

Fever Pitch

KEY

Characterisation

The Narrator

1. F (there are 4) 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. F 8. F
2. I didn't choose them – short trousers; I'll give you.... – swapped soccer star stickers I don't want any lunch – Saturday sickness; I can't believe – lessons were a breeze; You can't blame me – most traumatic year; Come on, dad! – insisted on being inside the stadium

My Father and Me

1

1. moved out
2. on the other hand
3. neighbouring
4. courtship
5. left me cold
6. scar..for life
7. cope
8. assumed spirit of idle curiosity

2 *(sts use own words, but must contain these ideas)*

1. separated
2. nothing to do (in their town)
3. go in car/ eat in empty restaurants
4. football
5. sister
6. not to be an Arsenal fan
7. he was frightened by events
8. mother's exclamation mark & father's confidence

Context

We'll support you evermore

1

1: C 2: E 3: A 4: D

2 *(Using own words, but including these ideas)*

1. Know everything about club
2. Support football, not just a club
3. Attracted by successful teams
4. Lose interest if team loses
5. Show most loyalty when team is doing badly
6. Loyal fans who have complex lives and can't commit themselves to the team

3

7. a) 8. d) 9. free choice 10. free choice – encourage sts to invent names

Football Chants

Activity: Often only the name of the team needs to be changed. Get sts to chant out loud in groups

Laughing at the opposition: sts might want to add name of favourite rival team and chant
 Insulting the opposition: if you can find the music to go along with these activities, then sts will enjoy this more by singing along!

Activity: The boxes equal one beat each, so each syllable has equal length. Using the name of a rival team, sts should complete all boxes, and then sing in groups!

Poetry in Motion

Over to you:

1. No one (except the goalkeeper?)
2. 10 seconds to the end
3. Extremely easy
4. Robinson
5. Absolutely certain
6. Manchester United
7. Went down to Division 3

Word Play

Sts personal activity

A symptom of modern society

1. Club is being sold for profit of rich people
2. the developers/rich people
3. member of club management
4. to be part of decision making
6. the management of the club
7. to be heard/active

The British Museum and Football

drowning in clutching at windblown by wave tossed by run aground on
 press ganged by captained by instructed by

The Game Goes On.....

- 1a) scattered b) gooseflesh c) raffling d) in for a licking e) final whistle blew
2. Sts to fill in at will, but LH column should contain: 'fans/crowds; noise; discussing, arguing about match; raffles; victors carry trophy home

English supporters = Hooligans?

1.a)-g) sts ideas; allow them to talk feely; as many ideas as possible. How many have actually met hooligans/experienced hooliganism?

2.

a L	e I	i E
b J	f D	j B
c C	g K	k G
d A	h F	l H

3.

a E	e L	i J
b G	f A	j B
c H	g C	k D
d F	h I	l K

4

There are far more articles saying that hooliganism is overstated than those saying it is on the increase.

5

sea of green / electric home ground / community – a real family / energy..infectious delight / emerald smiles and songs / welcomed with open arms / continuous fiesta of good will and Fair Play / party together / maintained good humour (after defeat) /

6, 7, 8 :

sts ideas.

Arsenal Football Club

Q and A activity. Each student has information that other student in pair wants. Make sure they don't copy, and communicate only by talking!

Book Review

- | | | |
|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 5. b | 9. b |
| 2. a | 6. c | 10. a |
| 3. c | 7. a | 11. c |
| 4. c | 8. a | 12. b |

13. he uses football as a way of explaining/experiencing different things
14. 'passage of youth' or growing up
15. yes, but not as a book about football

Nick Hornby Talks*Order of Questions:*

- What were the circumstances.....
What were your hopes or ambitions.....
In the book you do talk a bit
I suppose kids do want to feel.....
There are quite a lot of

Missing words (others MAY be possible)

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|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. about | 8. never | 15. up |
| 2. When | 9. can | 16. must |
| 3. what | 10. what | 17. how |
| 4. at | 11. if | 18. has |
| 5. about | 12. with | 19. every |
| 6. who | 13. as | 20. that |
| 7. no | 14. between | |

Football Community on-line

1. Portuguese fans in London
1. Supporters are more loyal
 2. Because he has always been a Benfica supporter
 3. Around Portuguese football clubs
 4. Three (Benfica, Sporting, Porto)
 5. National teams
 6. Because the British are also football lovers

Junior Gunners

1. Umbro donated a complete kit
2. Will win two tickets for a home game
3. Must go to the Junior Gunners office with programme and membership card
4. He saw himself
5. Will get a mystery prize
6. Vote is to choose Junior Gunners player
7. Will play more than one game (number unknown)
8. Thrower will be banned
9. Is too young to play
10. Comes from a long line of Arsenal supporters

Extra Time

Penalty Shoot Out

Do NOT photocopy the questions. Read them out to the sts.

Team 1	Team 2
Arsenal	Highbury
11	Dad/father
Manchester Utd OR Benfica	the crowd
Bad / rubbish (ec)	this was what he had been looking for
An album for stickers	to start the collection
His stickers /football generally	none
3	men become repressed etc
sick	(shortly after) 1 p.m.
By writing down the score	by telling him they would win'
By playing the next week	by seeming to forget their humiliation
Family and friends smirked at church	school friends beat him up

Sudden death: Swindon Town

Further Reading

In 'blurb': soccerati; fanzine; (laddish)

Over to You

1. somewhere to allow energy to escape
2. the responsibilities of the world are irrelevant
3. I want to be tough and unfeminine
4. I want to look after the boys when they are upset
5. Women are never treated as serious members of the (football) community

Word Work

Before the past?

Question: before November

Question: 'yet' implies he would later

Question: week before: trauma; at the time: not forgotten – still grieving

Exercise: *had been arranged / needed / had produced / had failed / missed / tormented / had / had never played*

Finished or Unfinished Time?

1. *Finished time*

last year
at the time of writing
when he was 11
a long time ago
in 2001

Unfinished time

this week
lately
in my life
today
this afternoon

2.

1. haven't played
2. 've never seen
3. 've scored
4. scored
5. left

6. did you learn
7. hasn't finished yet
8. played
9. Have you seen
10. has been

3.

1. have been relegated
2. haven't heard (didn't hear)
3. captained
4. never saw
5. invented / have not always been

6. have you seen
7. chose
8. Have you heard
9. have never enjoyed
10. were never (have never been)

4.

Sts own questions

Of Which we speak

1.1 trait 2. forget it 3. "Every time he asked and tell me to forget it. He said what I wanted him to say."

2A ...was an idea which shaped my life
...or fifteen spaces in which to glue stickers....
...lookout for ways in which to humiliate.....

Bhad just discovered that pain....
....had just received a gift.....
...had just returned to school..

3. Sts make their own comments. Choose a few for class to share.

4. Isolated

of

1. We could communicate through the new medium provided by football,
2. of which
3. during
4. in
5. at
6. of