.

With the end approaching it appeared that Brad was getting fatigued and desperate, try to delay play and hold the ball until the whistle was blown. Despite Drew's best efforts, time was called and the match was ended with a final score of Brad – 13 and Drew -12. Henry congratulated Brad on his win and offered commiserations to Drew who despite putting his heart and soul into this epic match, was unable to get that final goal to equalise.



With that Drew, Henry and Brad locked up the gym and headed back over to Oakmore in high spirits to re-hydrate and relax for the evening.