Reading v Arsenal Conti Cup Semi-final 14th Jan 2018

After a light snowfall the media are forecasting the coldest winter for five years. How often have we heard that! Predicting the future is the business of betting companies who are happy to take our money when we get it wrong. Who could have forecast that Leicester would win the Premiership a few years ago!

One of the most exciting things about a game is that it is impossible to predict the winner; there are so many variables that can influence the result. Red cards, penalties, injuries, mistakes, periods of outstanding play, can all affect the outcome. We try to predict the score by considering form, history or inside knowledge but we can’t be sure until the final whistle.

None of us know what the future holds which is sometimes exciting, sometimes scary. There was one person who knew exactly what was going to happen in the future. He told his friends but they didn’t believe him. It wasn’t until the things he predicted actually happened that they realised he had been speaking the truth. Will we believe Jesus today? Do we know what he is predicting and how that might affect our lives? Like me, checking it out may be the best decision you ever made.

I predict an exciting game today as both teams strive for a place in the Conti Cup final. C’mon Urzzz.