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Redefining failure has helped Wales to overcome fear

Chris Coleman, the manager, said: “Don’t be afraid . . . if you work hard enough and you’re not afraid to dream then you’re not afraid to fail.”

If failure is stripped of its negative associations, if it is no longer an indictment of who you are, but an opportunity to learn, what reason is there to be fearful? If football is a game of expression, and you accept the mess-ups that are inherent to any creative enterprise, why freeze at the point of executing a pass? And if you are with a group of like-minded people, cohesive and strong, united in resolve and ambition, why worry what the media might say if things go wrong?

By redefining failure, he has turned an environment of high consequences into one of joy and collective expression rather than worry and trepidation

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