



Dom Deboo talks about...

Love for the Game

I support Northampton Town Football Club. I enjoy going to watch the games because I love putting my shirt on, walking up to the ground with my brother, buying a programme, shouting at the players, shouting at the referee and then celebrating like crazy when we score. It's an adrenaline rush that is difficult to match – jumping out my seat to greet a goal and then screaming so much that I have a sore throat for the next three days.

Football makes me passionate. It makes a crowd passionate. You must have heard a football crowd all singing their team's song together – it's actually quite beautiful. Sometimes, it can even make the atmosphere feel electric. Bill Shankly once famously said. 'Football's not a matter of life and death – it's more important than that'. The problem is he's wrong. As much as I love football, it is only on a few days a week and it doesn't dictate how I should live or who I am. And it doesn't solve the world's problems. But God does have a big influence on me, and He is there all the time. And He does help people in time of need. So if I can find it in me to be proud of my distinctly average football team, I can definitely be proud of my superbly amazing God. And if I can be committed to Northampton even though they are sometimes disappointing, I will certainly be committed to a God that never disappoints.

My question for you is this: what are you passionate about? And does your passion and love for God match your passion for your hobby. Because God is passionate about you, and God is committed to you, whether you succeed, fail or are average. Now that's worth celebrating.

www.Yfaith.co.uk

'Yfaith' is an initiative of Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE)
39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX. Email: yfaith@caseresources.org.uk
Catholic Trust for England and Wales Registered Charity No 1097482