The Third Conditional · Football Bloopers!

Fix the famous football mistakes with the third conditional! Name: _____

PART 1 · Fill in ONE gap *The other half is already done for you. Watch for negatives in (parentheses).*

1. If the referee had seen Suárez's handball on the line in 2010, Ghana _____ the winning penalty against Uruguay.
   verbs: (score)

2. If Messi hadn't joined Barcelona's academy at age 13, he _____ a global superstar.
   verbs: (not / become)

3. Brazil would have reached the 2014 World Cup final if they _____ 7–1 to Germany at home.
   verbs: (not / lose)

4. If Zidane hadn't headbutted Materazzi in the 2006 final, France _____ the World Cup on penalties.
   verbs: (not / lose)

5. Loris Karius would have saved Bale's shot in the 2018 Champions League final if he _____ those two terrible mistakes.
   verbs: (not / make)

6. If John Terry hadn't slipped while taking his penalty in the 2008 final, Chelsea _____ Manchester United for the trophy.
   verbs: (beat)

7. Cristiano Ronaldo wouldn't have left Real Madrid in 2018 if the club _____ him a better contract.
   verbs: (offer)

8. If Sir Alex Ferguson _____ Cristiano Ronaldo in 2003, Manchester United would have missed a future Ballon d'Or winner.
   verbs: (not / sign)

9. England would have won Euro 2020 if Saka, Sancho, and Rashford _____ their penalties against Italy.
   verbs: (not / miss)

10. If Diego Maradona hadn't punched the ball into the net in 1986, England _____ that famous quarter-final.
    verbs: (not / lose)

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PART 2 · Fill in BOTH gaps *Now complete both sides of each third-conditional sentence.*

11 If Maradona _____ his "Goal of the Century" minutes later, people _____ him only for the Hand of God.

verbs: (not / score) (remember)

12 Italian fans _____ so furious in 2002 if the referee Byron Moreno _____ Italy's golden goal against South Korea.

verbs: (not / be) (not / disallow)

13 If Sergio Ramos _____ Mohamed Salah in the 2018 final, Liverpool _____ a much better chance against Real Madrid.

verbs: (not / injure) (have)

14 Pelé _____ a three-time World Cup winner if Brazil _____ in a 17-year-old in 1958.

verbs: (not / become) (not / believe)

15 If Leicester City _____ Claudio Ranieri in 2015, they _____ the Premier League the following season.

verbs: (not / hire) (not / win)

Remember: *If + had + past participle → would have + past participle.*

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