



LISTENING

In order to do this task, you should follow these steps:

1. Listen to the podcast.
2. Do the exercises below.
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text.
4. The answers to the exercises will be available on the website next week.

• **QUESTIONS**

Read the following questions and choose the correct answer:

- 1) **In the 2006 World Cup final, when Zidane hit an opponent with his head, the referee...**
 - a) blew the whistle and showed him a red card immediately
 - b) showed him a red card immediately and then he checked his decision with the video cameras.
 - c) didn't see anything and then, when the fourth official informed him, the referee showed a red card to the football player.
- 2) **In the 2006 World Cup final, Italy against France, video technology...**
 - a) was used openly
 - b) was used in a secret and discreet way
 - c) wasn't used at all
- 3) **Tim, who is a Liverpool fan, ...**
 - a) wanted France to win
 - b) didn't care about the result
 - c) wanted Italy to win
- 4) **According to James (Manchester City fan), one of the worst refereeing decisions he has ever seen was in the derby Manchester United against Manchester City when...**
 - a) the referee awarded a penalty to Manchester United and they finally won.
 - b) the referee awarded a penalty to Manchester City and they finally won.

c) when Uwe Rosler's goal was disallowed by the referee because he was in an offside position.

5) In the 1998 World Cup, quarter final, England versus Argentina...

- a) England were playing with one player less.
- b) Argentina were playing with one player less.
- c) there was the same amount of players in each team.

• **VOCABULARY SUPPORT**

- **Controversial:** something that causes people to argue; an event that causes disagreement
- **Head butt:** when you use your head to hit another person
- **Catch:** in this context, see or notice
- **Produce a red card:** show a red card; take a red card out of the pocket
- **Surreptitiously:** secretly, discreetly
- **Root for:** support; hope that a team wins
- **A blow:** a setback; a shock
- **Backs to the walls:** defending desperately
- **Overturn:** to change; to cancel a decision

• **PODCAST TRANSCRIPT**

Controversial decisions

Tim (Liverpool fan)

Um, that's a good question. I'd probably go for the 2006 World Cup final, Italy against France. As you know, Zidane did the **head butt**, which was not actually **caught** by the referee, but was caught by video cameras and the fourth official saw it and he then informed the referee who then **produced the red card**. So for a couple of reasons really, one is still now FIFA doesn't allow video technology but they somehow introduced **surreptitiously** into that final. And I was **rooting for** France to win, and because of Zidane's departure they lost on penalties.

James (Manchester City fan)

I think one of the worst refereeing decisions I've ever seen was back in 1996, and it was a Manchester derby when City were winning 1-0. Uwe Rosler had scored a great goal to put City up 1-0 at Old Trafford and the referee gave a penalty! Michael Frontzeck, the City left back at the time, he did nothing wrong. The referee gave a penalty and Cantona scored and United went on to win 2-1. It was a very painful decision. It was a **blow**.

Because you're a Manchester City fan...

Of course. And how about you?

Damon (Liverpool fan)

For me, it would have to be 1998 World Cup, quarter final, England versus Argentina. **Backs to the walls**, England a player down; Beckham sent off . 2-2, coming towards the end of the game, Sol Cambell rises in the penalty area for a corner and scores a wonderful goal, disallowed! Apparently Shearer had fouled the keeper. I'd like that one to be **overtuned**.