



All Stars 4: Jess, Wing Defence

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black dog books

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Readership: Upper Primary to Lower Secondary

When Jess's birthday comes around, her parents give her some money, and she decides to buy a ticket to the concert of a band she likes that is coming to her town next week. But the team has already organised a bonding session together, where a state netballer will talk to give them inspiration.

Jess weighs up both options, but decides to go to the gig, and there meets some girls older than herself who seems to be friendly. When her team is cross with her for not going to the bonding session, Jess hears from her new friend, Kiri, and meets her in the city, telling her parents that she is going to stay at Sarah's.

The older girl steals some money from Jess and leaves her stranded in the city and it is the All Stars who save

her. Jess learns a lot about honesty, trust and loyalty, as the team bonds because of Jess's distress and their coming to her rescue.

1 The state netballer who talks to the team tells them about the pay she receives. Reread Chapter 6 which tells the reader about the difference between the money given to footballers and that given to netballers. Discuss in the class why this is as it is.

Look at some of the newspaper articles about both sports. Look at the coverage given to both sports. Discuss how this could be made more equal. People in the class could cut up a newspaper to compare the coverage given to men's and women's sport.

2 Further Reading.

There are many books about Netball. You will find them in Dewey 796 (Sport).

Find out more information about Netball.

When was it started and where?

Who started it?

How widely is it played?

Are there any other countries where it is played?

How long has it been played?

Write up a fact sheet about Netball. It should include a few sentences about the history of the game, a few of the rules and a few of the reasons it is played.