

**THE FOOTBALL SCHOOL****BY****BILLY MASKELL**

It was a very exciting morning for Billy. He was heading to his first morning at Liverpool's finest football school.

Billy was 16 years old and from the age of five fell in love with the Nation's favorite sport. He played football every day and he joined a local football team in his home town. Now Billy had reached the age of sixteen he was accepted at the football school. Philip Coutinho had trained at this school and now plays for Liverpool's first team. Billy had a dream to play for Liverpool and he was determined to be successful.

Billy arrived at the school and met a boy called Adam. Adam was a shy, sweet boy. Billy took him under his wing. They did everything together from playing football to sharing their lunches. It was sure they were going to be friends for life.

The boys received a letter from Anfield. Liverpool's first team were looking for new players to join them. Billy and Adam were extremely excited, they could not believe this opportunity had come their way. The Liverpool Manager had arranged to visit the school this coming Friday.

Friday had arrived and Billy and his good friend Adam had trained extremely hard all week practicing their passing, shooting and skills. The Manager had introduced himself and looked very carefully at all the players. Billy and Adam stood out with their particular set of skills. Adam for his goal keeping and Billy for his power in his kicks and for his strength.

The Liverpool Manager had made his decision. Adam and Billy had impressed him so much they were invited to play with his first team. The following Saturday, Billy and Adam went down to Anfield to train with the likes of Sturridge, Milner and Coutinho. This was like a dream come true for these boys. They trained like pros, they had hours of playing football and not once did they moan about being tired.

Unfortunately, during this experience Adam had been tackled and fell down in pain, his leg had been badly broken. Understandably, Adam was extremely upset and in a lot of pain. He would not be able to play football again until his leg had mended. "Adam said Billy, "are you okay?". Adam replied, "I'm okay Billy but the club cannot sign me now". Billy was devastated, they had been through so much together and had come so far. Billy was not sure he could do this on his own.

After a heart to heart with Adam, Billy decided he would sign for Liverpool, not just for himself but for his best friend. He would become Liverpool's finest football player. He would work hard, he would never give up but most importantly, he would never forget where he came from and those who helped him along the way. He would always be thankful to his best friend Adam who he loved dearly.

Billy went on to become Liverpool's greatest player. He won trophies every year and was very, very happy.

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