



All Stars 1: Maddy, Goal Defence

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Readership: Upper Primary to Lower Secondary

When Maddy and Jess are invited to play netball in the playground by those who are in the school team, they are amazed. Neither has played netball before and feel very green. But Sarah encourages them and they all try out for the school netball team, and are very disappointed when they don't make the grade.

They decide to set up their own team, and make plans to do so. This means that they must advertise and get other girls to join them. But how to advertise? This problem is eagerly overcome and the girls decide that one way is door knocking houses nearby. When two girls their age answer the door at one house, they can see a partial end to their woes.

1 When Maddy and her friends decide to create their own netball team, they have many obstacles to overcome. In groups of two or three people, set up a grid or table. Your grid should have three columns. The first column should be titled 'problem', the second, 'solution', and the third should be titled, 'who is involved'.

Check out how the girls overcome their problems, reread their solution, and fill in the spaces in your grid.

Chapter 5 tells how they collect more players

Chapter 6 tells of their first practise

Chapter 7 tells about how they decide upon a name

Chapter 8 shows them selecting a coach

Chapter 9 talks about the possibility of Maddy moving house

Chapter 10 shows her getting some cash for a uniform.

2 Maddy's father does not live at home. Maddy is cross with her father. What helps Maddy and her father become friends again? Write a letter to your Gran about Maddy.

3 Their coach, Roxanne. The girls get a coach, but she is not what they think a coach should be. What does Roxanne do to coach the team? Why is Maddy disappointed in Roxanne? What does your team coach do? Find out what a coach should do.