

## **Armchair Adventures**

### **Ronnie's Football Adventure Replay - Part 1:**

#### **Introduction:**

Music: Armchair Adventures theme (instrumental only)

*SFX a lively football stadium atmosphere*

UC: Hello, everyone! Have you caught World Cup fever yet?! I know I have!

*SFX a football horn*

With all this football fun going on, we thought it would be a great idea to revisit one of our very own footy adventures all the way back from season one - 'Ronnie's football adventure!

*SFX football match/kicking a ball sfx*

This episode was actually made a few years ago during the Covid pandemic when all of us were in lockdown. There wasn't too much footy happening then, so we made our own Armchair Adventure about the beautiful game! It's packed full of sport, drama and even some orchestral musicians, and with plenty for you to join in with at home too adventurers! So, join us for part one to get your armchair adventures football fix, it's a proper crowd pleaser!

*SFX cheering crowd!*

Music: On an armchair adventure you can go anywhere you like,  
On an armchair adventure imaginations fly.

#### **Scene 1**

Connie: Hi guys, welcome to Armchair Adventures hosted by me, Connie.

Connie: On this episode we are going on an Armchair Adventure with... drum roll please... Ronnie. Say hello Ronnie.

Ronnie: Hi I'm Ronnie, I'm 86 and I'm from Ashton-Under-Lyne and I was supposed to be going to Benidorm. Mind you that was months ago now, god only knows if I'll make it abroad this year or not. These Armchair Adventures we've been going on though Connie have been brilliant.

Connie: Thanks Ronnie, glad you've been enjoying them. So, what have you been missing during the last few months?

Ronnie: Well, the football on and off. We got in a few games in this season but it's basically been a write off.

Connie: We?

Ronnie: Ashton United Connie obviously. 2<sup>nd</sup> non-league club in the world formed 135 years ago.

Connie: Ashton United, I'm pretty sure that's my dad's team. Do you play?

Ronnie: (Laughs) No, no, not anymore, I'm el Presidente.

Connie: You what?

Ronnie: I'm the president of the club.

Connie: Wow, I never knew that about you Ronnie.

Ronnie: There you go. Football has been part of the fabric of my life for as long as I can remember.

Connie: I can't stand team sports myself, especially football. The competition, the pressure. It's not for me.

Ronnie: It's not just about the match you know Connie. It's about the community that surrounds the club.

Connie: Well, all I know is football makes my dad moody.

Ronnie: (Laughs) well, it can be a roller coaster of emotions sometimes.

Connie: Thanks for sharing that with us Ronnie. I really appreciate it. I'll get the rest of the customers on the phone now so they can join in.

[Music: Armchair Adventures Theme](#)

Connie: I have all my lovely customers on a conference call now ready to take part. Say hi everyone..?

*All the customers say hello to one another*

Ronnie: Hi everyone.

Connie: Ronnie's been telling me about his passion for football.

Everybody: Oh yes, absolutely, the beautiful game, marvellous, can't beat that match day feeling.

Connie: I'm not sure myself.

Pat: I'm with you Connie, I don't see anything fun about watching a group of sweaty men kicking a ball around and shouting at a someone with a whistle.

Connie: That's so funny Pat. I know everyone, including you listener, let's all pretend to be a referee blowing our whistles trying to control an unruly football match. Ready, steady, go!

### *SFX Ding*

Connie: Well done you lot. I want you to really engage with your imaginations during todays adventure listener, as you act, move and, later on, sing, just like my customers do. It's going to be awesome.

Rita: There's women's teams too you know Pat.

Ann: What about the Lionesses?

Keith: That's the nick name for the England women's team.

Ann: They win more often than the men's team ever do and they are amazing to watch.

Keith: That's true.

Ronnie: Ashton United have women's team too Connie, they started just before lockdown.

Pat: Men or women, it makes no odds to me, whoever's playing, footballs like watching paint dry if you ask me.

Lynda: Football is so much more than chasing a ball around you know Pat.

Linda: It's an opportunity to be part of something bigger.

Lilly: Something important.

Cyril: Something that matters.

Baz: Football can change people's lives you know Connie.

Jean: And footballers can be fantastic role models for young people when they want to be.

Carla: Look at that Marcus Rashford and his amazing campaign for free school meals.

Everybody: Oh yes, what a fantastic young man he is, great job, absolutely.

Ronnie: That kind of thing is also happening at grassroots level you know. Ashton United have been helping vulnerable people during this pandemic, with food parcels and prescription runs and all sorts Connie. A sports club like ours looks after their community.

Connie: That sounds lovely Ronnie, and I do like Marcus Rashford, but I'm still not convinced football is for me. I am however very happy to go on a footballing adventure if that's what you fancy?

Ronnie: Well, I wouldn't mind. What about you lot?

Everybody: Different yeses.

Connie: In that case, what's the dream for Ashton United Football Club?

Ronnie: Well, I guess it's going to be about rebuilding next season.

Connie: Rebuilding? This is an Armchair Adventure Ronnie, wouldn't you want Ashton United to play in the final of say the FA cup?

Ronnie: (laughs) Well, yes of course, but I think that might be a little while off yet.

Connie: They play the FA cup in London don't they.

Ronnie: Yes, Wembley, the home of football.

Connie: In case you've forgotten Ronnie, we are in the business of Armchair Adventures. We can go anywhere, be anything. If Pat and me are going to have to watch boring football I want to see them win a cup.

Ronnie: Footballs not all about winning you know.

Connie: Come on, you know it makes sense.

Ronnie: Ok Connie, I'm going to take everyone on an adventure to discover what being part of a football club is all about.

*Music*

## **Scene 2**

*SFX sounds of a crowd, hustle, bustle, singing, people selling merch. Chanting "Come on you robins!"*

Connie: Where are we?

Ronnie: Wembley way.

Connie: Look at that giant arch. What's that building up ahead, it looks like a spaceship?

Baz: That's the stadium Connie.

Cyril: This is where England won the World Cup in 1966.

Lilly: It looked a bit different then though.

Cyril: It did, but Wembley is still the home of English football.

Lynda: There's such a buzz in the air.

Linda: Hear the noise of the crowd.

Carla: Feel the anticipation.

Rita: Rosettes.

Jean: Scarfs.

Lilly: Chanting.

Cyril: Singing.

*SFX chanting/singing*

John: Food stalls of all varieties- mmmm smell those burgers cooking.

*SFX burgers sizzling.*

*John sniffs and mmms*

Connie: What can you see, feel and smell on Wembley Way listener on big match day?

*SFX Ding*

Connie: I've never seen so many people congregating in one place before.

Pat: I've got to say, even I have got an excited feeling, I feel like I feel before a big music concert.

Ronnie: Exactly Pat.

Lynda: All the fans of both teams mix together here Connie.

Linda: They only get separated inside the stadium. Who are Ashton United playing in the FA cup final then Ron?

Ronnie: Well, club rivalry is a big thing in football. I had a bit of trouble choosing who we'd play against, so for today's adventure I've decided to imagine a super team for us- I've called them The Rivals FC and they're the richest club in the world.

Baz: That's a great idea.

Carla: How marvellous.

Rita: Very imaginative Ronnie.

Keith: It's going to be a real David v Goliath match then.

Ronnie: Ashton United...

[Music: Ashton United music](#)

Ronnie: ... vs The Rivals FC

[Music: The Rivals FC music](#)

Ann: That'll make it even more exciting. Well done Ronnie.

Ronnie: Thanks.

Pat: There's so many people here. I can't get over it

Ronnie: All these faces eh? I know so many of them.

Connie: Do you?

Ronnie: Absolutely. There's our grounds keeper. Alright Bill?

Lynda: There's Sheila your treasurer, the lady that looks after the money.

Linda: There's Graham that paints the white lines on the pitch. Hiya?

Rita: And Julie who makes the tea.

Jean: And Pam from behind the bar.

John: And that lovely couple that make them cracking steak and kidney pies.

Ronnie: It takes a community of people to make up a club Connie. And to achieve something as monumental as making it all the way to the final of the FA cup, it takes that whole community pulling together.

Keith: Good job I put my lucky underpants on then.

Connie: Your what Keith?

Keith: My lucky under pants. I always wear them on a big match day.

Connie: Does he Ann?

Ann: Ooo Connie, those pants have more holes in them than slice of swiss cheese, but he'd divorce me if I threw them away.

Keith: It's my little match day ritual.

Lynda: I've got my Wembley hat on. I've never washed it. You never wash a hat with Wembley magic dust on.

Baz: Whenever I ran on to play football before a match I would always touch my clubs logo for luck.

John: When I played, I'd bend down and touch the pitch- rub my fingers through the hallowed turf- say a little prayer before the first whistle went.

Ronnie: Match day rituals are important Connie.

Connie: Is there anything you do to bring you luck listener before you take part in something really important to you?

*SFX Ding*

Connie: I guess I am a little excited, but in the end of the day, it can't be that much different that watching the game on the television, and that, to me, is a mega snooze fest.

Ronnie: You lot soak up the atmosphere. We'll meet you at the seats. Connie come with me I have a surprise for you....

**Outro:**

Music: [Armchair Adventures Theme](#) fade in

UC: That's it for part one, adventurers! Join us next time and help Ronnie and the customers convince Connie that football is a lot more than a snooze fest!

Don't forget to like and subscribe so you're ready for more football fun when part two is out.

Goodbye everyone!

Music: [Armchair Adventures](#) to the end.