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8.13 What happens if the VAR identifies a clear mistake in a match-changing incident after the referee has blown the whistle for half-time or full-time?

The referee blows for half-time or full-time and the VAR then communicates that a potential clear error/serious missed incident has occurred before the whistle to end the half – can the referee review the incident?

The VAR is like an assistant referee - if an assistant referee is indicating an offence which occurred before the referee blew the whistle, the referee can still take action as long as the referee has not left the field of play.

If this situation occurs, the VAR should immediately tell the referee who can inform the players and stop them leaving the field of play. The incident should then be dealt with according to the normal VAR procedures (check, review etc.).

To avoid such problems, in the final minutes of a half, the VAR should immediately inform the referee of any potential check/review so that, if possible, the referee can stop play/delay a restart to avoid having a review after the whistle for the end of the half has been blown.