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Sweden reached the Rio 2016 women’s football finals by adapting their game to counter the opposition. Although Brazil dominated possession and had 33 shots on target they couldn’t break down the Scandinavian team’s defence. One team sitting back and soaking up the pressure is not the most attractive football to watch but, combined with effective attack on the break, it can sometimes be enough to get results.

Do we change how we act depending on who we are with? Are we prepared to be strong in what we believe to be right or do we bow to pressure from others to behave in a certain way? Doing what others want you to do may bring you friends and admirers but may not help you achieve your goal in life, whatever that may be. As a Christian I try to treat everyone the same whether they are fans, families, players or staff. I truly believe God has no favourites and wants the best for each one of us. Christians are far from perfect, they are just trying their best to live as followers of Jesus.

Today however, we are followers of the Royals, behind them every step of the way. Like us, they’re not perfect at what they do, they are just giving of their best on the field of play. C’mon urzz!