15th November 2017 - Programme notes for Reading v London Bees

Celebrations are very much part of football culture. We see players and fans celebrating goals and victories in a variety of different ways. I remember when we celebrated wining WSL2 – what an occasion that was! The winter festival held on 25th December is set aside by Christians to mark the birth of a baby born just over 2,000 years ago who they believe is the Saviour of the world. How will you be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ?

I guess most of us will spend the day in the traditional way with family and friends, a large lunch, a delicious tea and a visit from a man with a white beard and a red suit!! But the baby who entered our world in a stable never owned a home, never wrote a book, never had a family or a home to call his own. In the last twenty centuries no one has affected this earth as powerfully as that one solitary life. In this time of noise and excess how many of us will find time to contemplate the ‘reason for the season’?

We are pleased to welcome London Bees as our opponents today. May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and let’s hope we can enjoy an early present this afternoon. C’mon Urzzz.

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