

Mad libs

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I didn't _____ Verb - Base Form what he was talking about then, but I figured it out once I started Pop Warner football in third grade. My dad _____ Verb - Base Form the league to let me play on a team with my classmates even though I was _____ Adjective - Ends in EST, and his _____ Noun was approved. The rest of the kids in my _____ Noun were trying to figure out which way they were going, but my dad taught me how to cut back against the grain, how to reverse fields, how to straight-arm tacklers. Add to that the extra year I had on everyone and it was no contest: I was a star in Pop Warner from day one.

I loved it. Who wouldn't? I scored a bunch of touchdowns, made the all-league teams, got the MVP trophies at the team banquets. Ninety-nine percent of the time I didn't think about being older than the kids I was playing against. But every once in a while I'd remember, and my body would tense up and my face would redden. I thought about asking my dad to let me play in my real age bracket, but I never did.