

THE WARS OF THE ROSES

Characters

Gary Lineker
Alan Hanson
John Barnes
Fans (rest of class)

Gary Lineker: *(straight to camera)* Welcome to 'Wars of the Roses'. Tonight we have two very competitive teams. Playing in white – York and challenging them for the crown in red are Lancaster. These two teams have been feuding now for quite a while and tonight certainly looks to be a breathtaking finale. Before we go live to the Battle of Bosworth and our commentators for the evening, John Motson and Paul Gascoigne, lets look back at the history behind these two great teams or as some would call them houses. *(Camera comes off Gary Lineker and onto Alan Hanson)*

Alan Hanson: Thanks Gary, so lets take a look first at how this all started. Henry IV of Lancaster was king, no problem. He died and his son Henry V came to the throne. I'm thinking that he could have played it wide here but he choose to take the middle ground and when he died, passed the ball, sorry throne, to his son Henry VI. Personally I think the names are a little dull, what about Alan as a suggestion. . .

Gary Lineker: *(interrupts Alan, looking at Alan Hanson and John Barnes who are seated around table with Gary Lineker)* Thanks, Alan but all this sounds rather second league stuff, how did the House of Lancaster get promoted, John what are your thoughts?

John Barnes: Interestingly Gary, Henry VI turned out to be a complete fruitcake, off his trolley. I blame the linesman here for some dodgy offside decisions. This led to substitutes needing to be played. Edward IV was one of these and he really quite liked it, so he got Parliament to say he was King.

Gary Lineker: *(jokingly)* Shouldn't think the Lancaster fans were too happy about that!

Alan Hanson: *(Butts in)* Personally I think he should have been fined for such a dirty foul on the monarchy, but you can look at it over and over on the replay, it won't change the incident.

Gary Lineker: *(Gets flustered)* Thanks Alan. So, how did the Reds respond?

John Barnes: Well, the fans managed to get Henry VI to remain sane long enough to get him back on the throne and usurp Edward. Unfortunately though, after a little while, off he went again. I think the York's singing sent him over the edge at the last Away match.

Gary Lineker: I believe we have a clip of that event now.

3 presenters turn to look at large screen and freeze.

(Class singing) He's mad, e's mad, e's mad, e's mad
He's mad, e's mad *(repeat 3 times)*

(End of clip, Gary Lineker moves signalling focus is back at table.)

Gary Lineker: *(smiles straight at camera)* Enough to send anyone over the edge!

Alan Hanson: Indeed, so Edward got him locked up in the Tower of London and a year later, someone knocked him off.

John Barnes: *(nodding)* Richard, most probably, he is the highest scoring murderer of the tournament.

Gary Lineker: With Henry VI out of the way you think York had clear shot at goal, what went wrong?

Alan Hanson: It was a badly timed pass from Edward IV to Edward V. Remember Edward V was only 12 when he was given the throne. Richard III saw his chance for greatness and imprisoned Edward V in the Tower along with his younger brother.

John Barnes: This is what disappoints me about this team. Here we are, promoting the team spirit, but someone gets it into his or her mind to be the star and it all goes wrong. York should have moved the ball around, established themselves in the midfield before going for goal. Instead Richard III takes control, imprisons the Princes and claims the throne for himself.

Alan Hanson: *(nods)* I agree. There was no need to go murdering any Princes

Gary Lineker: Richard is claiming that he had nothing to do with that.

Alan Hanson: *(forcefully)* Yeah right and I say, remember Maradona. Get me a replay and I'll show you otherwise.

Gary Lineker: *(nervously changes focus of conversation)* So, let's look at tonight's clash of the Titans. Richard, as King. Henry as contender, who's going to win, John?

John: Well, they both look strong, but Henry's playing a good 4 4 2 formation so I'm thinking tonight could be Lancaster's night.

Alan: Definitely. Richard has had it too good for too long. Henry will go all the way!

Gary: Any ideas for the score

John: I going for a big win – Henry 7, Richard 3

Alan: Even better – Henry won, Richard dead.

Gary: Well thanks, Guys. *(Turn to camera)* now over to the John and Paul for the start of the Battle.