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BACK-UP

Quarterback



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Chapter 1

Dan was in his front yard. Kirk was there too. Kirk was his best friend.

“What do you want to do?” Dan asked.

“I don’t know. What do you want to do?” Kirk asked.

Dan said, “Practice starts next week. I could throw some passes to you.”

“OK,” Kirk said.

Dan was on the football team. Kirk was on the tennis team. But Kirk also helped the football team.

Dan got his football from the house. Then both boys went to Dan’s backyard.

Kirk said, “What are you going to do

this weekend?"

Dan said, "I'm going to a movie. What are you doing?"

Kirk said, "I'm going out of town. We're visiting my grandmother."

The boys threw the ball to each other for a while.

Then Dan said, "What do you think?"

"About what?" Kirk asked.

"Will I be the quarterback this year?"

Dan said.

The team would need a new quarterback.

Dan hoped he would be the quarterback. Last year he had been the back-up quarterback.

Two other boys were going to try out for the job. He and Kirk knew them.

Kirk said, "You should be. You pass better than the other guys. So the coach should pick you."

Dan was sure he would be the quarterback too. He could hardly wait for the season to start.

The boys threw some more passes to each other.

Then Dan said, "Know any news?"

Not much had been going on all week.

"One thing," Kirk said.

"What?" Dan asked.

"A new guy moved in down the street from me. But I haven't met him yet," Kirk said.

"Know anything about him?" Dan asked.

Kirk said, "Yeah. He played on the football team at his other school."

"What did he play?" Dan asked.

Kirk said, "I heard he's a running back. But I don't know for sure."

They could use a new running back on the team.

Dan said, "I hope he is a back. We sure could use one more good back."

Kirk said, "I'll let you know as soon as I find out. I'm going to try to meet him before practice starts."

Dan heard the phone ring.

Dan said, "I hear the phone. I'll be back in a few minutes."

Dan hurried into the house. Kirk stayed out in the yard.

The phone call was for Dan.

It was Coach Grant.

Dan got very excited.

Did Coach Grant call to tell him he would be the quarterback?



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The Best Week Ever

Boy of Their Dreams

Don't Blame Me

The Easy Way

The Fastest Runner

It Is Not a Date

One Date Too Many

The Right Kind of Win

Too Late

Dan has worked hard for three years to earn the quarterback slot on the football team, but Clay, a new boy who has moved to the area, is better and threatens to take the slot from him. Coach asks Dan to help Clay learn plays. Dan faces the dilemma of doing what is best for him and doing what is best for the team.



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