

## Candidate B evidence

### **Goal line technology: Good or Bad?**

The topic that I chose for my discursive writing is goal line technology. I will talk about the good things about it like you can't argue with technology and the bad things like how much it would cost, and could it slow down the game. Also, I will be talking about past occasions where we would need goal line technology. Goal line technology will do a lot for football because teams were getting beat because of a goal that was not giving or giving but wasn't a goal.

The first argument is the referee might not see if it is in and then the referee will get a lot of abuse for not giving it or giving it but it shouldn't have been a goal. For example, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December Hearts played Hibernian at Tynecastle and Hibernian scores a perfectly good goal but the referee didn't give it because he couldn't see it and neither could the assistant so they got a lot of abuse of the fans players and manager. Also, this was a derby and a derby is significant because it's against your rivals who you hate. Also, they would have won that and that would

have been significant because they would have gone into third and two points behind second. Another example is England vs Germany in the World Cup 2010 when the ball was clearly in and the referee didn't give it. Now this is the World Cup the biggest international football cup and if that was giving then it would have made the score two all but Germany went on to win the game 4-1. Now onto the fans, the fans pay a lot of money to watch football so when their team should win a game, but they didn't get a goal, or a goal goes against them then their wasting their money.

The second argument is against goal line technology and my argument is if a team has all the momentum and goal line technology stops the play the momentum could shift the other way and it could cost them the game. Also, a team could need the three points and goal line technology stops the play and that could cost them at the end of the season or they in their in the cup and they get put out because the momentum switched. Also another bad thing about goal technology is that the fans love the debate. Sepp Blatter the ex-FIFA president believes the fans will talk about the game for ages because of the decision.

Another good thing about it is, it is confirmation to the fans. Now if you think about it, it is great for the fans because their paying money to see a game that is fair and the players are having a fair game because if your team has had the ball by the goal line and the referee doesn't give it then the fans aren't getting their money's worth and a fair game and also the players aren't getting a fair game either so that could prove vital at the end of the season because it should have been a goal in that one game but it wasn't giving. An example of this is when Chesterfield played Middlesbrough in the 1997 FA cup semi-final and it was 2-1 to chesterfield and chesterfield scored to make it 3-1 and instead it got disallowed so Chesterfield had to score a late equaliser to take it to a replay and they lost the replay so they could have been in the final but they didn't because there wasn't any goal line technology.

Another bad thing about goal line technology is the cost of it. To have goal line technology in one stadium, a league would have to pay £260,000 a year and £3,900 per game. Now leagues like the English premier league, French, German, Italian and other big leagues can afford it. But leagues like the Scottish, American and other leagues can't afford it. I think that FIFA should give them the money so we can get it to make it a fair game. Also, FIFA has got the money so why should they not give them the money.

Looking at the arguments above I think if they bring down the price of it for the smaller leagues then I think it will be a step in the right direction for football because there won't be as much controversy.

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