General Physics I - Quiz #3

Name

Two men are having a vertical tug of war with a bale of hay. The man standing in the hayloft is pulling with a force of 585 N while the man standing on the ground is pulling with a force of 351 N. The bale of hay has a mass of 22.0 kg. (This tug of war occurs on earth where $g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$)

a) Draw the free body diagram illustrating all the forces acting on the bail of hay.
(3 pts)



b) Write out Newton's second equation and then explicitly incorporate all the forces acting on the bale of hay. (4 pts)

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$
$$\vec{F}_d + \vec{F}_u + \vec{W} = m\vec{a}$$
$$-F_d\hat{j} + F_u\hat{j} - mg\hat{j} = ma\hat{j}$$
$$-F_d + F_u - mg = ma$$

c) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the bale of hay. (2 pts)

$$a = \frac{-F_d + F_u - mg}{m} = \frac{-351 N + 585 N - (22.0 kg)(9.80 m/s^2)}{22.0 kg}$$
$$a = \frac{-351 N + 585 N - 216 N}{22.0 kg} = \frac{18 N}{22.0 kg} = 0.818 m/s^2$$

d) Who will win the tug of war? (1 pt)

Since the acceleration is positive, it is in the upward direction. The man in the hayloft wins the tug of war.