

An essential chunk of our identity

A special piece for each and all of our readers who are also

“Players”

In times when we tend to forget “play”

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The player

We love to play
We want to win
It matters to us if we win or lose
It matters to us the way we play the game

We want to get lost in play
We want time to not matter
We need teammates and opponents to make us better
We want to do something more important than ourselves

We try because it matters to us
We try because it's more fun that way
We practice because we like to be good
We don't quit because it doesn't feel right when we do

We play a game not *only* a game

We dream
We imagine
We hope, because there's always a way

We are players
(p.305)