

1) EXT - CITY - DAY (09")

A fine day.

Pan across the city over to the committee building.

2) EXT - COMMITTEE - DAY (08")

A panting Bernie is running towards the committee building. There are huge display panels outside the entrance with blown up shots of the Woodlands Cup trophy.

3) INT - COMMITTEE ENTRANCE HALL - DAY (16")

Bernie pushes the door open and runs in.

1. Bernie:

I must hurry! I'm late!

He runs up the stairs.

2. Bernie:

The press conference will have already started!

He doesn't slow down until he gets to the door leading into the committee room. Here he takes a deep breath, settles down and stretches his paw out to open the door.

3. Bernie (enthusiastically):

I don't want to miss anything! You don't often get the chance to see so many champions close up!

4) INT - COMMITTEE ROOM - DAY (45")

A detail of the real Woodlands Cup trophy.

The camera moves out and we see that the cup is on a plinth in the centre of the committee room.

A crowd of reporters are listening to a speech by the **president of the committee**. Some **flashes** as reporters take pictures.

It's obvious from the way that the reporters are dressed that this is an international press conference (bear in typical Swiss lederhosen, lion in African robes, panther in a sari etc.). A lot of football players are present too (a stag, a crocodile, an eagle and other animals) extras, all wearing their teams' official uniform (jacket, tie and team emblem on their blazer pockets).

4. President:

...and I am delighted to present this year's edition of the legendary Woodlands Cup!

His words spark off a storm of flashes that light the cup up.

5. President (Off):

The teams entered will all play off against each other to win this trophy. May the best team win!

A reporter puts his hand up to ask a question.

6. Reporter:

Which teams have entered? Will any champions be playing?

7. President:

As always, the very best... but entries are still open, so there could well be some last minute surprises!

The camera shows the faces of those present: Bernie's face lights up, he has obviously just had an idea...

Dissolve.

5) INT - BERNIE'S ROOM - DAY (20")

Close up of Bernie, his enthusiastic face is lit up by the reflected light from a computer screen.

He is typing quickly and reading out loud what he has written.

8. Bernie:

Dear Gluglu and Drake, I've had a really great idea...

The frame widens and we see that Bernie is writing an e-mail on the computer.

9. Bernie:

...how about entering for the Woodlands Cup?

He leans back dreamily.

10. Bernie:

We're a great team and we can hold our own
against anyone!

The camera zooms into a photo hanging on the wall: it's a photo of the three teams
who took part in the round robin threesome tournament.

11. Bernie (OFF):

Just think what a great time we'd have... all
back together again!

Detail of the photo. A close up of Choppy.

6) EXT - FOOTBALL PITCH - DAY (48")

The scene opens on Choppy. The camera pans out: it's no longer a photo, but
reality. All the players who had once taken part in the round robin threesome
tournament are gathered together on a small training field.

They are clustered around Bernie who is about to speak. He starts speaking
hesitantly, laughing a little because he is shy.

12. Bernie:

Hi guys! Thank you so much for coming!

13. Choppy (cheerfully):

Eh! You know you only have to ask, Bernie! Are
we just here for a picnic or have you got
something important to tell us?

The rest of the group are waiting eagerly; they're all dying of curiosity.

14. Bernie:

I was at the Woodlands Cup presentation
yesterday and so I thought... well, I said to
myself...

Gimbo breaks in, jumping up and down with impatience.

15. Gimbo:

What?! What did you say to yourself?! Come on,
spit it out and tell us too!

16. Bernie (trying to pick up the thread of his speech):

Calm down, Gimbo... well... I thought that we could put our old teams back together again!

The animals look at each other uncertainly. Finn is perplexed and hesitant, while Ralph seems enthusiastic. The bear is holding a ball and he kicks it away in a swift movement.

17. Finn (over-awed):

You mean play in the Woodlands Cup? But all the best teams in the world'll be there...

18. Ralph (hefting a ball):

And we'll be there too! Hey! I like it! This is our big chance...

He sends the ball whizzing towards Zollo, who dodges it without moving by the simple expedient of bending his neck into an S shape. The ball hits the crossbar on one of the goals, bounces back with renewed energy, and hits Ralph square in the neck. The bear collapses onto the ground. Finn comments wryly.

19. Finn (shame-faced):

...to be laughed at worldwide!

20. Bernie:

what are you scared of? We've already played in one tournament, and after all... **(with a disarming smile)** ...that turned out to be fun!

The animals smile as they all remember...

Dissolve.

7) FLASHBACK (53")

Flashback with highlights from the prequel and cheerful, evocative background music.

- Scene 8 prequel - Gluglu tackles Choppy and steals the ball from him.
- Scene 8 prequel - Drake scores against Finn the walrus.
- Scene 8 prequel - Zicky trips and falls into a puddle, bounces off the ball, hits the crossbar and ends up in Bernie's arms.

- Scene 8 prequel - Lastly Snipp's victory goal. Choppy and Finn hug each other.
- Scene 9 prequel - closing shot - all the players celebrating under a shower of confetti.

8) EXT - FOOTBALL PITCH - DAY (1' 32")

Flashback ends.

The players on the pitch are still looking a bit uncertain. The first to say anything is Finn.

21. Finn:

Okay, Bernie... we've proved we can play... but this is the **Woodlands Cup!**

22. Bernie:

And we're really **brilliant players**, Finn... it's just that... **(smiling)** we haven't realised it yet!

When he hears this Drake shakes his head and, sniggering, sets off towards the gate.

23. Drake:

there's no point in wasting time with them, Bernie! You need to be brave to win... and this lot are all cowardly custards!

Zollo comes up with an idea.

24. Zollo:

Wait a minute... what about the elk! You remember Snipp the elk, don't you?

Drake halts in his tracks, still facing the gate.

Another flashback.

We see the scene from the prequel when Snipp is introduced as a great champion. Then the scene where Snipp whips off his ball boy cap and reveals his true identity. And then a slow motion sequence of Snipp running on the football pitch. As this last scene dissolves we hear the comments of the other players.

25. Gluglu (looking dreamy)

Snipp! The super champ!

26. Gimbo

What a player! The best ever!

Gimbo runs and mimes some great football, dribbling an imaginary ball past hoards of imaginary opponents.

27. Gimbo (running)

Snipp has the ball... he's past the first player! Then another. He's got through the whole defence. It's Snipp against the goalkeeper! He takes a kick at the goal and it's...

As he gets to the goal he leaps into it, imitating a ball, and shouts.

28. Gimbo

...goal! GOAL! GOAL!

His companions laugh at the kangaroo's performance.

29. Zollo

Yeah, Snipp! He's an icon...

Zollo turns to the others. Bernie has an inkling of what he's aiming at.

30. Zollo

...someone who knows the secret of how to become real champions!

Drake turns back to the group on the pitch. He is interested.

31. Zollo:

do you remember what Snipp said?
He said he wanted to rediscover **the real flavour of football.**

32. Drake (turning, curious):

So what?!

33. Zollo:

we need to find Snipp and tell him what we want to do...

34. Chippy (finishes enthusiastically):

...and once we find out the secret of how to become real champions like Snipp... we're bound to win!

Zicky poses as if he was already been awarded the trophy and was holding the cup. He smiles.

35. Zicky

Yeah! I can just see myself with that cup. My mum'd be so pleased!

Everybody hides a little smile.

36. Bernie:

Snipp will help us become champs!

37. Chippy (teasing Bernie):

Who knows... he might even manage to teach you to be a bit fierce. **(barks)** Woof! Woof!

Finn intervenes, ticking the beaver off.

38. Finn (to Chippy, severe):

And you take things a bit more seriously, on and off the field!

Chippy laughs. Bernie defends him.

39. Bernie:

Chippy's right though, I'm too soft when I play. I need to toughen up...

40. Ralph (rubbing his neck):

And I don't know how to use my own strength...

41. Finn:

and I need to learn how to dive for the ball without being afraid.

42. Chippy (sniggering):

Hee! Hee! Hee! Who ever heard of a walrus who
couldn't dive... specially a goalkeeper!

Finn gives Chippy a nasty look.

Gluglu comes forward.

43. Gluglu:

we've each got something that needs sorting
out.

I'm too... small (**sighs**). Zollo is too touchy
and won't accept any criticism...

Zollo, offended, turns to Glu Glu.

44. Zollo

That's not true!

The penguin doesn't bat an eyelid and points to Zicky.

45. Gluglu (unconcerned)

...Zicky won't run because he's frightened of
getting all sweaty and dirty...

46. Zicky

What would mummy say?

Finn and Zollo look at their toes, embarrassed. Gimbo comes forward and admits his
faults

47. Gimbo

I can never concentrate and always get things
wrong while Drake...

Everyone turns to look at the Dobermann, who is still a little distance away.
Drake shrugs his shoulders, and looks disdainful.

48. Gimbo (off)

...he has no idea of teamwork!

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