

## **WEEK 5**

**September 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022**

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### **Boys Varsity**

In the 59' I awarded a penalty to black for a combination tripping/pushing foul committed on Black 7 by White 5. White coach was yelling at me from the team area demanding to know what the call was for. I advised a tripping foul. The coach alleged Black 7 had flopped and that his player had kicked the ground. From my perspective I did see White 5 kick the turf but also trip Black 7. The penalty was awarded and subsequently converted.

A few minutes later, white coach was still chipping at me from the sideline. I warned the coach that I saw what I saw the call had been made the game has continued. I said, "Coach it is your job to coach, I am not having this tonight," he sarcastically yelled, "Yes, sir!" and saluted me. At that moment, I believed this to have escalated to dissent by both words and actions but I let it go and walked away.

In the 62', on a white corner I observed one player from each team attempt an aerial challenge for a ball. From my vantage point (top of the box) I observed what I felt to be a fair challenge. From across the field I hear white coach yell, "So you will call a phantom penalty, but you won't call that?" As play was coming back the other direction white coach was still talking about the penalty that had been called several minutes prior. He asked about the no call in his attacking area, and I advised I did not see it and that I had seen something different. He sarcastically, said, "Exactly, that's what happened. You didn't see it." I told him that I was right on top of the play and that he was seeing it from 50 yards into the sun. He said, "don't tell me I am looking into the sun." I said, "coach, that is enough. Final warning."

In the 65' White is attacking, black comes out to make a clearance and strikes the ball cleanly but knocks knees with a white attacker. White retains possession while white attacker is on the ground. As it was not an obvious head injury and because white retained possession in an attacking shape, I let play continue and a few seconds later the white attacker got up. A few passes later, the ball ended up going out for a Black throw.

During the stoppage in play, the previously injured White player went back down to the turf indicating he was injured. I signaled for the clock to be stopped but the clock operator did not stop the clock. This made white players audibly upset but their captain, White 11 calmed them down by reminding them that I had made the signal, but the clock operator did not stop the clock. The Trainer and White coach were beckoned onto the field. As White coach came onto the field it became clear that he was not coming to check on his player but was coming to continue to show his dissent to me. I immediately issued a yellow card to White Coach for dissent at which point he gave me a thumbs up, and said sarcastically, "Ok buddy." I then issued White Coach a

red card and dismissed him for his continued dissent. I should have issued consecutive yellows, followed by a red, my mechanics failed me in the moment.

After being told to leave, White Coach kept saying he needed to go to his player and I advised his player was being tended to by the trainer, it was not serious injury and that another coach was welcome to tend to the player. As we were walking off the field White coach repeatedly demanded further explanation. I said, "I am done with you I will talk to your assistant." I explained the situation to the assistant, including the warnings and he replied, "Ok, thank you."

I briefly explained the incident to Black Coach and to White Captain #11. Both responded with appreciation.

I observed White Coach leave the team area and head to the corner of the stadium.

A few minutes later I observed White coach in the visiting stands behind the white team area. It did not appear to me that he was attempting to coach from the stands and was not audible or making gestures.

The game was completed without further incident, however, after the game AR1 advised White Coach had been continuing to criticize the referee crew, particularly on 2 offside calls/no-calls.

After the match was over while debriefing with referees and the home trainer, White coach walked by and muttered additional comments to me and the crew about the lack of offside call on a late Black goal and then looked over his shoulder to ensure we heard it. I ignored the comment.

Cautions from this match:

- 31' Black 17 UB (late tackle from behind)
- 53' Black 7 Dissent (screaming at me across the field having been caught offside)
- 62' Black 18 UB (not playing the ball)
- 65' Black 10 Delay restart
- 70' Black 4 Tactical foul (hold shirt to prevent attack)

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### **Boys Varsity**

In the 70th minute, play was stopped for a pushing foul committed by a [TEAM 1] defender on [TEAM 2] #10. [TEAM 2] #10 got up and shoved the [TEAM 1] defender. I cautioned [TEAM 2] #10 for unsporting behavior. After the caution was issued, [TEAM 2] coach \*\*\*\*\* loudly objected to the caution. I gave a caution to coach \*\*\*\*\* for dissent. After reviewing the video of the game, I realized that coach \*\*\*\*\* had traveled a significant distance from the bench area, which was not marked, to dissent, and should have been ejected.

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After the final whistle, #11 of [TEAM 1] (#11) went to the [TEAM 2] players, and told them, "you ain't worth my time, n\*\*\*\*\*". #11 of [TEAM 1] (#11) was shown a red card. He responded to the red card by saying, "your ass suck ref". No further incident.

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Blue took a shot from distance. While working AR1 I observed the ball deflect off the cross bar, spin beyond the goal line, hit the ground in the goal, bounce up and deflect off the post and out of the goal into the keeper's hands. I was in perfect position to see this goal be scored. Knowing that I was likely the only person on the field who saw this was a goal I emphasized my signal (sprinting up the line toward half) in order to sell my confidence in the call. The goal was awarded.

White Coach told me that it was "physically impossible" for the ball to have crossed the line. He kept asking me to explain what I had seen and for further explanation, telling me that I did not understand basic physics. I began walking back down the line to be in position for the restart and White Coach followed me out of the team area. I politely asked White Coach to return to his team area but he remained well outside of it.

The center referee noticed that White Coach was still talking to me and came over. I said to the referee, "I am 100% certain of this call." The referee asked white coach to return to the team area, which he did.

As play restarted, I was standing in front of white bench then he said to his assistant and non-uniformed students on the bench, "This fucking guy think's he's smarter than science." I attempted to get the attention of the referee but the game had gone to the other side of the field. In hindsight, I should have done more to get the referee's attention. I did discuss the incident with the referee at halftime and was advised to let him know if further dissent occurred.

White soon tied the game and eventually won, so there were no more incidents from the coach. I ran this scenario by a senior referee who suggested I still make a report.

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## **Boys Varsity**

\*\*\*\*\* ([TEAM 1] #17) was ejected for the use of excessive force on [TEAM 2] #2. In an attempt to clear a ball he kicked \*\*\*\*\* ([TEAM 2] #2) in the forehead. \*\*\*\*\* was bleeding and was removed from the match but later cleared by the field trainer and returned to the match.

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Down 1-0 with less than 10 minutes to play, the [TEAM 1] assistant coaches argued an offside decision (their defense had reset offside for [TEAM 2] by a [TEAM 1] player making a deliberate play on the ball). The bench for [TEAM 1] had become increasingly vocal, and the dissent was now loud enough that I had to intervene. I approached the sideline at center field and asked the Head Coach for [TEAM 1] to meet me there. An assistant coach left the coaches box and started to argue the call. I explained the call and was about to tell him to return to the technical area when the assistant coach tapped me on the shoulder three times to interrupt me. I told him, "don't touch me." The assistant coach left to his technical area.

The head coach was standing four yards away from me, outside of out of the technical area, as these events occurred, and started to turn away when the assistants returned to the technical area. I still had to deal with the dissent on the bench. I asked the coach to come back, he said he didn't need to say anything, "my assistants are the ones arguing." I asked him to come back, "I need to talk to you." He turned around and stood next to me, and put his face about three inches from mine. I felt uncomfortable.

I said to the Coach, "I need you to control your bench. No more dissent. If you need to say anything to me, you and only you need to say, 'sir, I have a question.' No more yelling out onto the field." As I was speaking, the Coach was saying repeatedly (still inches from my face), in a tone that I interpreted that feigned politeness, "uh huh, ok, uh huh..."

The play restarted. Minutes later, [TEAM 1]'s bench again vocally appealed another call. Most (if not all) of the bench, players and coaches, were standing up demonstrating towards the field. The head coach was facing the field, arms stretched in a manner to visibly dissent the decision. After the ball was out of play I stopped play and the clock and demonstrated a yellow card to the head coach.

After the game, which ended [TEAM 2] 1-[TEAM 1] 0, #5 for [TEAM 1] said to me, "you are fucking terrible." I showed him a red card for foul and abusive language, and let the head coach know that the player was ejected. "What for?" he asked. "I have to tell you after the handshakes." I was able to tell the captain that it was for foul and abusive language.

After the field had cleared, the referee crew began to dress into street clothes. The Head Coach for [TEAM 1] approached us, standing about 10 yards outside our area. "Why did I get a yellow card?"

I replied, "you can read about it in the report, Coach. We shouldn't be talking at this point." The Coach replied, "that's real mature. You can't even tell me the reason why I got the yellow."

No longer dressed as a referee, I felt I could not demonstrate a red card and eject him. However, I had deemed it as ejection worthy for leaving his technical area, approaching the referee area, and dissenting.

I tell him, "it was for dissent." He started to argue, "I can't even stretch my arms out!", and in an effort for him to leave our area so that we could leave, I said, "do you want another card?" The coach turned around to his bench.

The crew left the field and parking lot without further incident.

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Timer failed to stop the clock 3 times when signaled by the referee, and failed to start the clock 2 times when signaled by the referee. Each time, the referee had to direct the clock to be reset.

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### **Boys JV**

[Incident 1]

[TEAM 1] vs. [TEAM 2] HS Boys JV game at 1 pm at [TEAM 1] High School. -- During the pre-game conference between the team captains and head coaches, everyone was reminded to tell the other players to remove illegal jewelry and begin the game properly dressed. The coaches were reminded that failure to do this could result in a caution for the coach. During the 10th

minute of the game, number 18 from [TEAM 2] was found to not have shin guards in during a corner kick. I asked him if he had shin guards in, and he said no, and I gave him the option to take the yellow card for himself or for his coach to receive it. He elected to take it himself and was then cautioned in the 10th minute for illegal equipment. The first half was a little physical, but there were no major issues. The score at the end of the first half was 2-0 with [TEAM 1] up. One of the goals was from a PK in which the [TEAM 2] goalie received a yellow card for stopping a promising attack in the 29th minute. In the second half, in the 63rd minute, [TEAM 2] scored making the score 2-1 and [TEAM 1] picked up the ball to return it to the half field for kick-off. Up to this point, [TEAM 2] had shown no urgency at all throughout the game as they repeatedly had to be told to make substitutions quicker. A player from [TEAM 2] quickly ran up to the player holding the ball, pulled his arm around causing him to spin around, and then hit the ball out of the [TEAM 1] player's arms. The player who completed this action was [TEAM 2]'s #18. On his way out of the box, I stopped #18 and yellow-carded him for unsporting behavior in the 64th minute. He was then shown a red card and told to leave the field for receiving two cautions.

#### [Incident 2]

[TEAM 1] vs. [TEAM 2] HS Boys JV game at 1 pm at [TEAM 1] High School. -- After the first red card to [TEAM 2]'s #18 for not having shin guards and then unsporting conduct in the 64th minute, play continued down to the opposite side of the field in the 68th minute. There was a throw-in for [TEAM 1] 25 yards from the goal line on the parent's side of the field. While [TEAM 1] was retrieving the ball, the goalie said, "F\*ck you ref" from the box. This was said loud enough for the entire field to hear. #98 ([TEAM 2] Goalie) was immediately shown a red card for foul/abusive language in the 68th minute and was told to leave the field. He did not leave the field quickly or quietly. On his way out of the box, he used a very wide variety of terms including, "F\*ck you" (x5), "B\*tch" (x2), "A\*shole" (x1), "C\*nt" (x4), and "D\*ck" (x1). It's not possible to show him 14 red cards, so we all just waited while he left the field. The score was still 2-1 at this point.

#### [Incident 3]

[TEAM 1] vs. [TEAM 2] HS Boys JV game at 1 pm at [TEAM 1] High School. After number 18 from [TEAM 2] was red carded for not having shin guards and unsporting conduct, and number 68 from [TEAM 2] was red carded for swearing at me at least 14 different times using a variety of words, play continued into the 73rd minute. In the 73rd minute, [TEAM 2] scored making the score 2-2. According to the [TEAM 1] coach, [TEAM 2] was playing with 10 men instead of 9, but before I could count the players after the second red card was issued, [TEAM 2] scored and the entire bench entered the field. If it had been found that this was true, the goal would have been disallowed, but it was not possible to count the number of players when the entire bench entered the field after the goal. After most of the bench returned to the bench, number 4 from [TEAM 2] ran past me, turned around, and said "F\*ck you" to me as a response to them scoring after receiving two red cards. Number 4 from [TEAM 2] was then shown a red card in the 74th minute for foul/abusive language. The game ended with a score of 2-2.