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We all know that as a player you can only concede when you are the striker. However here is an interesting situation for you to ponder. In a frame of snooker, the striker comes to the table needing only the Black to win and it is a simple pot. Before the striker has potted the Black the non striker has unscrewed his cue. Is this an act of conceding? Then for some unknown reason the striker misses the Black. Is the non striker now entitled to reassemble his cue and play the next stroke?

A - This situation could also be tricky for an inexperienced referee. At any time, a non-striker may unscrew his/her cue.

There are a number of reasons for this (he may wish to add an extension etc). That is not the situation here, if the non striker thinks that the match is lost he is entitled to unscrew his cue and then reassemble it if the stroke is

missed. However, in the latter quoted instance where it was obvious to all, including the striker, because of the noise involved there is another problem. The issuing of a warning is of no use as the match is virtually over. Considering the situation, the referee could enforce Section 4 Rule (a) (ii) unfair conduct (or ungentlemanly conduct).

Additionally, the striker has every right to withdraw from his stroke and inquire whether the non striker has conceded.

Now having digested all of the above, the clever referees reading this poser would also have detected that if the non striker could still win the frame it is not permissible for him to concede in this situation!