

# RETELL #1

# Level 4

Select one incident from the short passages below and prepare a retelling in dramatic form. The whole story can be recorded or videotaped.

The following are some extracts from a book called “The Rugby Companions” by Wallace Reyburn. All the stories are believed to be true quotes from rugby people.

## UNUSUAL TRY

In his fifties the great All Black fullback George Nepia was still taking part in charity matches. In one of them he got a great ovation when he scored a unique try. The ball came straight to him from an attempted clearance; he saw the gap in the defence and went through it to score under the posts. What made it so unique was that he was the referee at that time

## UNREASONABLE REQUEST

Some years ago a rugby player was sent off the field for smoking. He was unhappy about this and after the match he sought out the referee and remonstrated with him.

“I didn’t send you off for smoking”, said the referee. “I sent you off for asking me for a light”.

## NEVER SATISFIED

In a match between England and Scotland at Twickenham in 1965, when Andy Hancock made his fantastic 90m run to evade all his would-be tacklers and was about to collapse exhausted over the Scottish line, a voice was heard from the West stand: “Under the posts, you fool.”

## WHAT THE EYE DOESN'T SEE

Rivalry in France’s National Club Championship is such that matches can become very hectic. On one occasion when the television authorities phoned a club to start making arrangements to televise a fixture the secretary said, “It’s very nice of you to think of us for television, but not this match, please. This one we have to win.”

## EIGHTY-MINUTE PLAYER

Bill Cunningham, the big Auckland forward who turned out for the All Blacks nine times in the early part of last century, was the epitome of the eighty-minute player.

In one match against Taranaki, Auckland’s opponents had a wing three-quarter named Don Cameron who was such a speed merchant that he was known as the Taranaki Express. During the course of the game when the ball came his way 25 metres out and he side stepped his opposite number and set sail for the line, all the Auckland team conceded the try— except the burly Cunningham, who trudged in his wake right until he grounded the ball. When the Auckland players lined up for the conversion, one of them said to Cunningham, “Why did you bother to chase him?”

“He might have dropped dead”, said Cunningham.