

Episode3-01

スーパースター誕生！

物語本文

Ken stood on the pitcher's mound and looked around the infield. The bases were loaded.

A tall boy stepped into the batter's box and took a practice swing.

"Hit a home run, Jim!" someone shouted from the crowd.

Others joined in, and the cheering grew louder and louder.

Jim was the best player in little league. He could hit a baseball farther than any other kid in Montreal.

Ken wiped the sweat from his forehead and closed his eyes.

"I can do this," he told himself.

Then he threw three fastballs and struck Jim out!

His team won the game, and Ken was the winning pitcher.

The next day, there was a story in the newspaper about Ken's fantastic performance.

He felt like a superstar!

問題文と選択肢

Why was there a story about Ken in the newspaper?

- ① Because he hit a home run.
- ② Because he was the best player in the league.
- ③ Because he played very well in the game.

答え **③ Because he played very well in the game.**

ワンポイントアドバイス



少年野球の試合でケンはマウンド上で汗をぬぐっています。ランナー満塁のピンチの局面!相手はリーガー番の強打者!相手の応援はますます大きくなり、今にも飲み込まれそうな緊張した場面です。ケンは「自分ならばできる!」と自分に言い聞かせ、勝負の一球を投げます…ここでの重要表現は He could hit a baseball farther than any other kid in Montreal. (彼は、モンリオールで他のどんな子どもよりもボールを遠くまで飛ばすことができる。)です。英語の比較表現で多く使われますが、「比較級+than any other 単数名詞」は「最上級」を表すことになります。



エピソード3-01で覚えたい単語

- mound [野球] マウンド
- shouted 叫んだ
- infield 内野
- loaded [野球] 満塁
- The bases were loaded 満塁だった
- from the crowd 観客の中から
- joined in 加わった
- forehead 額、おでこ
- farther (farの比較級)より遠くへ
- told himself 彼自身に言った
- struck (strikeの過去形) out 三振させた
- won (winの過去形) 勝った
- fantastic 素晴らしい