



## GOAL

### Episode 4 – I think you're ready

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#### RECAP OF PREVIOUS EPISODE

COMMENTARY: Manager Alex Carter thinks new players Manni and Peter aren't fit enough.

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(CONT'D): It's Sophie's job to help get them into the team.

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(CONT'D): Meanwhile Manni has a visitor.

MANNI: Lucia!

JIM: That's Manni's girlfriend?

PAUL: Not for much longer.

COMMENTARY: In an important match Alex tests his new players out. Manni tries to help Peter – a big mistake.

ALEX: Manni, what are you doing? What are you doing?

COMMENTARY: Alex tells Peter he must leave the club.

PETER: The thing is Manni, he wants to see you next.

#### LISA

(TO MANNI): I'm sorry about the delay, Manni. Mr Carter will be with you as soon as he can

SOPHIE: Manni!

#### SOPHIE

(CONT'D): I heard about what happened to Peter. Are you alright?



MANNI: Yes, I suppose so, but they asked Peter to leave and now I'm next.

LISA  
(TO MANNI): Mr Carter will see you now.

ALEX: Sit down.

LUCIA: Do you have any messages for me?

EMMA: No, sorry. Are you OK?

LUCIA: I suppose so. I just wish Manni would come back.

EMMA: I'm sure he won't be long.

LUCIA: I can't wait to see him.

ALEX: So, what were you doing on the pitch? You had an open goal! Why did you pass the ball off to Peter?

MANNI: I, I thought I was...I mean, I was trying to...

ALEX: You thought you were doing him a favour.

MANNI: I thought he was in a better position to score.

ALEX: Don't give me that, son. It's obvious what you were doing. You could see that Peter was suffering out there and you tried to help, right? Wrong thing to do. I need to know that my players are playing the game. Not messing about helping their mates. Football is about winning, not about looking good.

MANNI: I'm sorry. I didn't think.

ALEX: No, you didn't. You have the skills to succeed.

MANNI: I want to be the best.

JOE: Look, maybe you should try sitting down?

JOE (CONT'D): I've just seen Peter. Strange, but he seemed OK to me.



SOPHIE: Peter always had a problem with the training - he was always holding something back. He never gave himself one hundred percent. It's different for Manni...

JOE: Where is Manni now?

SOPHIE: He's with Alex.

SOPHIE  
(CONT'D): Why did he do that?! It was so stupid!

JOE: He just didn't think.

SOPHIE: You're right. He didn't. He made himself look ridiculous.  
JOE: Well, maybe he was being a good team mate.

SOPHIE: Maybe so, but I really think he's messed things up.

ALEX: I've seen it in players before. It's a sort of obsession. I can see it in you too Manni.

MANNI: I live for the game. I'm crazy about it.

ALEX: But there's still something missing from your game. You haven't given me the commitment I expect. We don't play for the fun of it at Rangers, we play to win.

EMMA: You're back from training early.

JIM: He's always in a hurry to see you.

PAUL: It's true. You know how crazy I am about you, darling.

EMMA: Alright, what do you want?

PAUL: You what?! Nothing at all.

PAUL  
(CONT'D): Do you think we only come here when we want something?  
But...how about dinner tonight?

EMMA: I knew it!



JIM: Actually, maybe we can offer *you* something.  
EMMA: Really?

JIM: Yeah, we've got some great gossip.

EMMA: Come on then, tell me!

PAUL: Only over dinner...

EMMA: I can't. I've got to make sure Manni and Peter don't stay out late tonight.

PAUL: Well, I wouldn't worry about that if I were you.

PAUL  
(CONT'D): My dad's already sent Peter back where he came from, and he's telling Manni to leave London Rangers right now.

EMMA: What?!

PAUL: Oh yeah. I think Manni'll be going home too. Cheer up, at least it means you'll be free for dinner tonight, eh darling?

ALEX: Right.

MANNI: Please boss, what are you trying to tell me?

ALEX: I know this isn't what you expected...

ALEX  
(CONT'D): ...but I'm going to give you a chance. I want you to play in the reserve team game later this afternoon.

MANNI: In the Reserves!

ALEX: Yeah. That's what I said. I'll play you up front, for a while at least.

ALEX  
(CONT'D): Remember though, this is a test. I need to see what you can do. No more stupid tricks, you're part of a team now, okay?



MANNI: Yes. I understand. I can't tell you how happy I am! I thought you were going to tell me that I was out of the club.

ALEX: And why would I tell you something like that?

Now go back to the hotel and get some rest.

MANNI: Okay Boss! Bye!

ALEX: Lisa, could you add Manni's name to the team list, please?

LISA: Yeah, sure.

SOPHIE: After all the work Manni's done, I thought he would definitely make it into the team.

JOE: But are you sure the Boss has let him go?

SOPHIE: Yes. And the problem is, if he goes, I go. That was the agreement. Remember?

SOPHIE  
(CONT'D): Come in!

JOE: I'm sorry buddy, don't beat yourself up about it.

SOPHIE: Don't blame yourself Manni.

MANNI: Joe and I'll be playing together again, this afternoon!

JOE: Say what?!

MANNI: I'm playing in the reserve game!

SOPHIE: That's fantastic!

JOE: Yeeees!

EMMA  
(TO PAUL): It doesn't make sense! I thought Manni was doing well. Why would they let him go now?

PAUL: He just can't play football well enough. It's as simple as that.



LUCIA: I can't believe the manager didn't see how good he really is.

PAUL  
(MOCK SYMPATHY): I know, it's bad luck for him. Manni tried really hard...

JIM  
(PARROTING PAUL): He did. Tried really hard.

PAUL: Listen, either a player's got what it takes or he hasn't and no amount of training's going to make a bad player into a good one.  
(TO JIM)  
Am I right, or am I right?

JIM: One hundred percent right, mate.

JIM  
(CONT'D): I'll see you later, I'm off to the gym.

EMMA: Well, I think the whole trial system is stupid.

PAUL (SMUG): Hey, that's football.

JIM: Alright lads? Was Carter a bit nasty then? Are you going to be leaving us soon, then?

JOE: The boss has picked him for the Reserves this afternoon...That's why he wanted to see him.

JIM: You're joking! Well done!

MANN: Excuse me...I must go and see Lucia and tell her the good news.

JIM: Yeah. Yeah, sure. Good luck mate!

LUCIA: ...Manni!

EMMA: Manni, What happened?

MANNI: I had a long meeting with the manager.

JOE: A very long meeting...



LUCIA: I'm so sorry. It's been awful for you. I had no idea...

PAUL: Never mind mate, you can always play football in the park with Joe's school kids side! Eh Joe?!

JOE: Oh no, you've got it wrong. He's playing for the reserves this afternoon.

EMMA: I can't believe this! I thought they'd asked you to leave!

MANNI: We'll be playing in the same team together!

EMMA: Oh, that's fantastic.

PAUL: Yeah... Yeah, well done mate.

LUCIA: Can I talk to you, Manni? Alone...

MANNI  
(TO THE OTHERS): Err... Yes. Err... Excuse me, everyone... I've got to go and get some rest before the game.

MANNI  
(TO JOE): Umm... What time do you want to meet?

JOE: In about an hour, team mate!

LUCIA: So, now that you're leaving we can go shopping, buy as much as we can carry, then get a plane out of London tonight!

MANNI: Wait a minute. Didn't you hear what I just said. I'm playing in the Ranger's reserve team!

LUCIA: You mean you actually want to play?

MANNI: It could be a big opportunity for me, Lucia.

LUCIA: I don't think so!

MANNI: I don't understand. I thought you would be pleased for me.

LUCIA: Manni, how many people will be watching this game?



MANNI: I don't know.

LUCIA: Thousands?

MANNI: No.

LUCIA: So what's the point of it?

MANNI: It will help me play in the first team.

LUCIA: And why aren't you playing for the first team now?

MANNI: Look, I don't want to get into a stupid argument with you about this, okay.

LUCIA: I've got to get some rest. Concentrate on the game.  
No Manni! This is stupid! I want to go shopping. We've got to spend some time together. I'm leaving tomorrow.

MANNI: Look, Lucia, I can't. Please understand, I really want to play this game. I want to do well. I'll see you later, okay?

LUCIA: I just don't think you should go on with this. You should think about what you had at home. What we had at home.

ALEX: Have you heard the good news?

SOPHIE: About Manni?

ALEX: Yeah.

SOPHIE: Yeah, I'm really pleased about it.

ALEX: You've done a good job. I'm impressed. The lad's really come on.

SOPHIE: It'll be great for Manni.

ALEX: If he plays well this afternoon. I'll consider him for the first team.





SOPHIE: That'd be great for everyone.

ALEX: But don't think that your job's done. We've still got to make this team the best in the league. Hopefully Manni can help us.

SOPHIE: Well, obviously it's your decision, but don't push him too far, too soon. The best thing is to give him time. Let him develop.

ALEX: I haven't got time. I need Manni to perform now. Rangers have got to move up the league. We've got to push Manni. Got it?

PAUL: Alright?

LUCIA: This reserve game. It is nothing, huh? I want my Manni to be with me before I leave, but he says the game is more important!

JOE: Hey, I play for the Reserves!

LUCIA  
(TO PAUL): He doesn't understand me, I *need* to go shopping.

PAUL: I know London. Where would you like to go? I know all the best shops... and I even know Xavier Soyeux.

LUCIA: Oh, I love his work! He is a wonderful designer...

PAUL: Why don't I take you over to Chelsea and introduce you?

LUCIA: That's a great idea...

PAUL: And later, if you like, we could go along to the game and you could see how Manni gets along.

LUCIA: That would be wonderful Paul, thank you.

PAUL: No problem...

MANNI: Hi.

EMMA: I was worried about you.

MANNI: Why? Are you alright?



EMMA: I suppose so, it's just that I saw Paul and Lucia go out together.

MANNI: She's just trying to annoy me. She doesn't understand how important this reserve team game is for me.

EMMA: Lucia has no idea how the system works. You've got to work hard and show you're good. It's the same in any job.

MANNI: Do you think so?

EMMA: Yeah, of course. It's the same for me. I want to be a designer, but I've got to start at the bottom, just the same as you.

MANNI: Emma, you have a kind heart.

MANNI  
(CONT'D): Lucia really wants me to go back home, but I don't think I can!  
  
I just don't know what to do.

EMMA: Look, I don't know Lucia but if you ask me, she should be helping you rather than trying to take you away.

MANNI: No, she's lovely, she just doesn't understand what this chance means to me.

MANNI  
(CONT'D): I must get ready for the game...

EMMA: Bye.

JOE: Remember this moment. It'll be the first of many.

MANNI: I'm just worried that something will go wrong.

JOE: Well don't. Put your shirt on. You'll be fine.

MANNI: How can you be so sure?



JOE: It's just how it is. Trust me. You'll be so busy playing, you won't even have time to worry.

MANNI: Yeah, you're right. I, I know you're right.

JOE: Hey. Course I'm right. I've got a feeling about this.

JOE: Manni!

JOE: I think you're ready.

MANNI: I think I am.

JIM: Hey, boss!

ALEX: What are you doing here?

Oh, we thought we'd come and check out some of the new players.

ALEX: Who's we?

JIM: Me and Paul. He'll be here soon.

ALEX: Oh really, we are honoured. What's caused this sudden interest in the reserve team?

JIM: No special reason.

ALEX: I suppose it has nothing to do with worrying about how good the new lads may be.

JIM: No. Not at all.

ALEX: No, no. Of course not.

JIM: Good decision, keeping Manni.

SOPHIE: I think so. You never know, he might be playing with you soon.

ALEX: I'm certainly glad I have him here today.



JIM Are the other team any good then?

ALEX They're playing five internationals, all coming back from injury.

JIM Will he be okay up front against them?

SOPHIE Good question.

ALEX He's playing against a tough defence, that's for sure.  
PAUL Look, shall I get us a taxi to go over to Rangers to watch the match?

LUCIA No, no. Wait here a minute, I've just got to get something. I'll be back in a second.

ALEX Come on Manni, keep you eye on the game!

PAUL How're they doing?

JIM Nil-nil. Manni's playing well.

PAUL (INSINCERE) That's good news.

JIM That was a good shot.

ALEX(TO MANNI) Unlucky, son! Get up, son. Come on!

SOPHIE Keep it up, Manni!

LUCIA Was Manni good?

PAUL Yeah. Terrific.

MANNI Are you crazy?! What do you think you are doing?

OTHER PLAYER It's football, mate.



MANNI            You try it again, and you'll be sorry. Okay.

OTHER PLAYER Yeah, yeah. Alright.

ALEX            We're doing well but we're up against a very good team. Joe, I want you to move the back line up. And I want you all to push harder into their half of the field.

ALEX (CONT'D) Manni, I like what I'm seeing from you!

MANNI  
(NODDING HIS HEAD) Boss, I don't think the referee's being fair. This defender is trying to injure me all the time.

ALEX            Make him pay! You've got more skill than he could ever have! Let's see what you can really do.

ALEX V/O (O.S.) ...Let's see what you can *all* do in these last forty five minutes.

JOE  
(TO MANNI)    Are you alright?

MANNI  
(FRUSTRATED) I feel like I'm spending all my time on the floor.

JOE            Just take everything he throws at you, go back for more and score. That'll shut him up.

COMMENTATOR Welcome back to our coverage of this reserve game between London Rangers and Manchester Reserves. Nil – nil at half time, but a fascinating opening forty-five minutes...

CHARLIE        This must be that Lucia's scarf. She's quite good-looking, isn't she?

EMMA  
(BEGRUDGING) I suppose so...

CHARLIE        Something about that girl...

EMMA



(IRONIC)            You're not wrong there...

COMMENTATOR Here come Rangers again. Manni's just trying to get away from his marker. He's managed it this time. Here's Manni. One-nil to London Rangers. Terrific goal by Manni. He lost Mad Dog Malloy.

PAUL                Yeah, but look at the defence, though. They were all over the place, anyone could have scored that goal.

LUCIA              Manni is wonderful! But I can't believe no one is here to watch him. Back at home he always plays to a full crowd.

JIM                 Yeah? I'm not surprised. That was a great move. You've got to admit mate, that was a stunning goal.

PAUL                Yeah. Stunning.

COMMENTATOR Sagar now for the reserve side. And Malloy now keeping a very close eye now on Manni. He's already learnt his lesson. He's blatantly pulling his jersey!

COMMENTATOR (CONT'D) Manni's pushed him over! Manni has gone absolutely beserk now. He's pushed over Mad Dog Malloy. Who is writhing on the ground as if he's been hit with a right hook. It was only a push by Manni. The referee is lecturing the Latin American player. He's off! Unbelievable! Manni has been sent off.

PAUL                You see? He can't take it. He can't take it!

EMMA                Oh no Manni! No

CHARLIE            What's that? London Rangers scored again?

EMMA                No! He's been sent off.



CHARLIE            Oh no. Alex Carter won't like that much, will he!

COMMENTATOR...Down to ten men for the remainder of the game. I wonder what Alex Carter's going to make of it all?

PAUL                He can't take it! He can't take it!

LUCIA                That defender deserved it! He was asking for it!

JIM                  It wasn't a sending off offence.

JIM (CONT'D)      But then again...

ALEX                That was wonderful! Just what we needed!

ALEX (CONT'D)    I gave you your chance and you ruined it! How could you be so stupid?!

MANNI(BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED) I'm sorry boss.

ALEX                Just do me a favour, stay out of my sight!

PAUL                If I were you, I'd do what he says. In fact, I'd get as far away from here as possible.

LUCIA                This whole thing is stupid Manni! You've made yourself look like an idiot. It is time you left London.

(BEAT)

I have a plane ticket for you...

LUCIA (CONT'D)    Tomorrow we're going home!



**Words:**

test someone out	<i>sätta någon på prov</i>
delay	<i>försening</i>
message	<i>meddelande</i>
I suppose so	<i>jag antar det</i>
favour	<i>tjänst</i>
obvious	<i>uppenbart</i>
suffer	<i>lida</i>
messing about	<i>trassla till det</i>
skill	<i>skicklighet, förmåga</i>
team mate	<i>lagkamrat</i>
obsession	<i>fix idé</i>
commitment	<i>engagemang</i>
gossip	<i>skvaller</i>
play someone up front	<i>läta någon spela på topp</i>
bad luck	<i>otur</i>
trial	<i>prov</i>
What's the point of it?	<i>Vad är det för mening med det?</i>
consider	<i>överväga, fundera på</i>
decision	<i>beslut</i>
develop	<i>utvecklas</i>
introduce	<i>presentera</i>
check out	<i>kolla på</i>
honoured	<i>bedrad</i>
injury	<i>skada</i>
defence	<i>försvar</i>
referee	<i>domare</i>
coverage	<i>bevakning</i>
trying to get away from ones marker	<i>försöka bli av med sin markering</i>
stunning	<i>jättesnyggt</i>
lecture	<i>läxa upp</i>

**Questions:**

1. Paul was very friendly to Manni's girlfriend Lucia in this episode. What do you think his motives were?
2. Do you think a lot of competition occurs between team members?
3. What might the effect of this be?
4. Is it especially important to set a good example when one is a famous athlete? Why?
5. Do you know what a role model is?
6. Why do so many people dream of becoming famous through sports?