THE CARTOON BOOK OF

ETON WALL GAME



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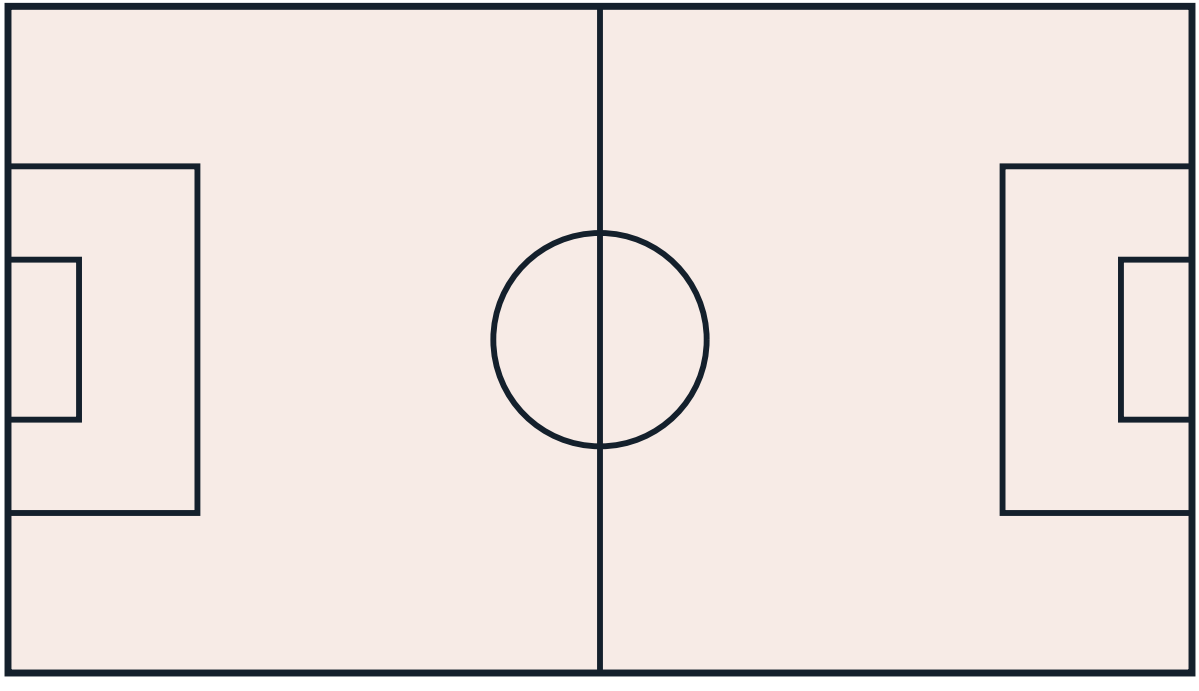
Meet Eton Wall Game!

Eton College's slow wall-side football variant.



Where It Is Played

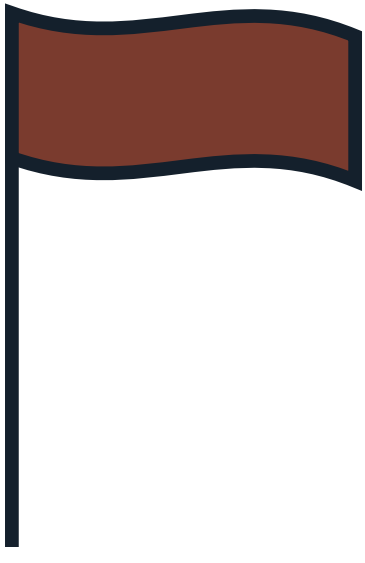
The strip of ground called the Furrow alongside the Wall at Eton, with a Calx (end zone) at each end in front of the door and the tree.



The Gear

A football, the Wall itself, and the two end targets: a garden door (Good Calx) and a tree (Bad Calx).





How It Starts

The game is played only by Eton schoolboys at Eton College; it begins with a bully formed under the Ladder, the team playing towards Good Calx having 'heads'.



How to Play

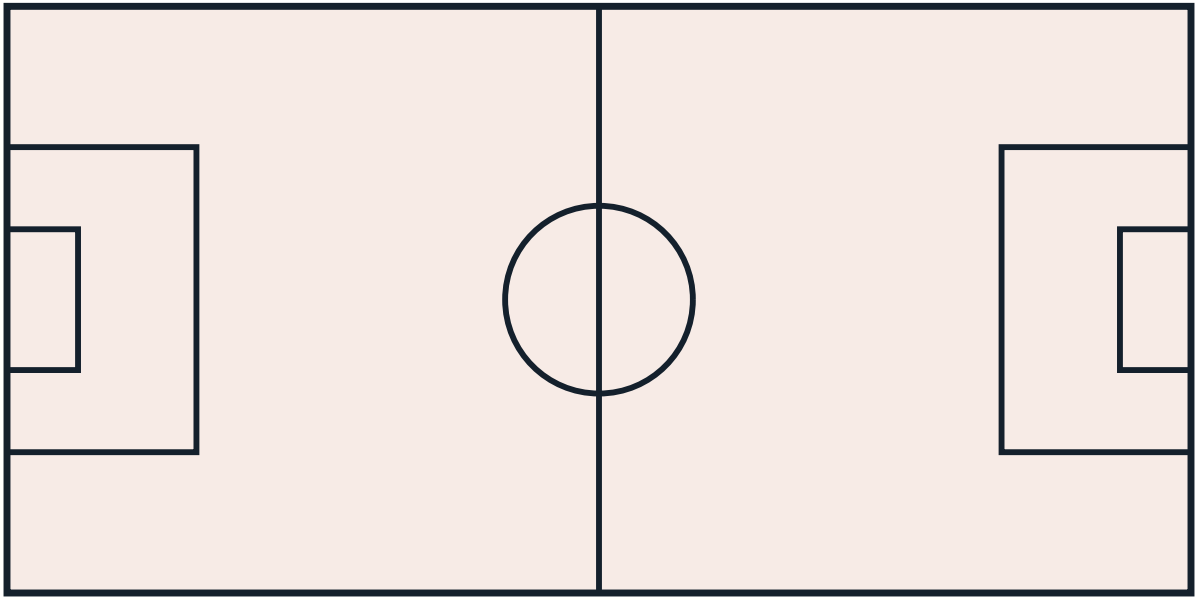
- Neither side shall consist of more than ten players; one replacement is allowed only for serious or blood injury, with no tactical substitution.
- The St Andrew's Day and Ascension Day games last two complete half-hours; the umpire calls 'Change' at half-time and 'Time' at the end, unless the ball is in Calx.
- Play centres on the bully, a scrummage formed against the Wall: the umpire places the ball at the mark, the side with 'heads' forms first over it, and play starts on the call of 'Play'.
- Furking — intentionally moving the ball backwards — is forbidden outside Calx, as are holding an opponent, deliberate handling below the elbow, and dangerous play such as striking, tripping or stamping.

More of the Game

- A shy (1 point) is scored in Calx when an attacking player touches the ball with his hand below the wrist, the ball being held fully off the ground against the Wall by a teammate's leg below the knee, and claims it with the words 'Got it!'.
- After a shy is allowed, the toucher may throw at goal: a thrown goal hitting the door in Good Calx or the tree below the white line in Bad Calx scores 10 points in total.
- A kicked goal or a penalty goal scores five points.
- Offences are punished by re-formed bullies with alternating 'heads', or by ten- or fifteen-yard penalties for holding, handling, furking, sneaking and dangerous play.

The Shape of a Match

Ten-a-side football played in a scrummage (bully) along a brick wall over two 30-minute halves; most points — from rare goals and more common shies in the end zones (Calx) — wins.



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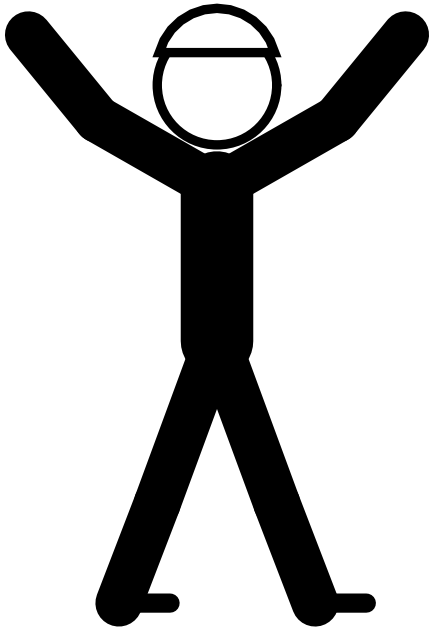
- Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling — English race chasing a cheese wheel down a hill.

A Note on the Rules

The Eton Wall Game is governed by Eton College's own tradition under rules last formally revised in the 19th century: a wall, a bully, the 'calx' scoring zones, goals vanishingly rare (the last St Andrew's Day goal for over a century became legend). A school code preserved as heritage. No major documented rule change is carried for the Eton Wall Game.



Colour the Action



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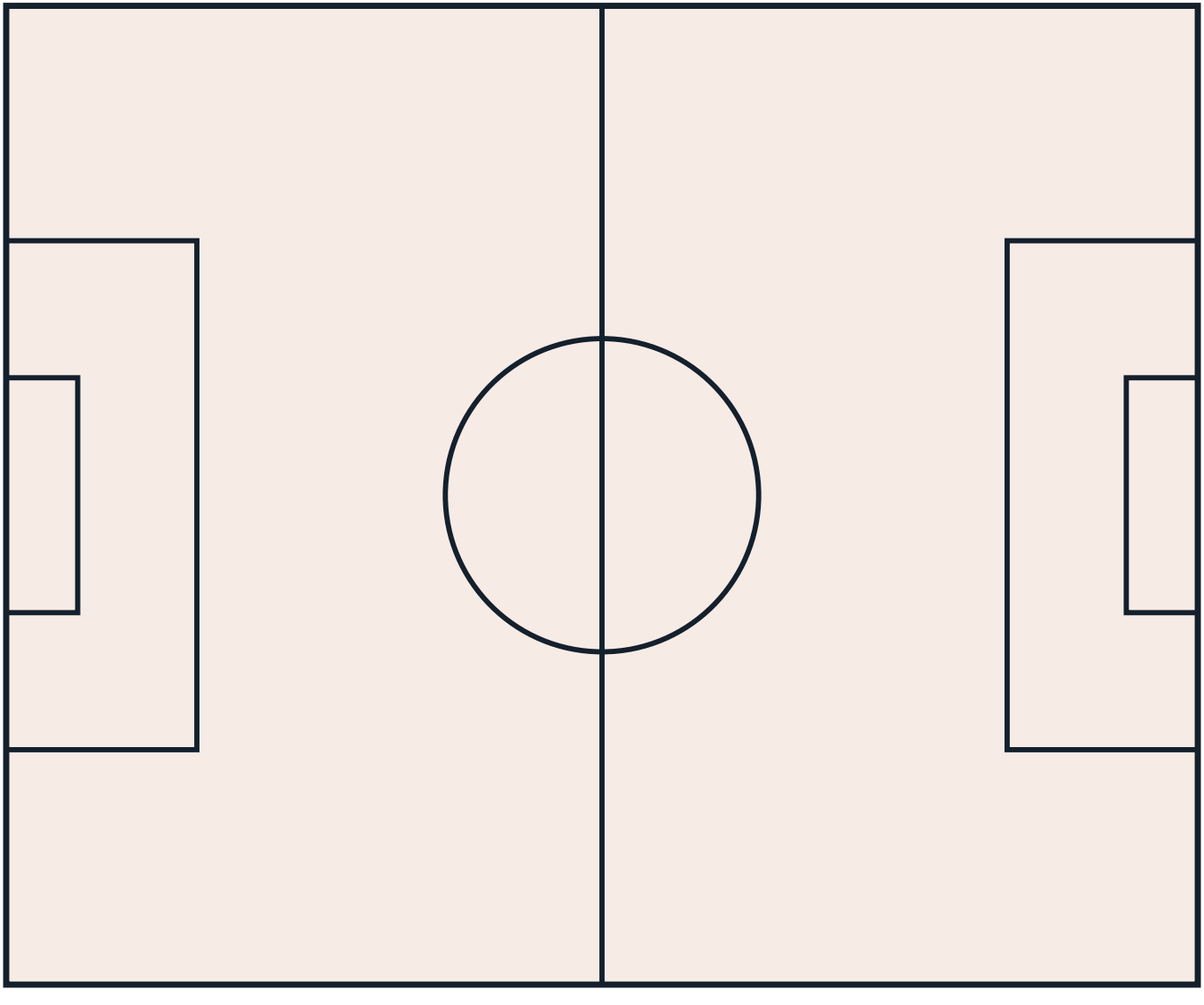
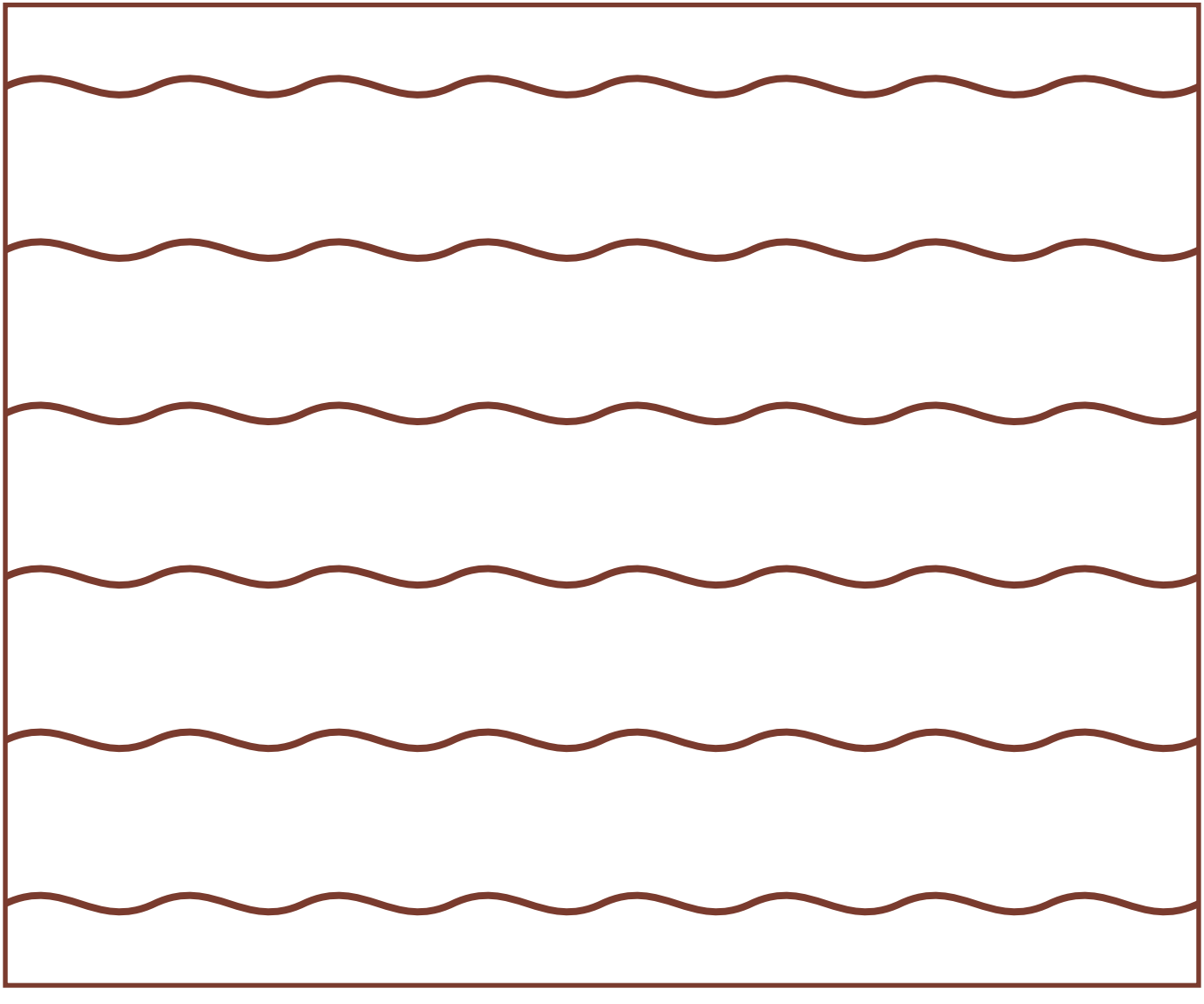


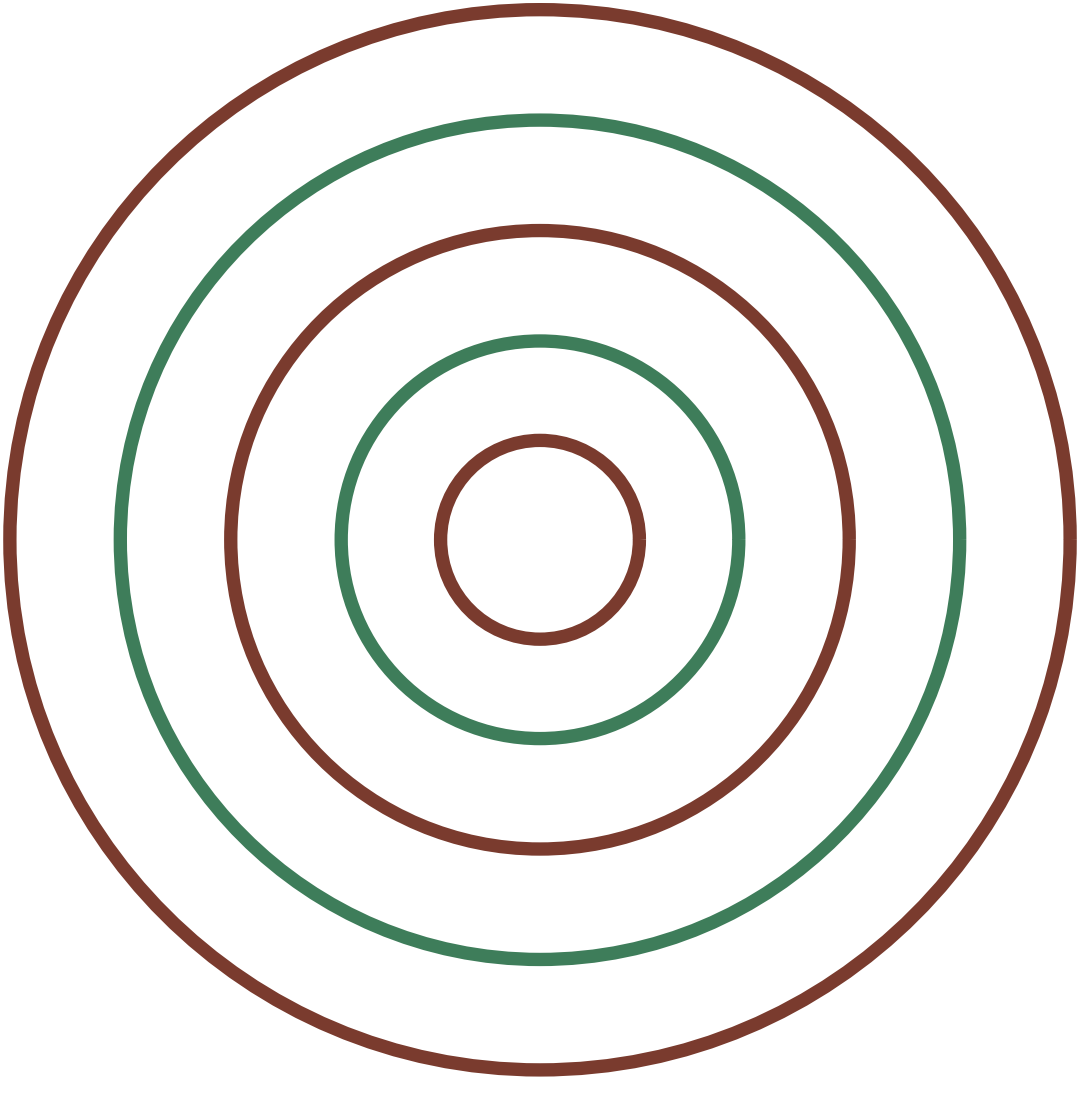
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



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Every sport belongs to a family of games that share its shapes and skills. Here are some of this book's closest relatives — each with a cartoon book and a colouring book of its own.

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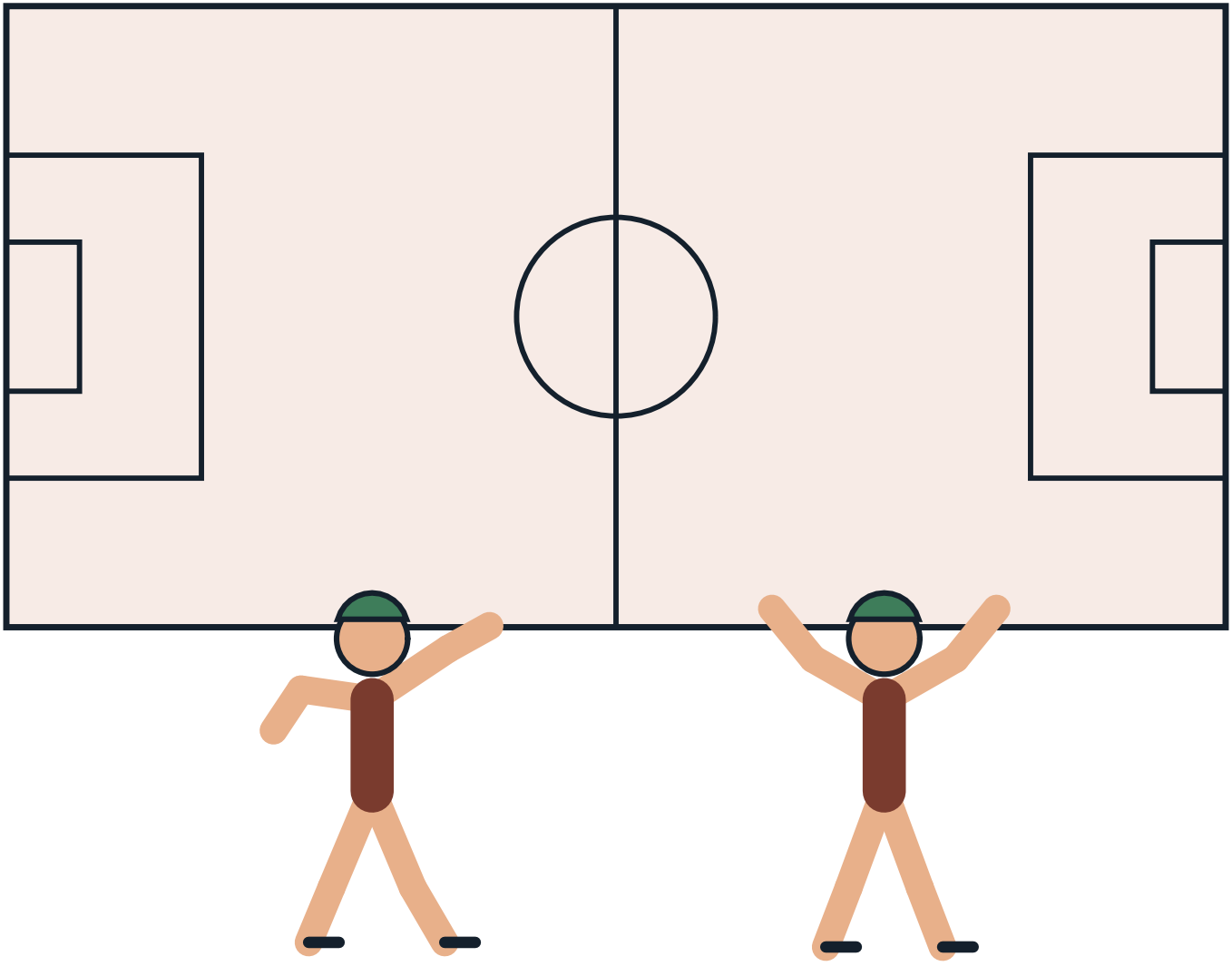
Game Day!



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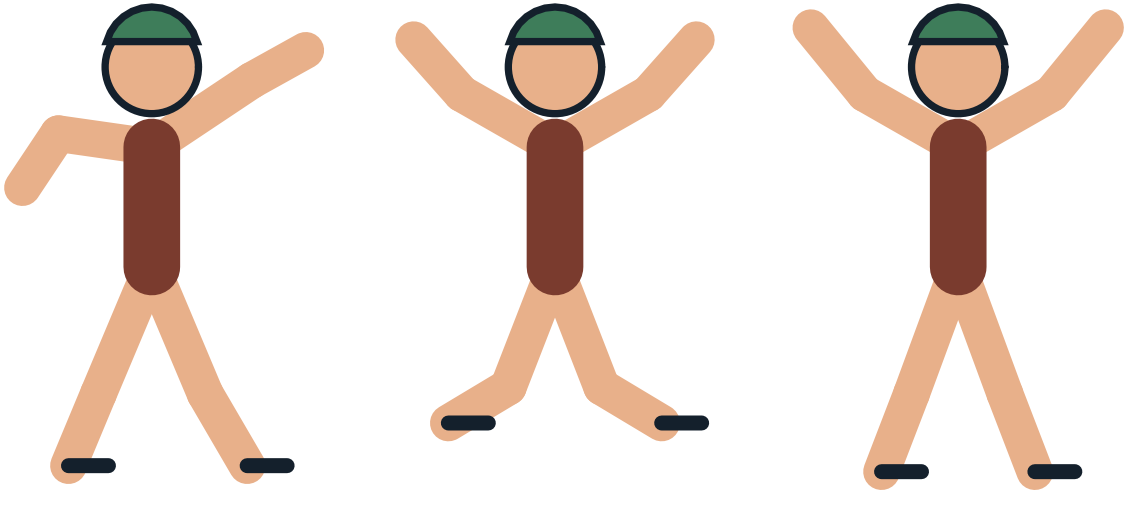
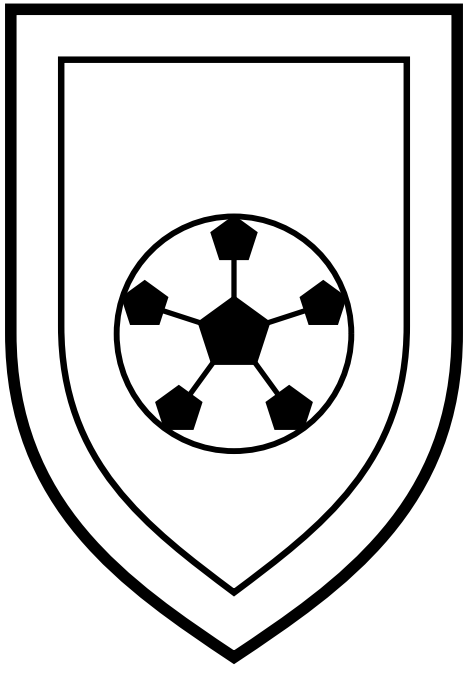
Moves of the Game



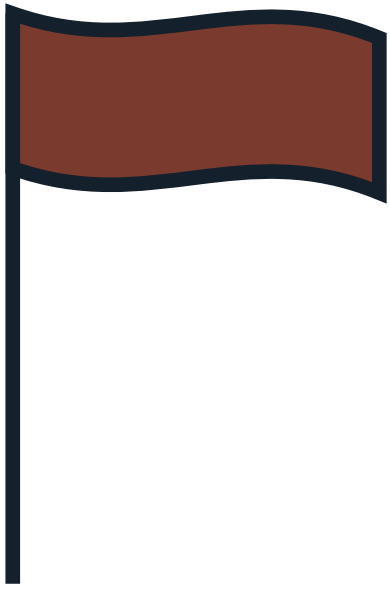
Design a Badge



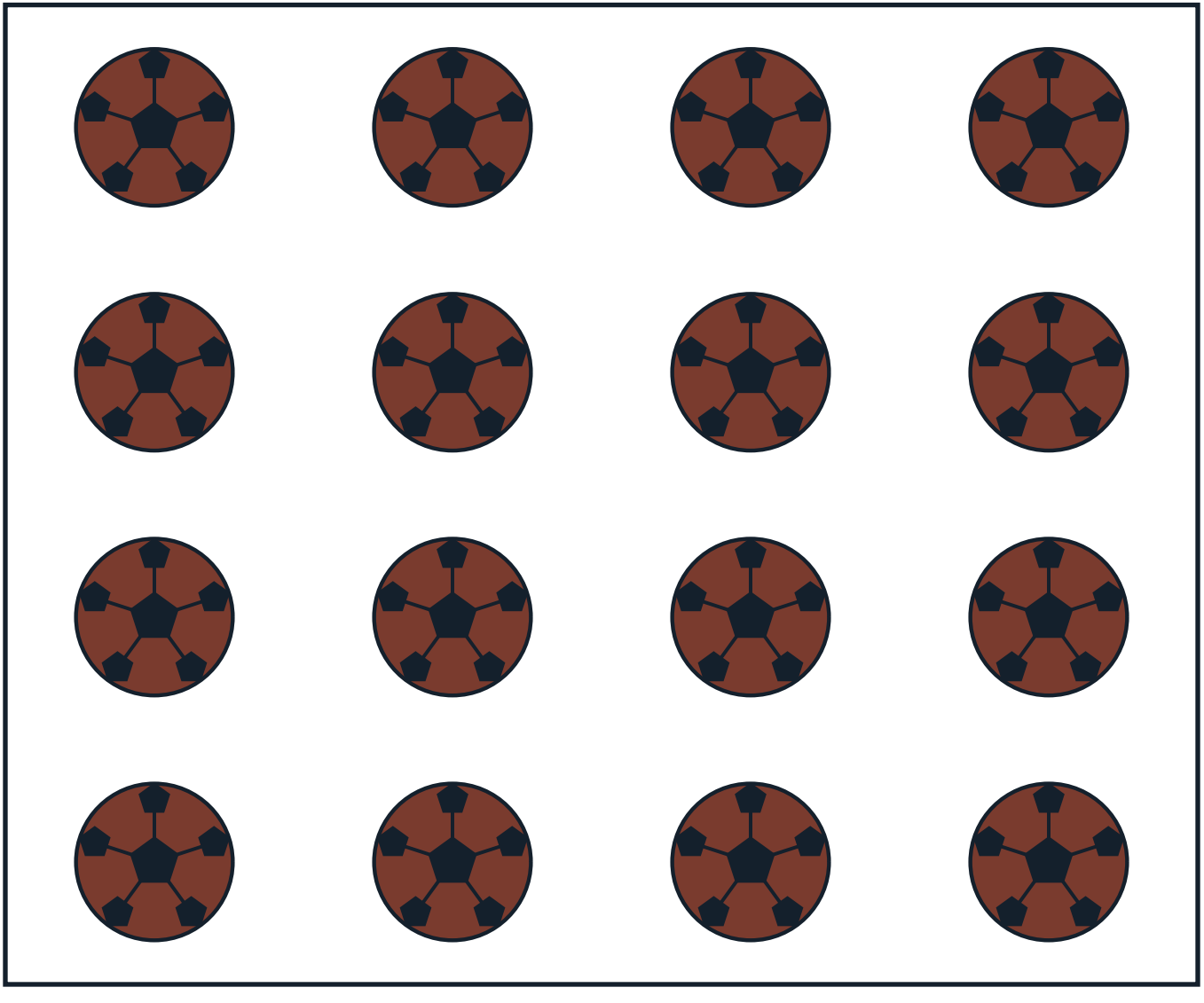
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

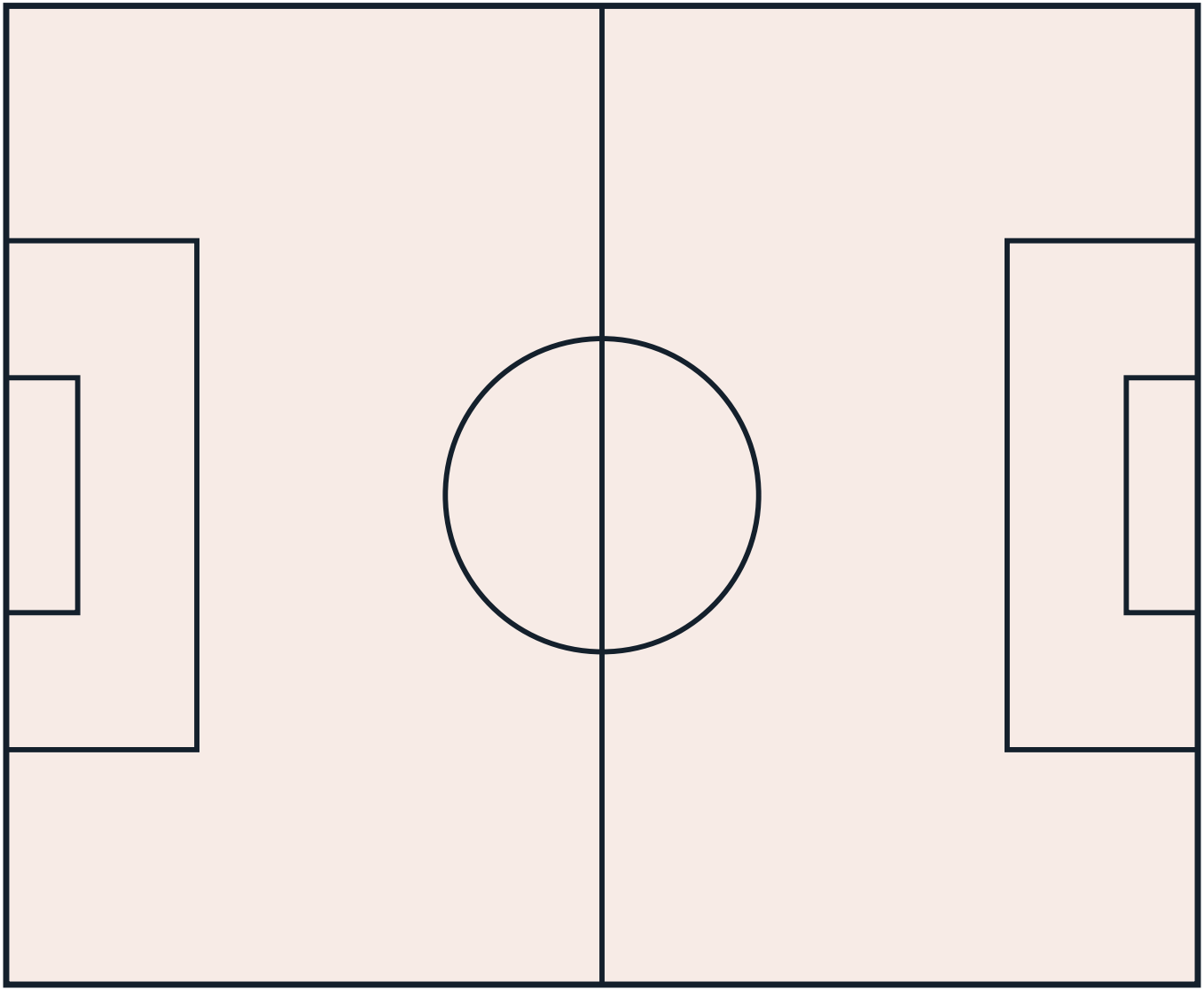




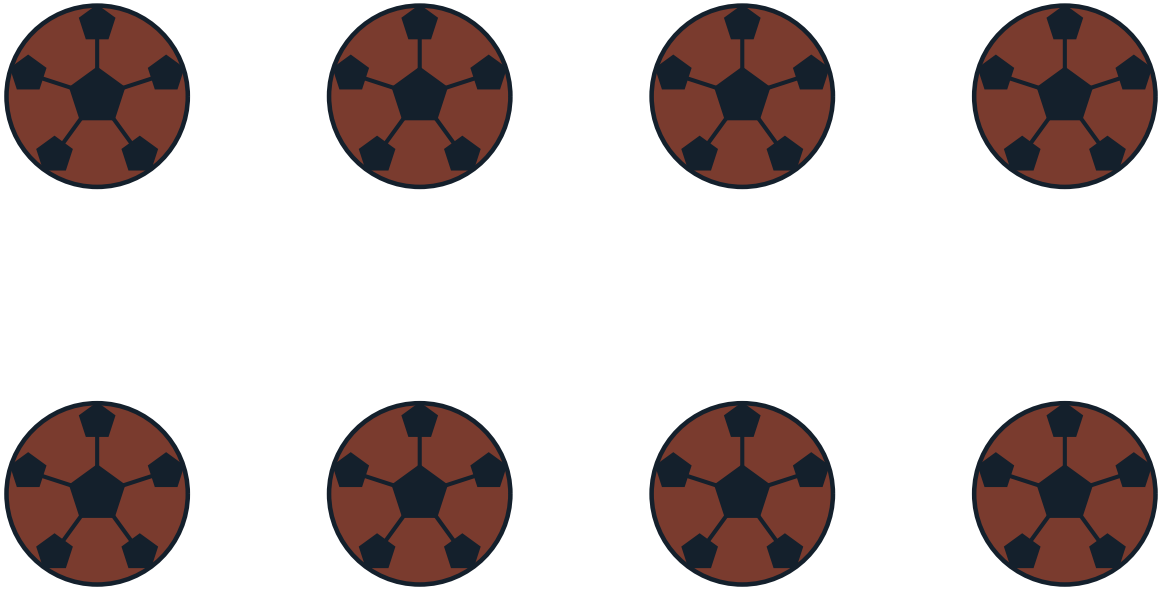
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



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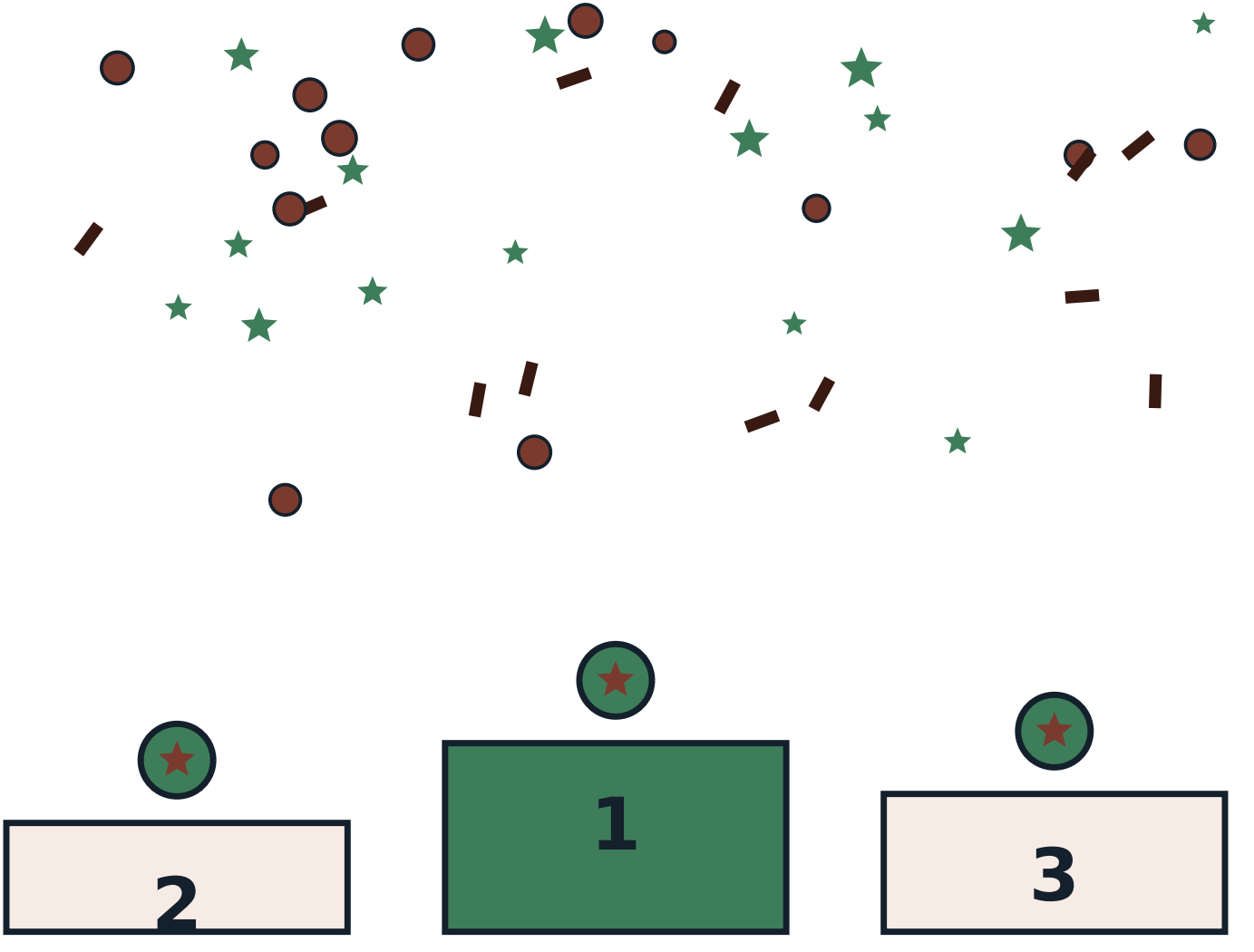
My Favourite Part of Eton Wall Game

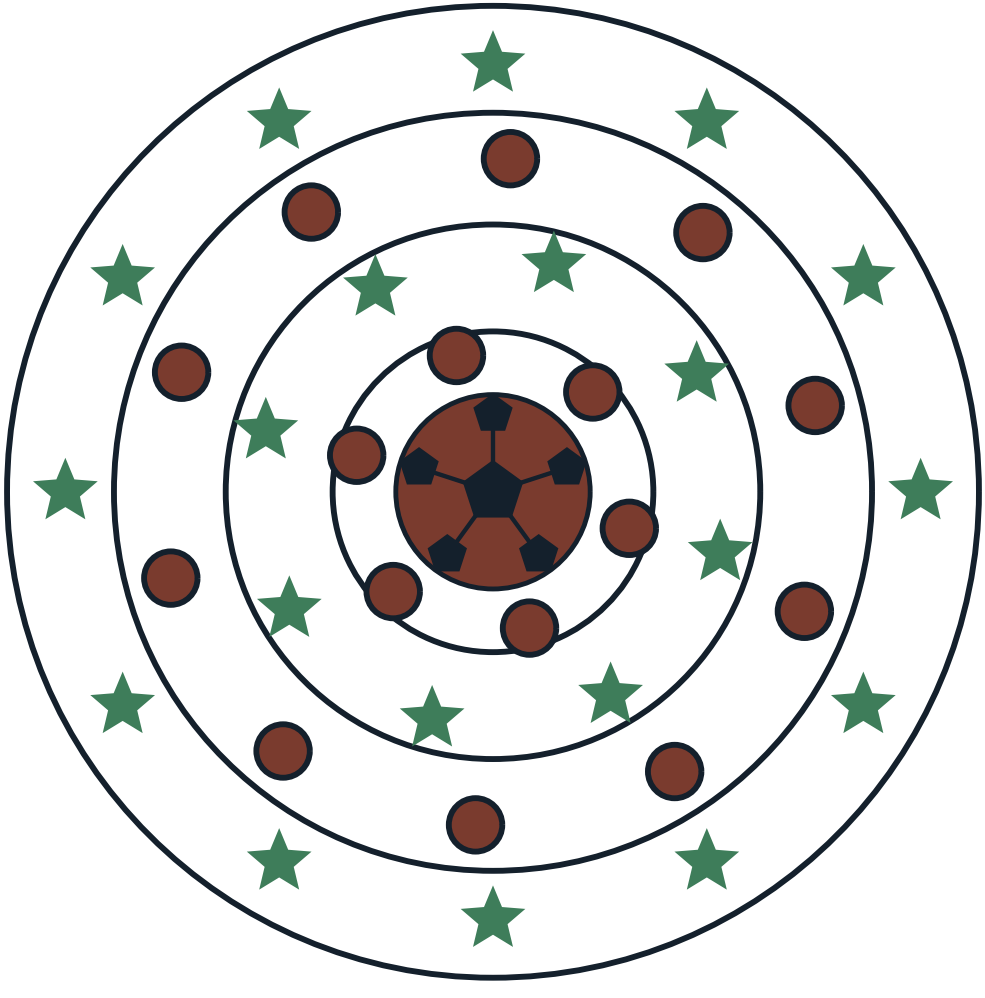
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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