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# CATS ILLUSTRATED

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**The soccer match is starting!**



The soccer match is starting, and many cats are making last minute preparations. Mavis has made the tough choice of whether to dump the snacks she brought for her kittens to carry more cabbages. She decided not to, which was a hard choice for her. Rudy and Blackspots were already in their seats, lots of food spread out before them. The stadium had a fried chicken place, and Rudy had ordered the mega basket of chicken. It was MEGA. Ghost and Phantom were on the field, warming up. Phantom was stopping balls, rolling them back, and practicing some kicks. Ghost was receiving balls from the defenders, and passing them upfield to the forwards. The defenders, midfielders, and forwards had some great teamwork, and the

Image above - Rudy's kittens ready to go for the soccer match.

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ball easily traveled upfield quite fast.

Harvey, however disappointed he was that he had to buy a popcorn to get one free, was still pumped for Ghost and Phantom. He managed to convince Makenna that because 2 of his family were playing on the field, their great uncle Harvey would buy 2 popcorns and get 2 free. Harvey was currently carrying 3 large boxes of popcorn, Makenna holding the other one. Luckily, Harvey shared the popcorn with Juliet and her kittens. Harvey got 2 boxes of Popcorn, Juliet and kittens got one, and Makenna shared the last one with Reposado, North, and Coffee who had managed to slip away from his duties as the leader of the cats to come and watch Ghost and Phantom play. He was also going to roll the ball out to the referee (kind of like throwing the first pitch in baseball).

When the game was about to start, Coffee rolled the soccer ball out to the referee, who then gave Ghost and Phantom's team the ball as was decided beforehand. Ghost happened to be the midfielder to get the ball to start, and Rudy let out a loud whoop. And from 100 feet away, Coffee swore he saw Ghost's cheeks go red. But then, the game started.

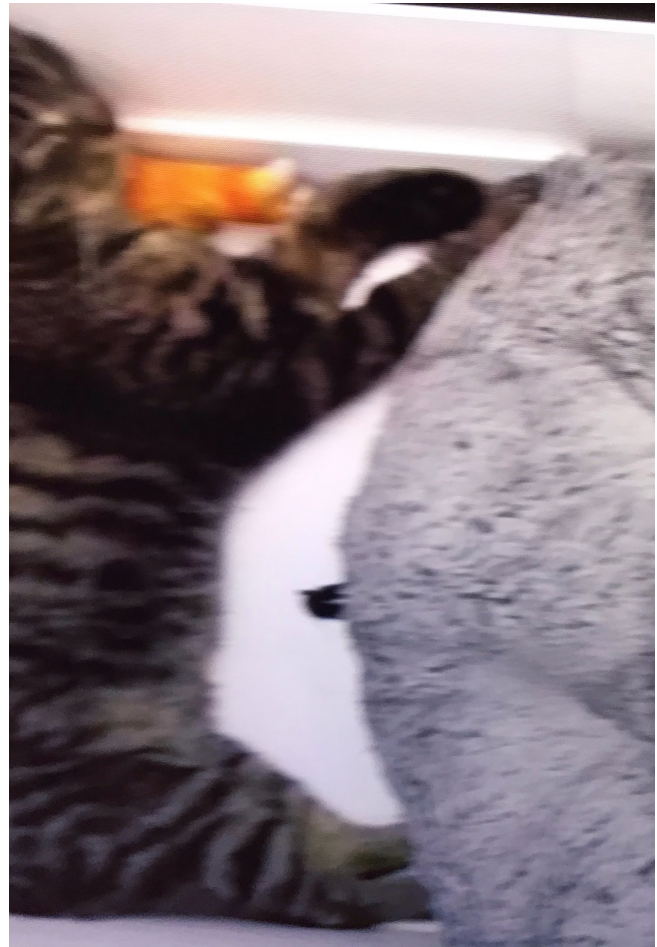


Image above - Makenna, in her custom seat.

**“I’ve never seen players converge on the goalie like that - is it an illegal play?”**

**- NAYA, WHO IN ALL HER EXPERIENCE IN CHEATING HAS NEVER SEEN THAT MOVE**

Ghost passed the ball to the midfielder on his left, and then ran up the field a little bit. A much larger cat from the Thundragons, the opposing team, started guarding him immediately. However, the midfielder who Ghost had passed the ball too was getting overwhelmed. The kicked in back to the defenders, who passed it to the goalie. But Phantom and the defenders were quite shocked when they saw that the Thundragons were running towards them, converging on

Phantom, and the ball. Phantom messily kicked the ball away, sending it back to the midfielders. The midfielder sent the ball even farther, to the forwards.

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