

It's the 70th Anniversary of the Sandhurst Legends of Sport Competition. To win the glittering gold trophy, the players will need to go one better. Read the series and find out who can take the heat.

The Sandhurst netball team are staying at Feline Hall for the inter-school netball tournament. The team is ready. The stakes are high and they want the points. But strange things keep happening. It's hard for the team to keep their eye on the ball. What is the dark secret that is hidden in the old house? Can the Sandhurst players survive *Goal Attack*?

## The Anniversary Legends Book Four:

### Goal Attack

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Readership: Mid-primary to  
Lower-Secondary

Genre: Fiction

#### About the Story

The Legend of Netball competition took place at Feline Hall, where Deirdre Hepburn and her brothers were attempting to steal the treasure Miss Shiverham had intended for Miss Lister.

In a small group, discuss the following questions:

- What precautions should the teachers have taken before they brought their netball teams to Feline Hall?
- What clues gave Luci the idea that there was something sinister about Mrs Blister?
- What alternative courses of action could Luci have taken when she suspected Mrs Blister was up to mischief?

Following your discussion, try to agree on an answer to the following questions:

- What was ingenious about the way Miss Shiverham had hidden the treasure?
- Should the girls have accepted the valuable gifts that Miss Lister gave them for their roles in preventing the theft?

Share your group's ideas with the rest of the class.

#### Applying an Event from the Story to Real Life

On page 37, Luci thinks about Miss Connelly. She concludes that not only is she a good coach, but she is also the sort of person you could talk to about anything else.

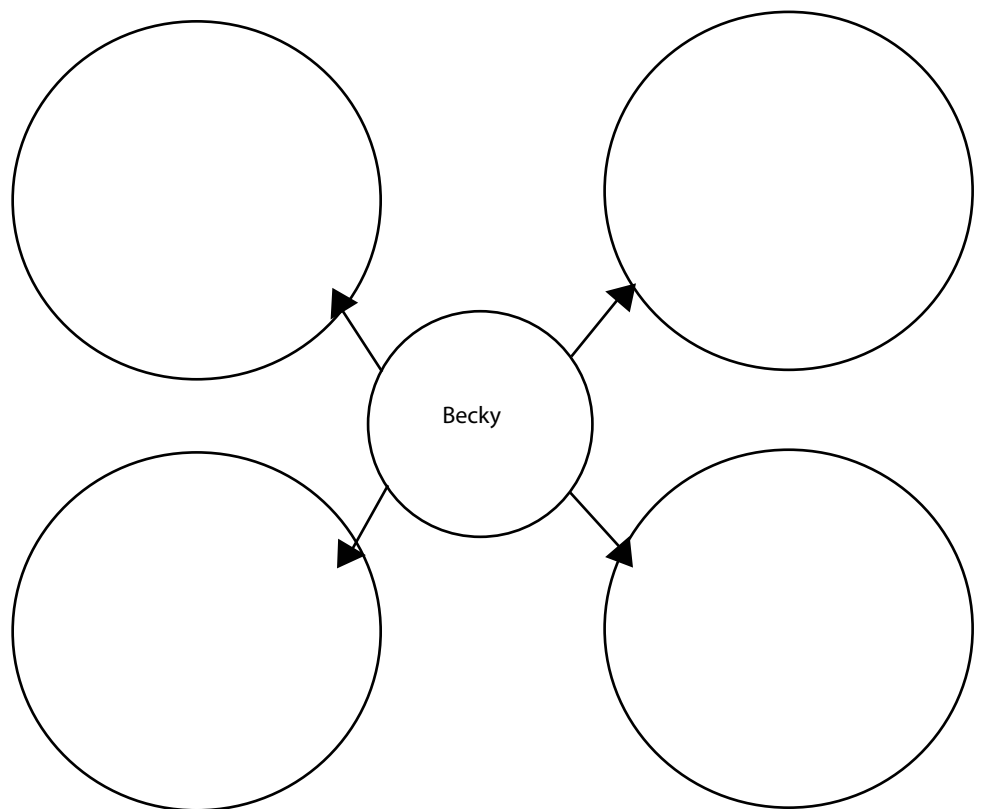
Consider the following questions:

- What sort of qualities do you value most in sport team coaches?
- As a player in a team, describe some of the things you would expect your coach to be able to do.
- Is it okay for a coach to be hard on his or her players at times? Give reasons for your answers.
- Do you believe coaches, such as Miss Peacock, should be able to video their team's opponents when they train? Give reasons for your answer.

Now you've thought carefully about the qualities that good coaches should have, write a short passage about the sort of coach you would like to play sport for. Share it with your friends.

#### About the Characters

Luci described her friend Becky as sincere and totally reliable. Becky eventually won the Legend of Netball competition. Give four instances from the story where Becky proved to be either sincere or reliable and a good friend to Luci.



#### About the Sport

Miss Connelly insisted on rotating all of her players during the tournament so that each spent an equal amount of time on the court and that each also had a turn on the sideline. Miss Peacock said that she would only be giving her best players court time during the tournament.

Complete this PMI chart to highlight what you believe are the Pluses and Minuses of rotating all players during a tournament and what you find Interesting about the idea.

Pluses (+) for rotating players	Minuses (-) for rotating players	Interesting about rotating players

What would your practice be if you were in Miss Connelly's place? Would you rotate all players on and off the court even if you were not assured of winning?

#### Word Study

The netball tournament took place at Feline Hall.

• What is a feline?

What animals are associated with the following words?

canine, equine, bovine, marine

Which six words best describe the way a cat moves?

What is a tournament? Can you find out the origin of the word?

#### About the Author

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