Notes for Reading v Birmingham

So, Euro 2016 has produced a new winner with Portugal triumphing over France in extra time. A thrilling summer of football was enhanced by seeing smaller nations such as Iceland and Wales succeed and the delight that gave their fans both in France and those watching at home.

The early exit of England from the competition sparked criticism of Roy Hodgson for his decision making. Decisions made by managers have significant effects on results. How much time should the players have off between matches? How intense does the training need to be to ensure players are sharp yet rested? Who will be in the starting 11 and at what stage should subs be made?

When Jesus’ disciples made their decision to follow him they were taking a risk. They left behind jobs and friends but something compelled them to go...and it changed their lives for ever. Was theirs a reasoned decision, an impulse or compulsion? We all make a decision whether to reject or follow Jesus. Which one will you make and what basis will you use?

We will see many decisions made today, both by players and coaching staff, as this exciting match against Birmingham City is played out. All of us aim to make what we consider ‘the best’ decisions so let’s get behind the team today in their search for victory. C’mon URZZZZ!