

FOOTBALL EXPRESSIONS

Back of the net! *You should've seen it, it was such a great goal. **Back of the net!***

Man on! *Quick! **Man on!** Pass the ball to Jones!*

We were robbed: *The referee didn't see that foul. If he'd given that player a yellow card he wouldn't have scored that goal. **We were robbed!***

He's (she's) got a sweet left foot: *She's one of the best players on the team, and she's **got a sweet left foot.***

He (she) pulled off a great save, what a save! ***What a save** by the goalie. That was fantastic!*

Hit the woodwork: *He almost had it, but unfortunately **it hit the woodwork.***

Ran the defence ragged: *He deserves to be Man of the Match. He scored a hat-trick and **ran the defence ragged!***

He (she's) got a lot of pace: *Jones is definitely a great player, he's **got a lot of pace.***

The goalkeeper made a howler: *They were in the lead, but then **the goalkeeper made a howler** and the other team scored.*

It's a game of two halves: *Well, they may be losing now, but **it's a game of two halves!***

FOOTBALL-RELATED IDIOMS

Idioms are different from the above expressions because they can be used in conversation about any topic and not just football.

Get the ball rolling: *We need to have everything ready for the party by next week, so if you could please **get the ball rolling** by inviting everyone, that would be really helpful.*

Get a kick out of something: *If you **get a kick out of** horror movies, then you'll love the new Quentin Tarantino film!*

To watch from the sidelines: *You never supported me when I needed you. You just **watched from the sidelines!***

To move the goalposts: *Jessica quit her job because her boss kept **moving the goalposts** about her promotion prospects.*

To be on the ball: *What's wrong with you? You used to **be on the ball** with your work all the time.*

To kick someone around: *I don't think it's fair the way you **kick him around** all the time. He deserves some respect.*

To take sides: *I'm not **taking sides**. I think you're both wrong, so I'm not getting involved!*

To blow the whistle on someone: *She was offered a lot of money as a bribe, because she threatened **to blow the whistle** on the company's illegal activities.*

Know the score: *I don't need to explain anything else to my boss, **he knows the score**.*

A game changer: *The new software had become known as the new '**game-changing**' entertainment experience.*