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# Friday Night Games

By Kelly Hashway

"Can we go see a movie tonight?" Bobby asked, tossing his backpack on the couch.

"We have to go watch your brother's football game," Mom said, grabbing her car keys. "Come on. We'll grab some food on the way."

"We have to go now?" Bobby hated having to rush around after school. He just wanted to relax.

"Sorry. Nick only has two games left. Then we can all have some free time on Friday nights."

Free time. Bobby couldn't wait.

"Better take some gloves. It's supposed to get cold this evening," Mom said.

Bobby grabbed his gloves and followed Mom out to the car. "Can we get tacos at



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"Look, there's Nick," Mom said with a wave. "Come on. Spread out the blanket for us. I don't want to miss kickoff."

Bobby groaned as he placed the blanket on the ground. "Can I stay home next week?"

"And miss Nick's game? Why would you want to do that?" Mom sat down and placed

some napkins and tacos in front of Bobby.

"I just want to relax after school. This isn't exactly fun for me. Sitting for hours, being cold, I don't like it."

"You know, I used to watch your Uncle Scott play football when I was your age."

"You did?"

"Yup. I didn't really like it either, but he said I was his good luck charm." Mom smiled. "This morning Nick told me you and I are his good luck charms. He likes having us here."



Bobby looked at Nick on the field. He realized that supporting his brother was the right

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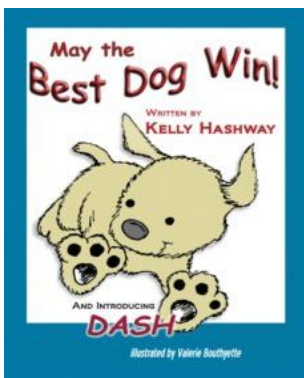
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"Hey." Nick ran over and gave Bobby a high five. "We played pretty well, right?"

"You were great," Bobby said. "I'm already looking forward to next week."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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  - b. on a Saturday afternoon, in the beginning of football season
  - c. on a Friday evening, in the middle of football season
  - d. on a Friday evening, near the end of football season
2. Uncle Scott is probably...
  - a. Bobby's grandfather
  - b. Bobby's mother's brother
  - c. Bobby's father's uncle
  - d. Bobby's mother's friend
3. Why did Bobby's mother tell him that she used to watch Uncle Scott play football?



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5. What lesson can be learned from this story?
  - a. You should be supportive of your family members.
  - b. Think carefully before you make an important decision.
  - c. Watching others play sports can be more fun than playing by yourself.
  - d. You need to work hard to achieve success.

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ couch

a. small item that is believed to bring good fortune

2. \_\_\_\_\_ bleachers

b. start of a football game

3. \_\_\_\_\_ field

c. scoring play in a football game worth 6 points

4. \_\_\_\_\_ touchdown

d. Mexican foods made from a tortilla filled with ground beef

5. \_\_\_\_\_ kickoff

e. sofa

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ **Now try this:** Find each of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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In the story, "Friday Night Games," Bobby doesn't want to attend his brother's football game. However, he decides to go to the game and cheer for his brother because he wants to be supportive.

Describe a time when you've attended an event and been supportive of a family member.

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