

Calls for video technology intensify

Controversial refereeing decisions in Champions League matches, along with successful deployment in recent international friendlies, have heightened calls for VAR (Video Assistant Referee) technology to be introduced throughout the highest levels of the game

REVIEWABLE DECISIONS

Goals Scored

VAR determines if any infringement means goal should not be awarded

Penalties

Decisions involving award of spot kicks are reviewed in real-time

Red card incidents

Ensures no clear errors are made when dismissing player

Mistaken Identity

Informs referee of correct player to be sanctioned



VAR system in use pitchside



HOW VAR WORKS

■ **Review:** Referee refers decision to VAR team, or VARs recommend incident to be subject of review

■ **Replay:** Video footage is reviewed by VARs, who advise referee via headset

■ **Verdict:** Referee can decide to watch footage pitchside before taking appropriate action, or accepts VARs verdict directly