



# MY MATCHDAY

## THE GROUNDSMAN

It's Saturday morning and I am looking at the football pitch and looking at the sky. Is it going to rain today or not? The match doesn't start for six more hours but I start work early. It's my job to prepare the pitch. I am the **1.** \_\_\_\_\_.

Am I going to water the pitch today? The **2.** \_\_\_\_\_ and players like the pitch to be wet because the **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ moves faster. But if it rains there may be too much water and the ball will move too slowly. I decide to water the pitch.

Before the game, we check all the lines on the pitch. We start in the middle with the **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ then we move to the **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ and finally the **6.** \_\_\_\_\_ at the sides of the pitch. We also check that the net is attached correctly to the **7.** \_\_\_\_\_.

At **8.** \_\_\_\_\_, my team go and look at the pitch. There were lots of tackles in the **9.** \_\_\_\_\_ and we only have 15 minutes to prepare the pitch.

The match finishes and we win 2-0. The fans are happy and I am very happy because we won and it didn't rain. The pitch was perfect.



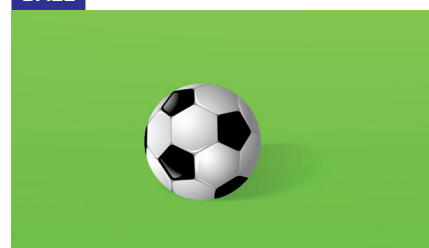
GROUNDSMAN



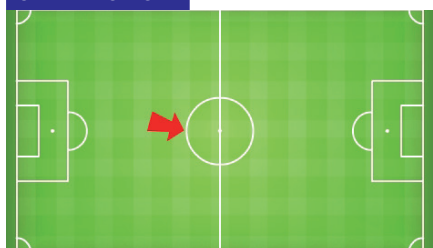
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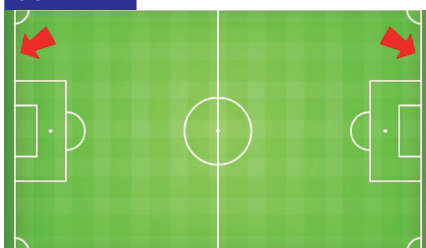
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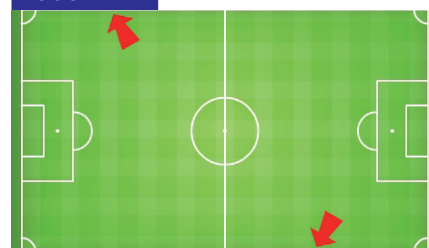
CENTRE CIRCLE



GOAL LINE



TOUCH LINE



GOAL



HALF TIME



FIRST HALF



ANSWER KEY: 1. groundsman 2. manager 3. ball 4. centre circle 5. goal line 6. touch line 7. goal 8. half time 9. first half