

My injury

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5 It was a cloudy Saturday morning. As the captain of my team, I was excited to play in the inter-school football competition for the first time. Many teachers and friends went to the stadium to cheer for us and gave us support. Our coach, Mrs Anderson, asked us to do the usual warm-ups and discussed tactics with us before the match.

10 It started to rain when Michelle scored her second goal against the other team. We led by 3–0 after the first half. All of us were happy about our performance. Mrs Anderson even praised Michelle's skills and my leadership during half-time. We felt confident about winning the competition and did not notice the sudden changes in the weather.

15 The rain began to fall more heavily when the second half started. Half of the field became really muddy. We became tired very quickly running in the mud. I was running with the ball and avoiding two players from the other team, when a player from the other team suddenly stepped on my right ankle. The pain was terrible. The referee gave her a yellow card but it did nothing to stop my pain. I could not get up by myself because my ankle hurt a lot. Mrs Anderson called an ambulance and sent me to the hospital. Although Fiona tried her best to lead the team, my teammates could not focus on the match. The other team scored three goals in the second half. In the end it was a draw.

20 My teammates and I felt really disappointed. I stayed in the hospital for days and walked with crutches for at least a week. Fiona thought she was not a good leader and the failure to win was her fault. I thought I was not careful enough on the football field. Mrs Anderson comforted us and taught us to learn from our failures.

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles. (2 marks each)

1. Which of the following is true?

- A The writer fell over because it was muddy.
- B The writer's team didn't do well throughout the match.
- C The writer got well and could walk without help a few days after the match.
- D The other team received a yellow card at least once.