

# ATC Bareboards 2021

## 'Glory Days' Audition sheet (Phil)

- PHIL: Anyway, the point is, the things you end up being most proud of are the things that have been toughest, that you've put most effort into. And maybe, just maybe, if you all turned up on time for training and put some serious effort into actually winning a game, you could taste a tiny bit of how you felt when you survived a night in the bush or gave birth.  
I just think it's about time you all had that thrill of achievement in your lives again, re-lived your glory days.  
I mean, look how long it's been since you had that – it must be a quarter of a century at least.
- PHIL: No need to apologise Shirley, I can get a bit carried away with the old sports psychology sometimes. But it wasn't that anyway, there's something else ... I have a tumour in my bowel. (*The girls react*) Don't worry, they say they've caught it very early but they will have to remove it and maybe follow up with chemo so I'll probably need some time off.
- SHIRLEY: Oh no, that's really tough news Phil, I'm so sorry but we're all with you – aren't we? And we'll definitely come and visit you after the op. If you want us to that is.
- PHIL: I'd like nothing better. But I don't want any fuss, do you hear? Just chocolates.
- PHIL: It's not soccer, it's football! And no, you can't play in gloves, don't be ridiculous.
- CARLA: Why not? Is there a rule against it?
- PHIL: Yes. No. I don't know, you're just not doing it. We'd be a laughing stock.
- CARLA: We already are to be honest.
- SHIRLEY: Phil thinks we shouldn't have fun Carla. He thinks it's bad for the soul or something.
- PHIL: I didn't say that. I just think that going through life being satisfied with minor gratifications leaves no room for working towards moments of ... of personal magic.

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SHIRLEY: Stop! Just stop right there. How dare you make those kind of assumptions about my life? About our lives? We come down here to play the occasional game of netball. To meet up with friends and have a break from work and kids and shopping and whatever. We certainly don't come here to be lectured to by some failed professional who couldn't keep his own stupid life together. Oh yes, I know all about your glamorous past.  
(To the girls) The great Phil Handley, wonder-kid of the football field, destined for the top they all said. Until he was caught taking drugs and got slapped with a lifetime ban.  
Well you're not getting a second chance by living your lost glory days through me. Now, there's only two weeks to the end of the season, so until then you can run the usual training routines but you will not lecture me or the others on how we should live our lives. Is that understood?

SHIRLEY: Look Phil, if it's about that stuff I said last week, I'm sorry. I was being a bit of a bitch and you didn't deserve it. I know you were just trying to help us improve.

PHIL: ... I have a tumour in my bowel. Don't worry, they say they've caught it very early but they will have to remove it and maybe follow up with some chemo ...

SHIRLEY: Oh no, that's really tough news Phil, I'm so sorry but we're all with you – aren't we? We'll definitely come and visit you after the op. If you want us to that is.

PHIL: Tell me Shirley, when was the last time you pushed yourself? I mean really tested your limits?

SHIRLEY: Oh I don't know, probably when I gave birth to Nicky. A sixteen hour labour does tend to test your limits. Though it wasn't myself I was pushing.

PHIL: And I'll bet you felt like you'd climbed a mountain of pain and done something you could always be proud of.

SHIRLEY: Oh yes, I did that alright!

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## 'Glory Days' Audition sheet (Clara)

- CLARA: Oh that's easy. When Gary and I were first going out I stupidly agreed to go on a long bushwalk with him. (To the girls) Mainly 'cos I wanted to walk behind him, he had a lovely bum back then.  
(Next paragraph recited as one long sentence)  
Anyway, I had to go for a wee so I went off the path and got a bit lost and Gary had to come and find me and we both got a bit lost and we ended up getting very lost and we were in the bush overnight and then we found the path again but I'd twisted my ankle by then and we had to walk for miles and miles to get back to the car and we didn't have any water with us and I thought I was going to die.  
It was scary and really tiring but I kind of get what Phil's saying, 'cos I can always look back on that and know how strong I can be. Though to be honest, it was Gary who was the strong one, he carried both our bags and took most of my weight too. That was when I fell in love with him really.
- CARLA: Oh, I had an idea Phil. on how we might improve our game next week.
- PHIL: Really?
- CARLA: Yes. Do you think I could play in gloves from now on?
- PHIL: What?!
- CARLA: To save my nails. I could play in gloves like those, erm, goalies in soccer. I am the goal-defence after all so it should be fine.
- CLARA: I thought I'd try what you suggested – pretend I was hailing a cab on Fifth Avenue. (She strikes a pose) Yoo-hoo!  
Oh I'm so excited I might just drag Gary into the back seat of the Mazda when I get home. I'll be glad to get this bloody crystal out of my knickers at least.
- PHIL: I don't want to know. How did those fingernail protectors work?
- CLARA: I never used them. I thought, what the hell, I can always grow new nails. And who cares if anyone saw my cellulite – we won!

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## 'Glory Days' Audition sheet (Joyce)

- JOYCE: I've never done anything I can really be proud of.
- PHIL: Oh I'm sure there must be something Joyce.
- JOYCE: Nope, not a thing. I was just average at school. Never got into sports. My parents were always very protective of me so they never encouraged me to be adventurous or anything. I'm not blaming them, it's just ... I just felt safe, you know, not pushing myself or trying stuff.
- PHIL: And now you want to?
- JOYCE: Oh look, I know it's only a stupid local league and we'll probably end up at the bottom of the table but if we could win just one game and if I helped in some way. Well, maybe I could be a little bit proud of that.
- PHIL: ... so the whole thing's pointless isn't it?
- JOYCE: Not for me. I love everything about it – the Friday night get-togethers, the game the next day, the coffees afterwards. I don't think I've had as much fun since ... primary school.
- SHIRLEY: Didn't you play at high school then Joyce?
- JOYCE: Oh no, I was always too scared, the other girls all seemed so big and fast. This is the first time I've ever played netball.
- PHIL: One more thing though, I'm making Joyce the team captain for this game.
- JOYCE: Captain? Really? Wow, I've never been a captain before. But Shirley's our captain.
- SHIRLEY: That's fine Joyce, you deserve it, no-one's as enthusiastic as you.
- JOYCE: Come on then girls, let's go and show the other team what losing's all about. Oh, did that come out right?