

15th April, 2005

Dear Madam/Sir,

BBC Charter Review

In respect of the above and related to the proposed cuts in various departments of the BBC the following are some of my pet moans which could be righted:-

1. Final Score on Saturday - a time waster. I have been involved one way or another with soccer, rugby and cricket, plus other sports, most of my life (I am 83). On Saturday I look just for the scores, I am not interested in the various persons talking about the games - they just seem a nice cosy club chatting among themselves but not doing a lot for the viewer. If they are paid to carry out this function it would seem a colossal waste of money that could be well saved.
2. Following on the above the incessant twittering of commentators throughout a game is so unnecessary. When I visit a game I do not have someone talking to me to tell me what happen or is happening. Also showing 3 to 4 clips of a goal being scored from various angles. Why?
4. Vacuous females interviewing rugby and soccer players. They seem ludicrous - is this another example of political correctness which has diseased so much of our way of life.
5. The Today Programme - Sue MacGregor was a hard act to follow but sadly Sarah Montague falls far short of that quality. Tends to squawk when excited and then drops her voice. Edward Sturton is another voice dropper. Caroline Quinn is better although her delivery lacks some feeling.

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6. Interviewing people whose command of English is so poor that the interview makes no sense. Also occurs with our own nationals - I have never been able to follow Ally McCoist, Question of Sport, and there are many other suchlikes.
7. Thumping background music drowns out many introductions to programmes. Why is background music necessary?
8. Why is it necessary to have reporters for radio and reporters for television. Why cannot one reporter do the both.

I guess I could go on and on but for all that the BBC remains my favourite television channel. Sorry for the means.

Yours sincerely,

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