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ACTS OF SPORTING KINDNESS



JOSH ADAMS GIVES HIS PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARD TO ANGE CAPUOZZO

Even in heat of competition, sport has always also offered the opportunity for people to develop new friendships and for individuals to show values-inspired acts of respect and generosity of spirit.



Think:

- What values and behaviours do you feel are being shown in this example?
- What inspired it?
- How does it inspire you?
- What can we learn and apply from it to our lives?

What Happened: In the last minute of the last match of the 2022 Six Nations Rugby Championship played between Wales and Italy in Cardiff on 19 March Ange Capuozzo, a young player who was making his debut for his country, made a sensational last-minute line break to set up a try that secured Italy's first ever victory at the Principality Stadium by 22 points to 21.

Just moments before Ange's outstanding show of skill, Wales' Josh Adams, who had himself scored a brilliant try earlier in the game, had been publicly announced in the stadium and on TV as the Player of the Match.



Josh's subsequent actions after the final whistle represent one of the game's great acts of sporting kindness. The shock defeat, and its dramatic last-minute circumstances, was hugely disappointing for the Welsh team as a whole and every individual player.



In a truly special moment of sportsmanship, Josh went over to Ange after the final whistle to give his Player of the Match Award to him: a personal act of selfless generosity in such a moment of collective sporting disappointment that can inspire us all, and offer a bigger picture of what really matters.

Thinking further...

- Research more acts of sporting kindness. Create a 'Museum of Sporting Kindness' display in your classroom or school to celebrate the behaviours and values that they show - and how these are also relevant to our behaviour towards one another today.
- Record your own experience of acts of sporting kindness - those shown towards you, and those that you have shown towards others - as a blog, vlog or poster for sharing or display.
- Start a 'Wall of Kindness' in your classroom or school, where everyone posts an example of someone who has shown an act of kindness towards you, or another young person - and thank them for it!

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Through the Schools@Peace Global Anti-Bullying Initiative (which follows all relevant safeguarding protocols) and ActionForPeace events, we support the engagement of young people in particular in opportunities to learn, express and lead in their community and wider world.

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