

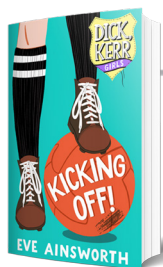
STORY STARTER

Use the below extract from *Kicking Off!* to start your own story. As a young girl in 1917, Hettie isn't supposed to be playing football with boys, even though she's very good at it! What do you think happens next?

Why shouldn't a girl be good at football? What on earth was stopping us? At least Freddie never seemed to think like that. He always said I could play as well as anyone else and why should it matter what was between our legs?

That had made me giggle.

‘Wanna play again?’ Ronnie said brightly.

[illegible]

FACT OR FICTION

KICKING
OFF!

Can you work out which of the statements below are true, and which are false? Discuss the answers (bottom right of this page) with your friends and schoolmates – perhaps you could do some research online to discover more about the Dick, Kerr Ladies and their amazing football team!

TRUE OR FALSE 1: The Dick, Kerr Ladies team was founded in 1917

TRUE OR FALSE 2: The first official game played by the Dick, Kerr Ladies team only saw 100 people attend.

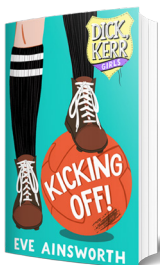
TRUE OR FALSE 3: The founding member of the team, Grace Sibbert, didn't play in any real matches.

TRUE OR FALSE 4: The team raised the equivalent of £50,000 in today's money for soldiers in the war.

TRUE OR FALSE 5: 2017 saw the first blue plaque in the world dedicated to a woman's football team.

Answers

1. *True!* The team was founded by girls working at the Dick, Kerr munitions factory to help raise money for soldiers in the war
2. *False!* The first game, played on Christmas Day 1917 at Deepdale Stadium in Preston, was attended by 10,000 people!
3. *True!* Sadly, Grace was unable to take part in official games due to illness, but she was a key part in forming the original line up in 1917, and remained a great supporter.
4. *True!* They raised £600 during the Deepdale match, which is worth a lot more nowadays.
5. *True!* The blue plaque commemorated 100 years since the team formed, and can be found in Preston.



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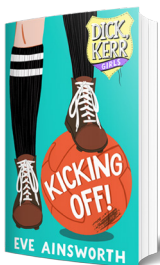
WORDSEARCH

KICKING
OFF!

Complete the wordsearch below – its' packed full of football-themed and war-related words!

Can you find them all? Good luck!

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FOOTBALL
PRESTON
WAR

DICK KERR LADIES
GOAL
SOLDIER
WHISTLE

FACTORY
HETTIE
STRIKER



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