# Premier League clubs to vote on scrapping VAR for next season following dissatisfaction



Premier League clubs are preparing to vote on potentially scrapping Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology for the next season, following a proposal by Wolverhampton Wanderers (Wolves), who expressed dissatisfaction with several decisions this term. The vote is set to occur at next month's Annual General Meeting.

Brighton manager Roberto De Zerbi commented on the issue, stating that his criticism lies with referee performance rather than the technology itself. De Zerbi voiced these opinions after Brighton's 2-1 defeat to Chelsea on Wednesday at the Amex Stadium, where Michael Salisbury officiated. In the match, Chelsea were initially awarded a penalty, which was later overturned by VAR.

Chelsea captain Reece James was sent off in the 88th minute for kicking out at Brighton's Joao Pedro, prompting mixed reactions. De Zerbi empathized with James, suggesting his reaction was a normal response in football. De Zerbi also believed Brighton were denied a clear penalty for a foul on Simon Adingra, criticizing the referee’s overall control of the game.

Premier League sources indicated opposition to scrapping VAR, citing an increase in correct decisions from 82% to 96% since its introduction. Clubs are expected to push for improvements to the system, including investment to speed up decision-making and the introduction of semi-automated offside calls. Early indications suggest clubs will side with the Premier League but seek enhancements to VAR.