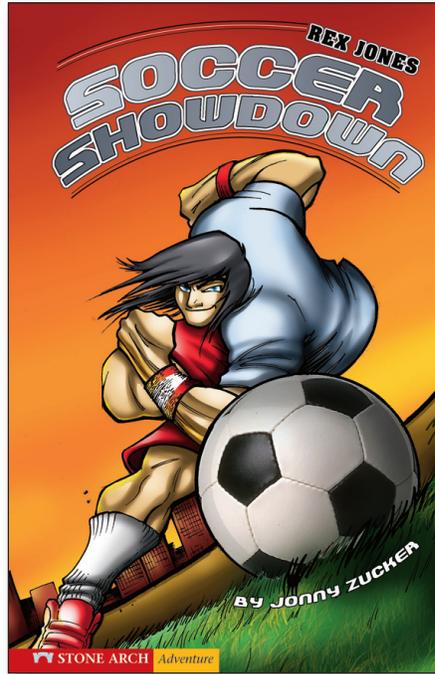




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Soccer Showdown by Jonny Zucker

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Characters: **Rex – reads below grade level**
 Dave – struggling reader
 Carl – reads slightly below grade level
 Steve Parker – reads at grade level
 Manager – reads slightly above grade level
 Narrator – reads above grade level

Genre: **Adventure**

Ages: **10-14**

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- Narrator:** Rex Jones had a cell phone that sent him on amazing adventures. He was in the locker room at school with his friends Dave and Carl when his phone buzzed.
- Rex:** It's time to go on an adventure!
- Carl:** Go for it!
- Narrator:** Rex pressed the EXPLORE button on his phone and the boys found themselves in the dark tunnel of a sports stadium.
- Rex:** Where are we?
- Narrator:** The boys figured out that it was the last game of the season between two great soccer teams, Central and United.
- Rex:** It's the last game of the season.
- Carl:** Hey, look at the uniforms we wearing! We're playing for Central!
- Dave:** Woo hoo!
- Narrator:** Rex Dave and Carl heard a harsh voice call out after them. It was Steve Parker, the captain for United.
- Steve Parker:** I hear you're playing today.
- Rex:** Am I?
- Steve Parker:** Stop trying to be funny.
- Rex (to his friends):** Am I really the captain?
- Steve Parker:** Hey, don't even think about getting in my way.
- Rex:** Or what?
- Steve Parker:** Or you won't have any legs after the game.
- Rex:** You don't scare me. The best team will win. That means us!
- Steve Parker:** I don't think so. You're going to lose this game and Central will never make the championships.

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- Carl:** Well, let's get out to the field and see. Everyone is cheering out there and waiting for us!
- Narrator:** United won the coin toss and kicked off. The game started. Steve tried to trip Carl, but Carl managed to score a goal.
- Ha ha!
- Carl:** Great goal!
- Rex:** Rex, look out!
- Dave:** Steve pushed Rex to the ground.
- Narrator:** Owwwwwww!
- Carl:** Rex, are you okay?
- Rex:** It's my ankle.
- Steve Parker:** Sorry, Jones. Accidents happen.
- Dave:** It's not broken, is it?
- Rex:** Don't worry. I'll be fine.
- Narrator:** The game started back up again. Mick, the Central goalie, let a ball get past him and United scored a point. During halftime, the manager was yelling at Mick.
- Rex:** Leave him alone! We all make mistakes.
- Manager:** Mind your own business, Jones. You're only the captain, but I'm the manager.
- Rex:** So, it was a mistake. We all make mistakes.
- Narrator:** The manager looked at Rex in amazement.
- Manager:** No one talks to me like that.

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Rex: All right, you guys, let's get back to this game and win it!

Narrator: With fifteen minutes left in the game, the two teams were tied. Rex looked up. Then he saw it.

Rex: Yikes!

Narrator: Steve Parker was coming straight at him again.

Rex: That guy just doesn't quit.

Narrator: Will Rex get attacked a second time? Will something worse happen to him? And will Central beat the United team?

Carl: The suspense is terrible!

Dave: I just hope Rex's phone doesn't buzz before we find out who wins!

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