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Field Day Champion

by Kelly Hashway

Andy smiled as he and his field day team stepped up to their last activity. They were in first place, and Andy could already feel the medal around his neck.

"How exciting!" Mrs. Emory said. "You two teams are tied with the highest score of the day."

"Tied?" Andy said. "But we beat them at the relay race."

"Yes, but that was their only loss," Mrs. Emory said. "Your team also has one loss, so you are both tied for first place."

Andy crossed his arms in front of his chest. He didn't want to think about the balloon toss. He'd been the first one to drop his balloon.

"This event is a hula hoop challenge," Mrs. Emory said, handing everyone a hula hoop.

"Are we supposed to see how far we can roll them?" Andy asked.

"No. Your challenge is to hula hoop for as long as possible. Once your hoop hits the ground, you will be disqualified. The last person hula hooping will win the event for their team."

Andy's eyes widened. He'd never hula hooped before. He looked at the rest of his team. Becky seemed confident and so did Cory. They only needed one person to do well in order to win.

"Can we start?" asked Rachelle, the other team's captain. She must have done this before because she was excited about the challenge.



Mrs. Emory blew her whistle. "Begin!"

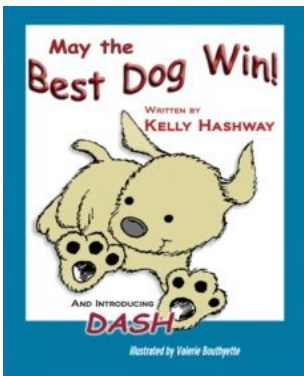
Andy watched Rachelle and mimicked everything she did. But no matter how hard he tried, the hoop wouldn't stay up. It bobbed and fell to his ankles. He stepped aside and cheered for Becky and Cory who were the only ones left to battle Rachelle.

Becky sneezed and her hoop toppled to the ground. Andy grumbled, but he started cheering even louder for Cory. Andy stared at Rachelle. She looked so relaxed as the hoop twirled around her. Her team was chanting her name, and it took Andy a moment to realize Cory had dropped his hoop. The challenge was over, and Rachelle had won, which meant Andy's team had lost. But Andy couldn't help cheering for Rachelle as she continued to hula hoop.

Rachelle was still hula hooping when Mrs. Emory gave out the medals. Andy wore his second place medal with pride as he congratulated Rachelle, the true field day champion.



About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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2. ___ u ___ ___ ___ o ___ ___

clue: large plastic toy ring

2. _____

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clue: became wider

3. _____

4. ___ i ___ i ___ ___ ___ d

clue: copied

4. _____

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6. battle

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7. disqualified