

Who is Brad When There are No Sports? FINAL v7
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We see 2 Zoom screens open with BRAD and STEVE, two friends in their 20s-30s. Brad is wearing a blanket or bedsheet.

STEVE

Hey man! Good to see you. How are you holding up with this coronavirus quarantine?

Brad is silent.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Brad. Brad! Can you hear me?

BRAD

Yes. Steve, in a world without sports, who am I?

STEVE

(laughs uncertainly)
You're Brad.

BRAD

Who is Brad? If Brad loves sports, but there are no sports, does Brad still exist?

STEVE

Uh, yes Brad, you exist!! You're here, and I'm here, talking to you.

BRAD

Maybe. But when there are no games, is there any meaning to life?

STEVE

There's plenty of meaning to life! Is everything OK? Are you eating enough?

BRAD

I don't eat anymore.

STEVE

Wait, what!!

BRAD

I don't know how to eat without the game. Burgers with football. Popcorn with baseball.

STEVE

How about jalapeño poppers? You love those man.

BRAD

Only with tennis.

STEVE

I'm worried about you. Brad, you need to eat.

(takes out a golf ball)

Hey, I'm gonna throw this up in the air. That counts as sports, right? So, that means you can eat something now.

Brad considers this strongly as if he's about to agree.

BRAD

No! It doesn't count if it's not on TV or in a stadium!

STEVE

(puts down ball)

All right, that's true. But this is getting kinda crazy man. You must have a life outside of sports!

Brad brings the Zoom camera to a sports shrine in his room.

BRAD

No, sports are my ONLY interest in life. And now my whole life is a LIE!

Brad throws off his blanket and starts to knock over memorabilia. He's wearing boxers and socks.

STEVE

Whoa whoa stop!! Oh hey Brad, why aren't you wearing anything?

Brad stops knocking things over and sits back down.

BRAD

What do I wear without a game? I wear basketball shoes on Mondays. Football jerseys on Tuesdays.

(MORE)

BRAD (CONT'D)

Icelandic figure-skating leotard on Wednesdays.

STEVE

Wow! That covers a lot. But what about your sales job? You have to put on a shirt for your video calls.

BRAD

No, I just show up like this.

STEVE

How have they not fired you??

BRAD

We're sales bros. We only live for the game. So everyone shows up like this now.

STEVE

So long as you have a job, I guess! Why don't you take up some new interests? There's a lot of other stuff on TV.

BRAD

I tried. The History Channel.

STEVE

Not what I had in mind, but ok.

BRAD

But I'd never heard of the Civil War. Do I root for the North? Or the South? For slavery? Or against?

STEVE

Always the North Brad!!! Always the North!!!!

BRAD

How would I know? ESPN doesn't cover the Civil War.

STEVE

Ok, well, maybe you can check out old sports highlights on YouTube.

BRAD

It's not the same!!!

STEVE

Ok, I hear ya, I get it. How about playing sports in your apartment?

Brad suddenly cheers up.

BRAD

One step ahead of you. Want to see what I've made?

STEVE

Uh, sure man.

Brad walks the camera out of the room to the hallway. We see a hallway covered in little gummy bears set up like a football stadium.

BRAD

I recreated the Super Bowl from 2000, when the Titans came just a yard short of the line.

Brad brings the camera close to 2 gummy bears. One has its arm outstretched with a tiny football gummy while the other gummy bear holds it back.

STEVE

This is getting a little psycho, but this is progress!

Brad stands up.

BRAD

I'm very proud of it. It gives me hope to keep on living!

STEVE

Hey man, you sound much better!

BRAD

Yeah! That means it's time to do The Ickey Shuffle!

Brad exuberantly takes three steps to the left, three to the right, three steps back... right onto his bears, squashing the stadium.

STEVE

Wait Brad, the stadium!

BRAD

Oh noooo!!

BLACKOUT.