

Unusual football injuries

- Sunday December 5th 2004. Playing in the Swiss league, Servette midfielder Paulo Diogo scored against Schaffhausen, then jumped into the crowd to celebrate. On the way, he managed to catch his wedding ring on a fence and tore off the top half of his finger. He was booked for excessive celebration.



- Arsenal vs Chelsea, Saturday 6th May 2000. After scoring Arsenal's (and his) second (and winning) goal, Thierry Henry went to celebrate in the corner of the pitch and required treatment after hitting himself in the face with the corner flag.

- In 1993 keeper Dave Beasant was kept out by a foot injury caused by a falling jar of salad cream. Yes, he fumbled it, and because his hands were full he stuck out a foot to stop it hitting the floor!

- Sometime in the 70s, Norwegian International defender Svein Grondalen had to withdraw from an International after an accident which happened while he was out jogging. He collided with a moose.

- David Seaman once broke a bone reaching for his TV remote.

- David Beckham needed stitches above his left eye following a dressing room incident after Arsenal's 2-0 FA Cup win at Old Trafford on 15th Feb 2003. The injury was caused by his manager Sir Alex Ferguson kicking a football boot at him.

Adapted from an article on the Arsenal site <http://www.arseweb.com/other/bmj.htm>

Activity

1

You have been injured in a football match. Write a short article for your local paper, describing how the incident happened and the extent of your injury.

Draw a diagram to expand upon your description.

2

Write a note to a friend, telling them what happened. You can use casual language or slang, but no swear words please!

NOTES

Write in complete sentences, checking your grammar and spelling.

Make sure you plan your description and write about the incident in a logical order so that your reader, who is not a footballer, can make sense of it.