Scene 7:

Music 8: “Game Day”

ENSEMBLE

IT’S GAME DAY
AND THE TEAM IS GONNA GO OUT
AND IT’S GONNA BE A BLOWOUT
THAT WILL BLOW YOU AWAY

IT’S GAME DAY
AND WE’RE RACKING UP THE WINNING GAMES
AND KICKING BUTT AND TAKING NAMES
OF TEAMS THAT WE PLAY

IT’S GAME DAY
AND WE’RE ALL JUST SO EXCITED
BECAUSE NOW WE ARE UNITED
AND WE WON’T EVER STRAY

IT’S GAME DAY
AND WE KNOW WHAT WE’VE GOT COMING
BUT ONE VARIABLE’S NUMBING
AND TOGETHER WE SAY
WHAT WILL WE SEE FROM SEAN GRAY?

SEAN

IT’S TIME TO DELIVER
IT’S TIME TO COME THROUGH
COME ON NOW SEAN
NOW THEY’RE COUNTING ON YOU

YOU’RE A CAPTAIN NOW
AND YOU’VE GOT TO BE BOLD
BUT I JUST DON’T WANT
TO BE LEFT IN THE COLD

AM I A FLASH IN THE PAN
OR A FAD OR A TREND
OR WILL I STICK IT THROUGH
UNTIL THE END?

IF IT SEEMS LIKE I’M NERVOUS
IT’S JUST ‘CAUSE I AM
I HAVE EVERYTHING GOING FOR ME NOW

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BUT I HAVE TO PASS THIS FINAL EXAM

(A TEAM MEMBER comes out of the wings to applause from the ensemble.)

TEAM MEMBER
Hey Jaguars! How is everyone doing? (Response from crowd) That’s what I like to hear. Now, are you ready to meet the captains that will lead our team to victory? (Another affirmative response). I thought so! Now, give a big Johnson welcome to #7, your first-string quarterback two years running, Wade Forrest!

(Big response from crowd; KATE makes her presence known as she cheers for WADE).

WADE
Hello Jaguars! Listen, I’ve got a treat for you today. I have the distinct pleasure of introducing you to our new co-captain, #20, all the way from Albany, Georgia, Sean Gray! (The crowd goes nuts).

ENSEMBLE
IT’S GAME DAY
AND WE KNOW THE INS AND OUTS
AND ALL THE WORRIES AND THE DOUBTS
HAVE SIMPLY FADED AWAY

IT’S GAME DAY
AND THE BLEACHERS WILL BE PACKED
WITH ALL THE FANS IN RED AND BLACK
AND THEY WILL BE THERE TO STAY

EVERYONE KNOWS ALL THE RULES
AND EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO PLAY
WELL, EVERYONE WOULD
UNLESS OF COURSE YOU’RE

MARK
ME, WOE IS ME
I DON’T KNOW WHAT I’M DOING
I DON’T WANNA PLAY INTO THE STEREOTYPE
BUT FOOTBALL’S NOT MY GAME OF CHOICE

(Some STUDENTS turn around and glare at him. They shake their heads and turn back around.)

I’LL SAY THAT IN A LOWER VOICE
SEAN
(addressing the crowd): Oh man, thanks you guys! (Another cheer, prominently featuring MARK to the point where he turns heads yet again). It’s an honor to serve as your fullback this season...

MARK
(whipping his head around to face the audience):
HE’S A FULLBACK
SEAN GRAY IS A FULLBACK
WHAT THE HELL IS A FULLBACK?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

(JANET is walking past, MARK grabs her by the arm.)

MARK

Janet!

JANET
Don’t mind me! I’m just passing through. You need something?

MARK
Do you know what a fullback does?

JANET
Literally why would I know that? (with suspicion) Any particular reason why you were wondering?

MARK
I...can’t think of one.

JANET
(sarcastically) Yeah, sure. Pull yourself together Evans! You know you should go see Ms. King; better be thinking about college than some boy. I have an appointment in a little bit, but she could probably squeeze you in if you went in really soon.

MARK
Yeah, you’re probably right. I promise you it’s not that bad, though.

JANET
I still say you’re insane.

MARK
Oh, I don’t think that’s true! (pause) So...you don’t know what a fullback is then?

JANET
You realize that the internet exists you know.
MARK
Great idea, Janet!

(JANET rolls her eyes and exits. MARK crosses and then bumps into KATE.)

KATE
Now what would you be doing here, Mr. Evans?

MARK
Oh, you know, I came for the pep rally, to...um...support our teams! Go sports!

KATE
Uh huh, nice try lover boy. I guess I don’t need to ask you how your talk with Sean went.

What? Don’t be ridiculous!

MARK
Quick, what’s Sean’s jersey number?

KATE
Quick what’s Wade’s jersey number?

MARK
20!

(KATE laughs)
Quick what’s Wade’s jersey number?

KATE
7! Okay fine you got me. We’re both here for the same reason.

MARK
Glad we’re on the same page.

KATE
Look, I wanted to clear something up real quick. This is fun and all but you actually seem pretty invested in Sean. So be careful okay? With guys like him, you have to play the long game. Be friends with him and enjoy his company, but don’t give him too much power to hurt you.

MARK
How was I supposed to know all that?

KATE
You weren’t. You’re inexperienced, which is why I’m telling you now. I mean it’s not like you did anything rash at this point!
MARK

Hahahaha right! I...uh have to go!

KATE

Why?

MARK

I have to look up what a fullback is!

(MARK dashes off. KATE shrugs and leaves the stage.)

ENSEMBLE

WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
IT’S GAME DAY!

(dance break)

MARK

I’ve got it!

A FULLBACK
STANDS BEHIND THE QUARTERBACK
AND KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON THE SNAP
AND THEN HE’S ON THE ATTACK

‘CAUSE THE FULLBACK
HE BECOMES A WIDE RECEIVER
AND YOU KNOW I’M A BELIEVER
THAT HE NEVER WILL CRACK

‘CAUSE SEAN GRAY ISN’T JUST A FOOTBALL PLAYER
WITH A SMOKIN’ HOT TIGHT END
HE’S THE CLOSEST THAT I’VE EVER COME TO
CALLING A FOOTBALL PLAYER FRIEND

Or boyfriend for that matter.

ENSEMBLE

GAME DAY
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MARK
AND THE MEETING IS TOMORROW
WILL IT BRING ME JOY OR SORROW
WELL WHO CAN SAY?

ENSEMBLE
GAME DAY

SEAN
AND I’M DEALING WITH THE PRESSURE
EXPECTATIONS AND THE STRESS
SURE THEY’RE NOT GOING AWAY

ENSEMBLE
GAME DAY

JANET
AND MY FRIEND IS GOING CRAZY
AND I WANNA JUST BE LAZY
AND STAY OUT OF THE WAY

ENSEMBLE
GAME DAY

KATE
AND I’LL LUST AFTER THE QUARTERBACK
GAIN INTEL ON THE FULLBACK
HOWEVER I MAY

All: 
IT’S GAME DAY

(As the applause starts to subside, the ENSEMBLE starts to disperse. KATE and WADE bump into each other).

WADE
Well, hello again.

KATE
Hello yourself.

WADE
I didn’t think I’d ever see you at a pep rally.