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The players have recently returned from an international break which prompted me to consider the idea of belonging. Just like a club environment, playing for one’s country gives a sense of identity, a feeling of belonging. Players say there are few things more exciting than pulling on their country’s shirt and singing the national anthem before the game.

Some players have a choice as to which country they represent due to dual nationality status or being born in a different country to their parents. However, they have to be invited to be on the team, to earn their place. As part of the human race I believe we are all invited to be part of God’s country, his kingdom, but many choose not to accept the invite. For those who do they become part of a worldwide family whose aim is to “do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God”. (Micah 6: 8) Like players we don’t always get it right but we encourage each other to achieve our aim.

Many of us here today are part of Reading FC Women as coaches, players, administrators or supporters. We have chosen to be part of this club so let’s support each other as we aim to get all 3 points today. C’mon Urzzz!