



## “Wars - Why Can't We Be Friends?”

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**F**riends? With a wrestling official... During a match... Are you crazy? Coaches and officials are natural born enemies. There will be no friendship here. It would be kind of nice though. Imagine a scenario where there is no bickering about calls.

Then again, what would coaches do with all the free time?

I think the conflict stems from the common belief on both sides that each could do the other's job much better. However, we must deduce that for some reason or another, officials have chosen

their line of work, as have the coaches. The predisposition to conflict remains. The coaches must shoulder the majority of the blame, at least for starting the arguments. Let's face it, how many times have you witnessed an official blasting a coach for a bad strategic decision. "Are you kidding me?"