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The Mysterious Sub

Instructions: Read each section of the story. Stop after each part and answer the prediction question before moving on.



Part 1: It was the final game of the season, and the Eastview Hawks were down by one goal with ten minutes left. Tyler wiped the sweat from his forehead. He'd been running non-stop since the whistle blew, and his legs felt like rubber.

Just then, Coach signaled to the sideline and pointed at a new player in a maroon jersey warming up. No one recognized him.

“Who’s that?” Tyler asked.

Coach just smiled. “He’s a substitute from the JV team. Thought we’d try something new.”

The boy jogged onto the field and nodded at Tyler. “I’m Devin.”

Prediction Question 1: Who do you think Devin is, and how might he affect the game?

Your Prediction:

Part 2: The moment Devin touched the ball, something changed. He was quick—light on his feet, with fancy footwork and sharp passes. He weaved through two defenders like they weren’t even there.

“Where’s this kid been all season?” someone whispered from the bench.

Tyler kept up as best he could, following Devin’s lead. With two minutes left, they had one final chance: a corner kick.

Coach called Devin over. “You’re taking it.”

Prediction Question 2: What do you think will happen during the corner kick?

Your Prediction:
