

*Two political candidates approach their podiums for their debate. One is named HERBERT DREXLER, the republican nominee, while the other, named CALVIN MERRIWEATHER, is the democratic nominee. The mediator, ARTHUR WALTHOUSE, presides over this debate.*

WALTHOUSE

First of all, I'd like to thank both of the candidates being here for tonight's debate. We'll start off with a question about the economy. President Merriweather, I'll direct this first one towards you. You've been president during one of the worst economic crises that this country has seen, what are your long term plans to help America out of this economic crisis?

MERRIWEATHER

America is like one giant football game. We need to get the ball over the goal line to score a touchdown. I can only do that with the rest of America on my team. If you give it to Mr. Drexler, I think there will be a massive fumble and America will lose the game.

DREXLER

I disagree, I think if we call a tax cuts play it will have America screaming touchdown.

*WALTHOUSE pauses and continues on with the questioning.*

WALTHOUSE

So...how can America improve their relations with countries like Syria?

MERRIWEATHER

Well, it's a long game and we need to make sure we keep our heads in it. We need to keep our running game strong, and make sure we don't try any Hail Marys.

DREXLER

We just need to make sure we keep our passing game strong. Give the rock to the running back and make sure our defensive line is solid.

*WALTHOUSE loses it.*

WALTHOUSE

Are both of you going to continue to talk in football metaphors?

DREXLER

Well, no we just need to make sure that when this country gets its at bat we aren't called offside.

MERRIWEATHER

The important thing is to make sure we get the proper number of wicketts and keep our disciplinary records clear of yellow cards.

*WALTHOUSE looks at the camera angrily.*

*Lights out.*