

## Soccer season

The season is about to start. Owen is excited to see his team mates and practice everyday. But the thing he's most excited for is to play with his brother Jay . They've been playing for the same team since they were little. Both play for a club named Fc delco. Fc delco is known for being a high level club.

Owen shows his excitement "Let's go, season is about to start, can't wait to score some goals and win a lot of games." Owen said. "How about you Jay, how are you feeling about the upcoming season?"

Jay stayed silent for a while as if he couldn't speak. Words wouldn't be said until Jay finally said "Yeah, I'm excited but what if I don't do as well as you or others." He said.

Owen looks at Jay with a disappointed face. "Stop thinking negatively Jay, you're a great player, you've always been. You just have to show how good you are and you have to put in the work."

Jay nods, just staring at the ground.

A week passes by and it's the first game of the season! Jay and Owen are on their way to the field. But before arriving at the game Owen talks to Jay

"Come on Jay, we have to win these three points and don't overthink your playstyle, each time you get the ball just receive and pass. Keep it simple."

Jay talks back "What if I also mess that up. I haven't played for a while after my injury."

Owen doesn't reply and just ignores Jay. He's really disappointed in Jay's mindset. He has so much talent but doesn't have confidence in himself. After a long drive they finally arrive at the field. It's beautiful, Great quality grass, The grass is cut perfectly and short. The ball rolls smoothly and everything is just great.

Thirty minutes until the match begins. The team warms up but while they warm up the coach shouts out the names of the starters. He says every name, even Owen's but when he finishes saying the names, Jay realizes he isn't a starter. Owen looks at Jay and his body language tells Owen that Jay is disappointed.

Owen goes towards Jay to comfort him and tells him "It's okay Jay, don't worry about it, maybe coach just wants you to rest up for a couple of minutes until putting you into the game. After all you just came back from injury, he just wants to make sure you don't get hurt again."

Jay ignores Owen, turns around and sits on the bench. You could feel the anger Jay was processing even if he wasn't saying anything. The match begins, the first ten minutes the game is balanced.

Owen takes the role of captain, he shouts and communicates with his teammates. "Pass the ball, Man on, turn right, turn left, calm, shoot!"

Jay just watches how his team plays from the sideline. Constantly staring up at his coach and back at his team. And thinks to himself, "Why didn't the coach start me? I know I've been on injury but that doesn't mean I can't play." First Half ends and the whole team comes out to drink water. Coach tells them to relax for a bit and to stay hydrated. But then he calls up Jay and tells him that he's going in for Owen.

Jay immediately smiles and says "Ok Coach!" Owen goes up to Jay, "See I told you you'd play, Coach just didn't want to put you in too early because you just came back."

Jay replied "Yeah, you were right, now I'm going to play at my best to show the coach that I'm back and better than before!" Second half begins, the score is still zero, zero. Another 35 minutes passes by. It's the seventy-fifth minute, There's a counter attack!

Jay thinks quickly and makes a run. Jay yells "I'm open! Pass the ball!" his team mate looks up and makes an amazing through ball. Owen stands up in hope that Jay is going to score. Jay receives the ball, he's in a one v one situation. He uses a skill to beat the defender and he's through to the net! Now the only person he has to beat is the goal keeper and put his team in the lead. Owen shouts "Shoot", Jay keeps running then, He shoots. Everyone on their heels, their eyes wide open, Owen excited to see his Brother score, but then everything goes silent. No one is celebrating, Jay has missed. He was all alone, no one was defending him except the keeper. The game finally ends with a draw.

Owen is disappointed in Jay. "You had one job Jay! Come on man. You can't waste opportunities like that." Jay knows that he should've won the game for his team but he failed. He bursted in tears. On their way home Owen and Jay didn't say a word the whole drive. A week passes by and they need to play a game to define if they pass onto the state championship or not. They arrive at the field and the field is a ten out of ten. They do their normal routine and warm up. But this time on the line-up Owen isn't a starter and Jay is going to take his position.

Owen walks up to Jay and tells him "Jay, Forget about last game, try your hardest and don't worry about what you do wrong. If you make a mistake don't just stand there and put your head down. No! Bounce right back and win the ball back." Jay feels more confident in himself and knows that he can't let his brother down. He has to carry his team onto the state championship. The game begins and Fc Delco gains possession first. They pressure the other team very well, forcing the other team to make many mistakes. Fc Delco Takes advantage of those mistakes and they score the first goal. Owen is excited because he knows that if his team continues to play like this they'll win without a doubt. First half ends and they're in the lead by one. The coach announces that the same people that started will continue for the second half.

Second half starts and everything turns upside down for Fc Delco, they start making more mistakes and they can't gain possession.

“Come on guys! Get it back together, Stay calm on the ball and only take one or two touches” yells Owen.

Second half is about to end and within fifteen minutes left in the match, the other team manages to equalize the game. Now the score is tied one-one. The coach stares at Owen and tells him to start warming up,

Owen replies with “yes, sir” and starts to warm up. The coach calls him and tells him that he's going in for left midfield. Owen nods and he subs on, in the 80th minute. The game continues with both teams now balanced, Fc delco nor the other team have made any progress. Another two minutes passes by and Fc delco finally get a counter attack. Owen wins the ball in the midfield then lifts his head up to see his options. He only sees that Jay's open and yells “Make a run Jay!”

Jay looks through the space between the defenders and makes a run. When he makes the run Jay yells “Pass the ball!” Owen passes the ball directly to Jay's feet and Jay is in a one versus one situation, He beats the defender and shoots outside the box. Everyone staring at the ball, looking at the ball, went across the field. Everyone thinks that Jay missed again like last time but then Everything goes silent for a minute, soon that silence turns into the sound of the ball hitting the back of the net and happiness and joy. Jay has scored! Everyone goes to celebrate with him but the person that was most proud of him was Owen.

“Good job Jay! You redeemed yourself, I told you that you have a bunch of talent, you just have to show it. I'm always here for you, to help you and to motivate you no matter what.” said Owen.

Jay smiles as he knows that he made his brother proud. The game ends with Fc delco winning two to one. Fc Delco passed on to the State championship thanks to Jay. Jay is happy to play in the State championship but the thing he's most happy about is that he got his confidence back thanks to his brother. Owen helped his brother get his confidence back, and thanks to their bond and supportiveness Jay went back into performing well after injury and at top level. Both of them become starters and play next to each other every game. Owen tends to help Jay and Jay helps Owen when he needs it.