

RITUALS & SUPERSTITIONS



MATCH THE RITUALS WITH THEIR MEANINGS

A A REPEATED ACTION PLAYERS DO BEFORE EVERY MATCH.

B A BELIEF THAT SOMETHING BRINGS GOOD OR BAD LUCK.

C AN OBJECT BELIEVED TO BRING LUCK (BRACELET, PHOTO, NECKLACE).

D A SPECIAL ACTION TEAMS DO TOGETHER BEFORE PLAYING.

E A REPEATED ACTION OR TRADITION PERFORMED IN THE LOCKER ROOM BEFORE THE MATCH.

LOCKER-ROOM RITUAL SUPERSTITION LUCKY CHARM TEAM CHANT PRE-MATCH ROUTINE



LISTEN TO THE PODCAST AND COMPLETE THE MISSING WORDS.

WELCOME BACK TO "FOOTBALL TALKS"! TODAY WE'RE EXPLORING SOME OF THE MOST FASCINATING RITUALS FOOTBALL PLAYERS USE BEFORE A BIG MATCH.

IN _____, MANY PLAYERS WALK ONTO THE PITCH USING THE SAME FOOT EVERY TIME. OTHERS EAT IDENTICAL MEALS BEFORE EACH GAME FOR " _____."

IN _____, MOST GOALKEEPERS TOUCH THE CROSSBAR _____ TIMES BEFORE THE MATCH STARTS. THEY BELIEVE IT HELPS THEM STAY _____.

SOME _____ TEAMS _____ TOGETHER IN THE LOCKER ROOM TO BUILD _____ AND _____. THE RHYTHM HELPS THEM FEEL _____ AND CONNECTED.

IN SEVERAL _____ COUNTRIES, PLAYERS _____ FOR A FEW MINUTES TO CLEAR THEIR MINDS AND IMPROVE _____.

DIFFERENT CULTURES, DIFFERENT RITUALS, BUT THE SAME GOAL: _____ AND MENTAL STRENGTH.



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. WHAT RITUAL IS COMMON AMONG ARGENTINIAN PLAYERS?
2. WHAT DO EUROPEAN GOALKEEPERS DO?
3. WHY DO SOME AFRICAN TEAMS DANCE?
4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEDITATION IN ASIA?
5. WHICH RITUAL DO YOU FIND THE MOST INTERESTING? WHY?
6. DO YOU HAVE ANY RITUAL FOR THE WORLD CUP?
7. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS RITUAL BRINGS YOU LUCK OR CONFIDENCE?
8. WHICH RITUAL DO YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW WHEN YOUR TEAM PLAYS?

