

THE GREAT DATE ROAD MAP

GROUND RULES:

- Put the kids to bed or get a babysitter if you are going out
- Take a break from talking about the usual suspects (money, kids, in-laws)
- As much as humanly possible, stay off technology
- Relax, reconnect, and occasionally flirt

PRE GAME:

For this date...

- Wear your favorite sports team attire. If you aren't into sports, wear your favorite (insert something you're a fan of) attire.
- Choose to Stay Home or Go Out

Husbands:

- If you are staying home, you are responsible for getting some stadium food snacks. Before your date, pick up some peanuts, soft pretzels, cheese sticks, wings, or whatever else is unhealthy stadium goodness.
- If you are going out, you get to choose the restaurant. The catch is you can only order from the appetizer and dessert menus. These menus are the closest things to stadium food.

Wives:

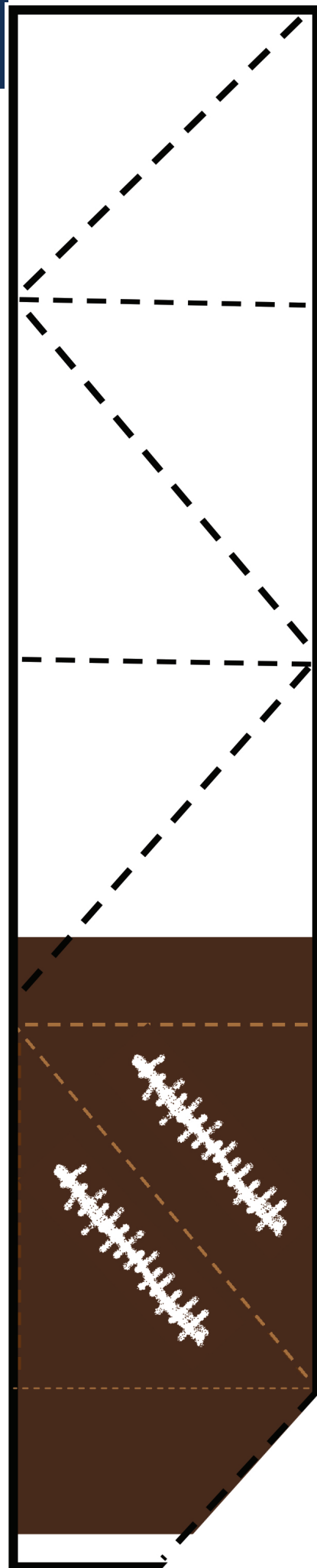
- You are the DJ for the night. Before your date put together an epic Game Day playlist. Songs to include, Another One Bites The Dust, We're Not Gonna Take It, Eye of the Tiger, We Will Rock You, or anything from the Jock Jams albums. Songs to avoid: anything considered a "slow Jam" and Sarah McLachlan.

KICKOFF:

Call The Play: From the Flea Flicker to the Statue of Liberty, every down begins with the play call. As you begin your date, come up with some fun pet names for each other. Your challenge is to weave these names into your conversation throughout the night. For those of you going out, you get bonus points for using them in front of your waiter/waitress. (Examples: The Sheriff, Playmaker, Prime Time, The Sweetness, etc...)

Husbands Timeout: You have 2 timeouts. Whenever you call "timeout" your wife has to answer this question, "One Thing I appreciate about you is..."

Wives Timeout: You have 2 timeouts. Whenever you call "timeout" your husband has to answer this question, "One thing I love about you is..."



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Huddle Up:

While you eat discuss the following questions...

1. If you could compete in any sport or Olympic event, what would it be?
2. Were you ever involved in any school sports, teams, or clubs?
3. Did you have any sports or celebrity heroes growing up?
4. What is one of the dumbest things you've ever done? Most Brilliant?
5. What have been the Top 3 Touchdowns (High Points) in our marriage?
6. What is the one item you would love to have or something you secretly wish I would do for you more but think it would be too selfish to ask?
7. What is your best memory of a time we played and had fun together?
8. Beyond this date, what is one way we can carve out more time to spend together?
9. What is one thing you have learned through our marriage that you would want to pass on to another couple?

Game Time:

After your snacks or dinner play a game of paper football.

- Tear and fold the paper football.
- Flip a coin to see who goes first.
- Take turns sliding the football back and forth across the table. Each turn is only one push.
- A touchdown (6 points) is scored when any part of the football hangs over the opponent's side of the table without falling off.
- After scoring a touchdown, you will have an opportunity to kick a field goal. Hold the football on its side and flick to the other end of the table where the opponent must make a goal post with his or her hands. Kick a successful field goal to score 1 point*.
- Set a time limit or first player to score 28 points wins.
- Loser has to kiss the winner, and do 1 chore of the winner's choice this week. **(yep, things just got real)**

* We are not responsible for any injuries sustained from flying paper foot balls or angry looks from restaurant patrons hit with a wayward field goal.

Over Time:

When a team scores a touchdown, the crowd cheers, and occasionally there is a touchdown dance. Take a fun and creative photo together with your best celebration face/pose or touchdown dance. Set this photo as the new wallpaper on your cell phone and post it to social media.

Email your celebration photo along with your names to greatdate@mynorthside.com. On November 14th, one photo will be chosen to receive a \$100 gift card for a future date night.