

Matchweek 9 - The back post

Match up

Match the phrases on the left with the descriptions on the right.

- Phrases:**
1. the back post
 2. to be on top
 3. to chip
 4. to hold out
 5. to stand
 6. a tap-in

- Descriptions:**
- a. to carry on doing something and survive in a difficult situation
 - b. an easy goal scored from very close range
 - c. to kick the ball at the bottom of the ball so it goes up into the air
 - d. to be in control of the match
 - e. the post that is farthest away from the player that crosses the ball
 - f. to be judged to be valid

Answers: 1 = e, 2 = a, 3 = c, 4 = a, 5 = f, 6 = b

Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with the words from the phrases.

1. Liverpool kept attacking and United kept defending and the Reds eventually equalised. Adam Lallana got the goal with a _____ at the _____.
2. City were always _____ against Palace and could have scored more.
3. Raheem Sterling _____ the ball over a defender and as the ball came over his shoulder, Silva hit a great volley into the net.
4. Watford looked like they were going to _____ for a first win of the season but Dele Alli equalised in the 86th minute.
5. The goal was checked for a handball then awarded by the referee following consultation with VAR. There was more discussion and some confusion before the goal was allowed to _____.

Answers: 1 = tap-in / back post, 2 = on top, 3 = chipped, 4 = hold out, 5 = stand

Discussion questions

Talk about these questions in groups and try to use the language from the podcast.

1. Rich and Jack chose Watford's Abdoulaye Doucoure as Player of the Week. Do you agree?
2. Jack and Rich selected Aston Villa as their Team of the Week. Do you agree?
3. Rich and Jack picked three goals for the Goal of the Week award? Did you see them? Which do you think was best?
4. Use this week's vocabulary: Who's **on top** in the race for the Premier League? Is it easier to score from a corner to the **back post** or front post?
5. Can you use **chip**, **a tap-in** or **to stand** in a sentence?