



David Beresford talks about...

THE STRIKERS GLORY

I am a better defender than a striker. But I always prefer to play up front.

Being in defence means you have to be disciplined, work hard, stay put and hold your position. It's a really important role and a solid defence enables the rest of the team to play with confidence. However there is no glory in defence outside of the team. Playing up front is where the glory is, scoring goals is what gets noticed by the crowds.

So who do you play for – the team or the crowds?

Well thankfully for most of us there isn't a crowd watching, so the question is a bit of a no-brainer really. But maybe it reflects the rest of our lives – why do we do what we do really? Am I doing things to try and get noticed and impress others or am doing things my own way, not worrying about what others think. Do I really behave like myself, or do I try to be somebody I'm not?

It's probably impossible not to be bothered about what others think of you. What I found though is that it's the people who really know you, whose opinions really count. Maybe a best mate or teacher, or parent or uncle – somebody who knows what goes on, on the inside of you. They are the ones who see how you are doing and whether you are really playing your part.

If God was the manager, at half time I would want to hear Him say "well done, you are doing great, keep at it and dig a bit deeper, push a bit more. You are the right player in the right position in this team. I know exactly what I am doing putting you in this position. I am proud of you – well played son." That's the voice I want to hear.

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