## How can you say it's just a game?

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How can you say it's just a game
When I've been pushed all my life to
reach goals (1)

Told to work harder than my opponent
(2)

All along being shaped and molded

How can you say it's just a game
When I've given blood, sweat, and tears
Learned so many valuable (3) lessons
Like developing a work ethic and
conquering (4) my fears

How can you say it's just a game
When I've developed relationships that
will last a <u>lifetime (5)</u>
Learned about self-discipline
And how toughness is really defined

How can you say it's just a game When <mark>it can bring all <u>ethnic (6)</u> races together</mark>

Working as one unit

While pushing each other to get better

How can you say it's just a game
When winning and losing can determine

(7) how one feels

Teams jerseys and colors can be seen everywhere

And fans come to support (8) from far and near

How can you say it's just a game
When it turns so many into leaders
As well as helping to develop (9)
integrity and discipline
And puts more attention on education
and being a better reader

How can you say it's just a game
When coaches have to answer to
alumni and bosses
To them it's not just a game
Because their fate is determined by
wins and losses

How can you say it's just a game

Teams sit in the locker room and cry at
the end of the season

I guess you wouldn't understand

Comradery would be the reason

How can you say it's just a game
When it can be one's passion and drive
This thing you call just a game
Has shaped (10) and changed so many
lives

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