

Game Day Decisions

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Cast: 3 m, 1 w

Length: 4 ½ pages of dialogue (809 words)

Performance time: About 2 minutes

The Story

Stan and Tony are rooting for the Jets while John, who's just arrived, starts rooting for the Steelers. When they ask him why, he says he never roots for "Northern" teams. As the guys question him further, John reveals his complicated method of determining which team to support. It seems totally illogical until Trisha enters and starts rabidly rooting for one of the teams for her own reasons.

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(3 males, 1 female)

*(Two guys, STAN AND TONY, are watching a football game.
A third, JOHN, has just arrived.)*

JOHN: Hey, guys. Sorry I'm late. What'd I miss?

STAN: Not much.

TONY: No score, but the Jets are driving. They're down
about the twenty-yard line.

STAN: All right, gotta have a first down here, guys. Just
punch it up the middle like you've been doing.

*(STAN and TONY react negatively to a bad play for their team;
JOHN reacts positively. These three lines are more or less
simultaneous.)*

TONY: Oh, what was that? What was he thinking?

STAN: All right, shake it off. Still just third down.

JOHN: Yes! Way to put the stop on 'em!

(TONY and STAN look at JOHN, who looks back at them.)

TONY: You're not rooting for the Steelers, are you?

JOHN: You're rooting for the Jets?

TONY: Of course.

STAN: All right, let's not get fancy this time. Just some good
old smashmouth will get it done.

JOHN: So why are you rooting for the Jets?

STAN: Underdog. I always root for the underdog. No! Not a pass play! Not on third and one! Geez!

JOHN: How about you?

TONY: Have to. I'm from New York.

JOHN: Oh, yeah, I guess so.

STAN: Well, I guess we'll have to settle for a field goal. I told you, they should have just run it right up the middle.

TONY: So why are you rooting for the Steelers?

JOHN: Have to. It's my rule.

TONY: What's your rule?

JOHN: I never root for Northern teams.

TONY: You never root for Northern teams? What's with that?

JOHN: Well, I'm a Southerner. I always root for Southern teams.

STAN: All right, this ought to be a gimme. Three points, guys. Three points. Let's get something on the board here.

TONY: Pittsburgh's not Southern.

JOHN: No, but it's more Southern than New York.

STAN: The snap's good.

TONY: So what if Pittsburgh's playing Philadelphia?

STAN: The hold's good.

TONY: Do you try to figure out which one has the southernmost latitude?

STAN: He's got his plant foot down —

TONY: Is it latitude or longitude? I can never remember.

STAN: Looking good, looking good —

JOHN: Well, Philadelphia's more culturally Northeastern than Pittsburgh. So I'd still root for Pittsburgh.

STAN: The crossbar! He hits the bleeping crossbar! Geez!

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