

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Randy woke up suddenly from a deep sleep. Outside, the morning light was changing [most/ from/ care] black to a light grey. Randy [most/ felt/ wind] a scared feeling deep down, in [the/ sit/ pool] bottom of his stomach. Today was [jolt/ clip/ the] day for basketball tryouts at Westview [bacon/ hopes/ School]. This was the first year Westview [class/ School/ never] had had a ball team and Randy [wanted/ weary/ zipper] to be one of the first players. Randy [quick/ matter/ looked] at his alarm clock and saw that the hands pointed [we/ to/ it] five o'clock in the morning. Randy groaned [cat/ neat/ and] turned over in bed. He had to [will/ next/ wait] three more hours until tryouts. When [the/ met/ cut] alarm rang at 6:00, Randy got [is/ up/ be] and dressed as fast as he [down/ rather/ could].

When he got to the kitchen, [dig/ his/ for] mom was frying bacon and eggs. "[Might/ Very/ Good] morning, Randy," Mom said. "A strong basketball [caught/ winter/ player] needs a good breakfast." "I don't [know/ nest/ maybe], Mom," said Randy. "I feel too [scared/ bunny/ dollar] to eat." "[Have/ Colt/ Well], Randy," said Mom, "you need to [fit/ eat/ bun] some energy food before tryouts." "OK, Mom, I'll [try/ how/ ill] to eat," said Randy.

[Gather/ Wander/ After] a big breakfast of bacon, eggs, [and/ for/ by] toast, Randy headed off to school. "[For/ Hey/ Not], Randy, wait for me!" yelled Reico, Randy's [down/ refer/ best] friend. When Reico caught up with Randy, [he/ is/ why] stopped and bent down, holding his [knots/ knees/ grips] and panted. "Whew, I'm

glad it's [you/ but/ not] trying out for the team and [very/ form/ not] me," said Reico. "Thanks a lot, Reico," [fried/ said/ rake] Randy. "I'm scared I won't make [be/ it/ on]." "Oh yeah, you will," said Reico [with/ here/ begun] a friendly slap on Randy's back.

[After/ Might/ Neat] all of the students were in homeroom, [near/ grab/ the] principal came on the loudspeaker and [grab/ hung/ said], "All boys trying out for the basketball [team/ empty/ clay] please report to the gym." Randy [lucky/ trick/ headed] for the gym, his heart pounding [hunting/ loudly/ keeping]. The coach gave the boys a pep talk [gather/ moving/ about] being good sports, and then [the/ cob/ hall] tryouts began. One after another, the [yet/ boys/ tall] ran, dribbled the ball, and shot [must/ vat/ the] hoop. Randy forgot all about being [cried/ putted/ scared] as he ran and shot baskets [lock/ with/ lone] the rest of the boys.

At [the/ yet/ up] end of the tryouts, Randy sat [up/ on/ is] the bench, tired but happy. He [flow/ stay/ knew] he had done his best and [that/ might/ run] was really all that mattered. The [happy/ drum/ coach] began to call out names of [lot/ the/ net] boys who had made the new [other/ most/ team]. Randy's name was called and he [stood/ invent/ cream] up with a big grin on [his/ me/ buy] face. He knew Reico and his [fit/ hop/ mom] would be proud of him, but Randy [was/ pot/ you] proudest of all. He had done [me/ get/ his] best and that was good enough.