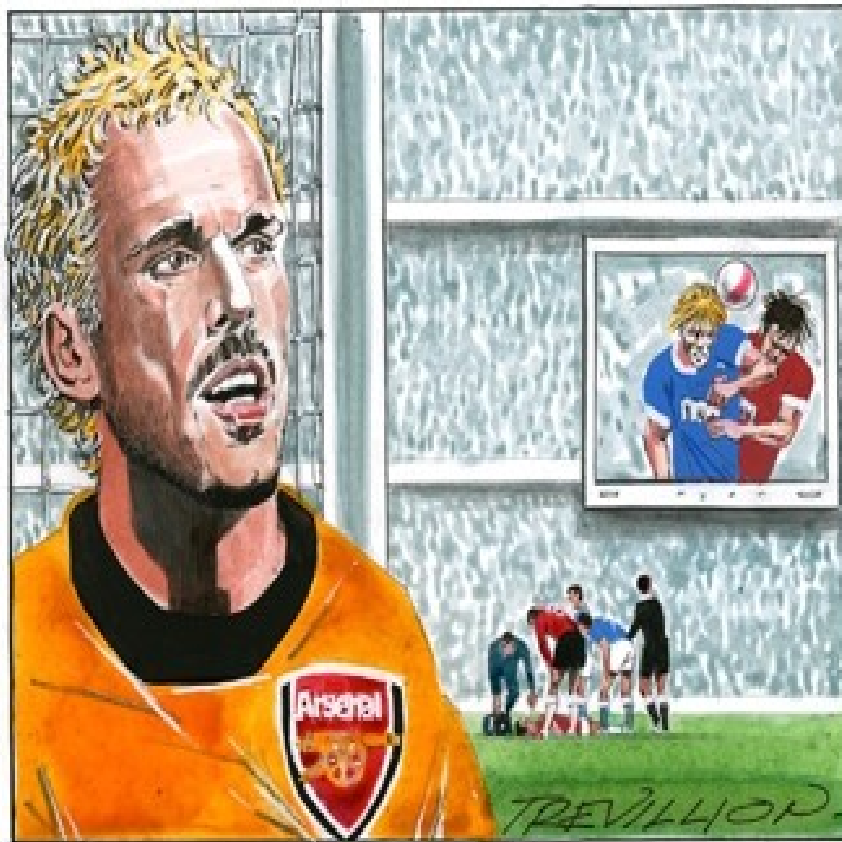


YOU ARE THE REFEREE



Players Collide



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- Two players collide when they jump to head a high ball. One falls to the ground holding his head, so you call on the physio. But while you are waiting, you notice the big screen showing a replay: the player being treated had been viciously, deliberately elbowed by his opponent. The crowd go wild. Now that you have seen the incident on the replay, what should you do?

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- You should take action and punish the player.
- You should ignore it and do nothing.

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Keith Hackett: You are not allowed to use the big screen in the decision-making process (and the screen should not have shown the incident). You should, though, communicate with your assistants to seek their view on the challenge – but if they've seen nothing wrong, that is the end of the matter. The situation would later be looked at by the FA, who could take it further if they were satisfied that none of the match officials had witnessed the elbowing.

Goal Kick

A goalkeeper takes a goal kick, which loops up very high. An attacker on his team, who was standing in an offside position when the ball was kicked, runs back into his own half unmarked and collects the ball.



Do you still give offside?

Goal Kick

- You cannot be offside from a goal kick – it's a trick question.
- I am often amazed that players and managers aren't aware that players can't be offside from a goal kick. Some teams still fail to take advantage of Law 11 and push their players up into off side positions to gain an advantage.

Drop Ball



Drop Ball

- You've awarded a drop ball inside the penalty area. One of the players who contests the drop is the defending goalkeeper – who, as soon as it lands, dives on to the ball and smothers it.
- **Is this legal?**

Drop Ball

- Yes, the keeper can do this.
- No, the keeper can't do this.

Drop Ball

- Well done! This is correct.
- The goalkeeper is allowed to do this. However, you must also consider whether it was a dangerous play. If you think that it was dangerous, either for the goal keeper or the opponent, then you should award an indirect free-kick against the goalkeeper.

Hair Strike



Hair Strike

- During a top-flight game, an away team player dashes up to you in a fury, complaining that when he went up for a header, his opponent's long bleached dreadlocks (his hair) caught him in the eye. He says they're dangerous, and the player shouldn't be allowed to play on with his hair 'all over the place'.
- **What do you do?**

Hair Strike

- Do nothing.
- Order the player to cut his dreadlocks off.

Hair Strike

- **Keith Hackett:** There's nothing in the laws of the game to cover this particular point, and if, in your judgment, the dreadlocks don't represent a danger to other players, you should not intervene.

Unhappy Keeper



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- In an under-11 game, a striker takes a penalty that beats the keeper, but rebounds off the bar. The ball bounces back towards the striker who scores from the rebound, but no one else has touched the ball.
- The goalkeeper starts crying.
- **What do you do?**

Unhappy Keeper

- Allow the goal.
- Do not allow the goal.

Unhappy Keeper

- You can't allow the goal as no other player has touched the ball. Re-start play with an indirect free-kick.
- That should cheer the keeper up!

Taken off for Treatment



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- A defender goes down injured, and you order him off the pitch for treatment. But two minutes later the star striker who he was man-marking scores. You suddenly realise that you'd forgotten to wave the defender back on. The defender's team are really angry, demanding the goal is disallowed (that you cancel the goal on the scoresheet).
- **What do you do?**

Taken off for Treatment

- Disallow the goal.
- Allow the goal.

Taken off for Treatment

- You cannot disallow the goal. You'll have to put up with all the criticism because you've made a serious mistake in not allowing the player back on. Fortunately, this shouldn't happen in the professional game because of the combination of the fourth official and the communication system.
- **Keith Hackett:** The rule about having to leave the field after receiving treatment is one that I would love to see changed. A few seasons ago, Thierry Henry was injured from a challenge which resulted in a penalty. Having received treatment, he was then forced to leave the field of play – meaning Henry, Arsenal's penalty taker, couldn't take the kick. What a nonsense.

Controversial Equaliser



Controversial Equaliser

- In the last seconds of a cup tie, the away team score a dramatic last minute equaliser from a corner. You give the goal, and play restarts. But then one of your assistants informs you that the away side had 12 players on the pitch when the goal was scored – one of their substitutes had come on unnoticed seconds earlier.
- **Can you answer the questions?**

Controversial Equaliser

- What do you do with the spare player?

Controversial Equaliser

- Show the 'spare' player the yellow card for entering the field of play without your permission, and order him to leave the field.

Controversial Equaliser

- Can you rule out the goal retrospectively?

Controversial Equaliser

- Yes, disallow the goal, because if there is an illegal number of players on the field, you are required to restart the game from a suitable point – and in this situation, the suitable point would be before the goal was scored. So restart play with a retaken corner kick.

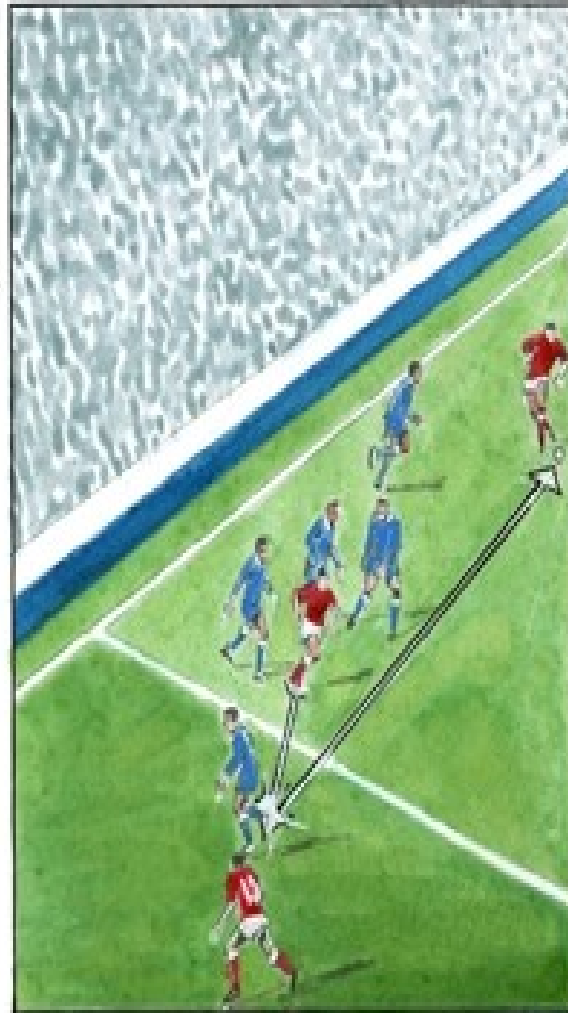
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- How do you re-start?

Controversial Equaliser

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Offside?



Offside?

- A home team player passes back towards a team-mate – but the ball strikes the heel of an opponent and flies forward to the home team's star striker, who is in an offside position. The striker races away unchallenged and scores – but the keeper insists he was offside. The striker says he was 'played on'.
- **What is your decision? Is it a goal?**

Offside?

- Yes, it's a goal!
- No, it isn't a goal!

Offside?

- The home player in the off side position has an unfair advantage, so must be penalised, as stated in law, 'the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team'.
- 'Played on' hasn't existed in the laws of the game since 1978.

Racist Remark



Racist Remark

- During a stoppage in a U12's game, a forward complains that an opponent made a racist remark to him. The opponent admits it, and says sorry.
- **What do you do?**

Racist Remark

- You should punish the player.
- You should not punish the player.

Racist Remark

- Although racism in football is never acceptable, you cannot take action because you, the referee, did not hear the remark yourself. However, for the rest of the game, you should keep an eye on the two players, and after the game send a report to the appropriate competition stating that the boy admitted making the remark, in case the forward (the other player) wishes to take it further.