The last of my parents' 17 children were boys. I am the second to last. Being boys, we loved sports and we did little else but play them. My younger brother Peter and I challenged the older two, James and Louis, to games of basketball, baseball, football, kickball, and baseball. We played with any old ball we could find in the bushes, bocceball (field hockey with soccer and flat balls), anything involving a ball. They routinely slaughtered us.
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but we kept trying. In the summer, we would play until it got dark and then we'd flip on the back yard floodlights and play some more. My father, never a sports fan, often complained, "Forecees have got balls for brains."

The double entendre in his complaints, especially fitting in reference to four boys in the threes of poverty, must have been obvious to my dad. It wasn't to me until I started calling around town asking athletes and coaches if they could help me with a story about balls. Three seconds of silence followed by "...balls" was the usual response. Adding "athletic" to "balls" only reduced the period of silence to two seconds.

But the moment one started up, all the fun and games and laughter and spice was gone. It was all too true. And it was all just fun and games. It was all too true. And it was all just fun and games.

Now the conversation turned to the nature of the game itself. It was then that I discovered the deeper meaning of the phrase "balls for brains." The game was not just about hitting the ball, but about outsmarting your opponent and outmaneuvering the course. It was about strategy and calculation. It was about the ability to read the greens and the wind to your advantage.

And it was about the ability to read the greens and the wind to your advantage. It was about being able to make the right shot, even if the odds were against you. It was about the ability to think on your feet and make quick decisions. It was about the ability to stay calm in the heat of the moment.

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When Darryl253695 looks up from his desk, he can hear the faint sound of footsteps coming from the hallway. He stands up and starts walking towards the sound. As he gets closer, he can hear the voice of an old woman crying.

"Oh God, please help me," the woman is saying. "I need someone to listen to me."

Darryl253695 stops and turns around. He sees an older woman standing in the hallway, holding a small child in her arms. The woman looks tired and scared.

"What's wrong? Why are you crying?" Darryl253695 asks.

"I'm pregnant," the woman says,泪流满面. "I don't know what to do."

Darryl253695 sits down on a bench and holds the woman's hand. He listens to her story and offers her comfort. He reminds her that she's not alone and that there are people who care about her.

"Your baby is going to be fine," Darryl253695 says. "We can figure this out together."

The woman wipes away her tears and looks up at Darryl253695. She nods her head and smiles. "Thank you," she says. "I was about to give up."

Darryl253695 stands up and walks towards the courthouse door. He knows that he has to return to his desk and finish his work. But he also knows that he can't forget about the woman and the child in the hallway. He promises himself that he'll find a way to help them.
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Vivaldi Leads the Pack
The Rebel Consort does not make a point of its authenticity.

The Rebel Consort, which performed a program of Italian baroque instrumental and vocal music at St. Mary's Church last week, seems to have more than just an easy rapport with the music. The program, which included works by Vivaldi, Monteverdi, and Corelli, was well-researched and well-executed. The group, led by violinist and director John Eliot Gardiner, is known for its attention to detail and its commitment to authenticity. The performance was particularly notable for its use of period instruments, including the lute, vihuela, and recorder. The group's musicianship was impressive, with each member contributing to a cohesive and vibrant sound. The program concluded with a rousing rendition of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," which left the audience buzzing with excitement and admiration.

REVIEW

JOHN ELIOT GARDINER

The Rebel Consort is a group of musicians dedicated to performing early music with authenticity. The group's selection of repertoire, spanning the Italian baroque period, was well-chosen and executed with great care. Each piece was played with a sense of passion and sensitivity, reflecting the musicians' deep understanding of the period. The group's use of period instruments added a layer of depth and authenticity to the performance. Overall, the Rebel Consort's performance was a testament to their dedication to the art of early music and their ability to bring it to life for modern audiences.

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