

WORST FOOTBALL RIOTS IN HISTORY

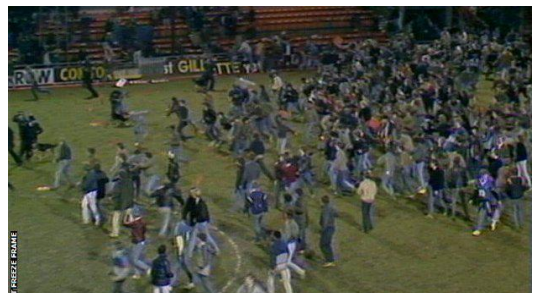
Football is loved by many people, but supporters take their passion too far. Here are some of the worst football riots in history and in the present day.

1985: In May of 1985, a Birmingham – Leeds match, a riot erupted. It soon filled with more rioters, who threw missiles and trampled fences. They then began to tear apart wooden barriers in order to use as weapons. Police arrived on horseback and the riot continued outside of the stadium.



2003: On the 30th March 2003, Polish police arrested 120 people after a football match went wrong. Rioters pelted police with stones, and fought a running battle with knives and axes. The result of this riot cost a man his life, and 3 people were injured.

2009: Fans began tearing seats out of the stadium and throwing them onto the stadium. After throwing the seats, people started smashing each other with shattered wooden pieces in the stands, and fans carried on with the riot on the field. Police were outnumbered by the rioters.



2011: Greece fans started a vicious riot, before setting fire to the stadium. Several hundred-people attempted to storm into the venue without tickets while fans were equipped with clubs, fire bombs and flares, which engaged in fighting with stadium police. The riot injured 9 people.

2018: West-Ham fans invaded a pitch and confronted the football club owners after a Burnley defeat. On the pitch, Hammers captain Mark Noble, rugby-tackled one fan who had made his way onto the field, while another supporter grabbed one of the corner flags and attempted to plant it in the centre circle. Others remained in their seats singing, "Sack the board" and "Where's the money gone?" while the referee spoke to both managers about the ongoing situation, but allowed the game to continue.

