

ALEXA'S BIG DAY

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Alexa had a soccer game today. She was super excited because she would be facing the Beavers in the season's final game! She was nervous. Actually, she was incredibly nervous because they were the best team in Sugarland! Alexa's mom picked her up from school and asked her about her day.

Alexa replied, "It was just ok."

"Are you ready for the game sweetie?" her mom asked.

"Well...", Alexa trailed off, trying to find encouraging words for both her and her mom to sound more convincing. Alexa looked down. There were so many butterflies in her belly.

"Yes...I am so ready!" Alexa almost shouted to sound realistic. She looked ready and confident.

When they reached the soccer field, Alexa jumped out of the car. When Alexa and her mom reached the entrance, her mom hugged her. "You can do this," her mom encouraged. Alexa's mom then went on over to the stands and Alexa made her way to the locker room. At least six girls were already there stretching.

A few minutes later, the whole team came together. Alexa's team huddled together to make a circle.

"Either we win or lose, at least we know we tried. But winning sounds more fun!" her coach shouted. Everyone giggled. "All right guys, let's do this!"

They all lined up and headed out onto the field. Alexa tried looking for her mom in the stands. There she was...she was sitting and chatting with Emma's mom on the 4th seat of the 3rd row. Two minutes later, the game started. Everyone on the left of the stands was cheering for Alexa's team and the people to the right were rooting for the Beavers.

30 minutes into the game, the Beavers had 8 points, but Alexa's team only had 6. It was now half-time. Alexa's teammates all rushed to the benches to quench their thirst and rest. A lot of people were disappointed.

"Guys, it doesn't matter if we win or lose. At least, we tried," Alexa's coach tried to sound encouraging but you could tell the disappointment in his voice.

Then, Alexa's team went back in after the short break. In the last few minutes, things got tense. Emily passed the ball to Hannah and then to Alexa! She was right near the other team's goal. This was her chance to shine!

Finally, Alexa kicked the ball so hard, that it went flying straight past the goalie's head into the net.

"Wow! I actually made it in," Alexa screamed in disbelief. Everyone huddled around her cheering.

"That's my daughter!" her mom beamed. Someone in the crowd shouted, "We can now have a pizza party!"

Alexa smiled. After all the cheering, it was time to celebrate at Mr. Gatti's, followed by ice cream at Ben & Jerry's!