

Five real football crime-solving stories to inspire a story of your own

We've given draft titles but are sure you can come up with better ones for these story ideas. The questions may give you more ideas.

Tackling Crime

In 2007 and 2008 several Liverpool football players were burgled when they were not at home. The burglaries took place while Liverpool were playing games, so the robbers knew the players were out.

- Can you make this into a crime story?
- Maybe a young fan of Liverpool could witness one of the burglaries and help solve the crimes?

A matter of life and death

A few days before the last World Cup, a former Italian football player fell from a window in a football stadium.

- Did he jump or was he pushed?
- Why?
- Can you think up a fan character who could solve the mystery?

They think its all over

A few years ago in England, floodlights started going out at stadiums in the middle of games and the games were abandoned. Someone was sabotaging the floodlight controls.

- How did they do that?
- What could they get out of it?
- If someone tried to stop the crimes how would they do it?

Death by Football

In Columbia a footballer was murdered a few days after returning from the World Cup Finals, where he scored an own goal.

- Who did it?
- Was it about more than just football?
- Can you extend the story so even more players are in danger?

May we have our cup back, please

In 1966 the real World Cup was on show in a shop window. Someone stole it. Days later it was found by a dog under a bush.

- Where else had it been before it was found?
- Who stole it?
- What did they want to do with it?
- Why did their plans fail?

To research these or other ideas, a quick search of the internet can provide more details to help you write the story.

It is usually a good idea not to use real names of people involved in these stories, especially if you publish it in a school magazine or on line!



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