

# Golden Rules

*Measuring Life by a Different Standard*

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Here we are in the heat of summer and we find ourselves in a different kind of football season...the one we frequently call soccer. The television announcers of the World Cup matches have taught us a great deal about the football the rest of the world enjoys. But, we have supplemented the telecasts with a little research of our own. It turns out that malapropisms and other 'brilliant' statements are not confined to Yogi Berra and other American sports celebs. Here are a few that illustrate that others around the world also *Measure Life by a Different Standard*.

***"We didn't underestimate them. They were just a lot better than we thought."*** - Bobby Robson after playing Cameroon at the 1990 World Cup.

***"We must have had 99 percent of the game. It was the other three percent that cost us the match."*** - Ruud Gullit, former captain of the Netherlands national team (not the math team), explaining a defeat.

***"Well, Clive, it's all about the two m's, movement and positioning."*** - Ron Atkinson.

***"Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air even longer."***- David Acfield (I wonder what his first clue was?)

***"The beauty of World Cup football is that Jack always has a chance of beating Goliath."*** - Former England Captain Terry Butcher. (perhaps from an earlier King James version?)

***"We lost because we didn't win."*** - Ronaldo on Brazil's defeat to France in the 1998 World Cup final.

***"When you are ahead 4-0, you should never lose 7-1."*** – Lawrie McMenemy, Manager of Southampton Football Club (must be caused by some math disease).

***"There is no in between – you're either good or bad. We were in between"*** – Gary Lineker, former English player turned announcer (think about the Aflac duck's expression right now)

***"The rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does."*** - Phil Woosnam, Welsh football player and manager.


***"And Farmer has now scored 19 goals, exactly double the number he scored last season"*** - Garry Lyon, Australian Football Commentator (it must be contagious).

***"You can't say my team aren't championship winners. They've proved themselves by finishing fourth, third and second in the last three years."*** - Gerard Houllier on Liverpool.

***"That's great, tell him he's Pele and get him back on the pitch."*** - John Lambie, Patrick Thistle manager, when told a player who suffered a concussion & did not know who he was.

***"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."*** - Terry Venables



  
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