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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 3rd April 2017

Meadow Sports Football Club
Loop Rd Playing Fields, Loop Rd, Kingfield, Woking
Surrey GU22 9BQ

AGENDA

- ◆ **7.30 Academy Meeting**
- ◆ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ◆ **RAFA Training Event**



“Grab the Opportunity”

Presenter : Roger Vaughan

- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10.00 Close**

The Last Meeting of the Season will be on May 8th 2017

**The deadline for May Warbler is
Friday 28th April 2017**

*The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the
Society or its' Committee*

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM, and I would like to thank all the members of the committee who continue to support the society and keep it moving in a forward direction.

This month sees the return of the RAFA HUB event 'GRAB THE OPPORTUNITY' with our guest speaker senior FA tutor Roger Vaughan. The session will be loaded with video clips and discussion points on how to best deal with situations. This is the last of the trial hubs, so please come along and make it a successful evening.

We will be joined by the Chairman of the National RA, Paul Field; and Chairman of the Surrey FA Referees Committee and former society Chairman, Bruce McLaren.

As the new promotion season starts, good luck if you have chosen to go for it. Remember to stay fit, don't do too many games in a week and risk injury; and to those members waiting to hear if they were successful last season, fingers crossed.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd April.

Pat



Membership & Accounts

2016/17 Membership	
110	Full Members
10	Friends
1	Affiliate Member
44 Referees trained in 2016/2017	

2017 Current Status	
General	£2,218.74
Supplies	£154.00
Belgium	£500.00
Training Fund	£724.26
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£3,710.50

Just a Sec!



Grab the Opportunity

Is the intriguing subject of the third Hub Event to take place at Woking, The presenter is Roger Vaughan who explained a little more about what's in store namely :-

The session is based on a series of clips from games at various levels where referees have an opportunity to deal with situations in a safe way or to take a bit of a gamble. It will be very interactive with them working in small groups to discuss the learning points from the clips and the best way forward. It is all related to Player Management and Match Control.

FA Non League Cup Finals Day 21st May

As you are probably aware the FA have given the RA 1,000 tickets for the 2 games. I put a message out last week and so far I have received 15 requests for tickets. It is planned to organise a coach, or if numbers don't increase, a mini bus. The deadline for ticket requests is 23rd April.

Free RA Membership for Newly Qualifies Referees

The Referees' Association has now reached an agreement with the Football Association that, as all new recruits complete their referee training and are then registered with the FA, the FA will provide the RA with the full contact details of all these newly-qualified officials. When this happens, we will register them for their first year as RA Members free-of-charge from any National, County or Society Fees, including the usual NRA Insurance Premium. They will receive the full benefits of the RA from day one of their registration with us, and their free membership will last until the end of the 2017/18 membership year (29/09/18).

Coloured Shirts

The FA Referees' Committee (Chairman David Elleray) decided at its meeting on Monday 6th March that a unilateral decision was inappropriate and agreed that each County FA should be allowed to decide, for those competitions which they organise or sanction, whether or not to permit coloured shirts. The Committee also decided that where such a competition appoints neutral assistant referees only one coloured (non-black) shirt should be permitted so that the match officials wear the same. Hopefully Brian or Tony, our County RA Representatives will be able to report back on Surrey FAs stance on this.

FA Referee Diversity Conference – Register Now

“PGMOL officials **Stuart Attwell** and **Stephen Child** are now amongst those confirmed to speak at the FA Referee Diversity Conference, taking place at St George's Park on Sunday 7th May.

This is an excellent opportunity to share experiences with other referees from diverse backgrounds, hear from 'refereeing' role models and gain an appreciation of the opportunities available to referees. The event is **free** to attend.

For further information and to register for the event, please click [here](#) (electronic copy only—hold Ctrl and click)

Woking Referees Society Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 13th 2017. 7.30 Hoe Bridge Golf Centre. Please send any points for the agenda to Mac (macmcbirnie@gmail.com)



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SOCIETY DETAILS:

Woking RA

VENUE:

Meadow Sports FC
Loop Rd , Old Woking
Surrey GU22 9BQ

DATE:

Monday 3rd April 7.45
for 8 pm start

TUTOR:

Roger Vaughan

GRAB THE OPPORTUNITY



CALL IT NOW OR LET IT ESCALATE, HOW WILL YOU PLAY IT ?

UNITE THE GAME
INSPIRE THE
NATION

To grow, enhance and maintain high standards
across all areas of refereeing throughout the game.

DYNAMIC NEUTRALITY ACCESSIBLE



Surrey County Referees Association

Last meeting 30.1.17. Principal matters discussed:

- ◆ Surrey Youth League had sought assistance last year from County RA as they had many young referees who were not necessarily doing their admin. Match record cards varied in quantity and quality. Some club appointed referees are not registered with County FA which makes them a risk if they have no valid CRC/DBS. SYL have now realised they must get their house in order and are planning an induction evening. County RA will hold watching brief with view to mentoring as necessary.
- ◆ Woking RA-FA hub evenings. Request from Tim Lawrence and Bruce McLaren that the cycle is changed away from Nov, Jan, March as those dates clash with Surrey FA meetings.
- ◆ Number of referees incorrectly playing extra time in County Cup ties has increased to 5. The original 3 were suspended by County FA from refereeing for 2 weeks; one appealed to the FA but lost his appeal and the £50 appeal fee. It has cost County FA av £135 per match to replay the fixtures.
- ◆ Clarification obtained on guidance available to referees who will be taking fitness tests this summer. Dates will be 31/7 and 6/9 at Kingsmeadow. Advice from County FA is to prepare for the test well in advance, and to take test on first date rather than the second.
- ◆ Following the FA consultation on coloured shirts, County FA surveyed 1200 referees and received 450 replies. Results somewhat contradictory – report reflecting this sent to FA.
- ◆ As Vince has taken a year out from all football, Alex Bradley (RA Youth Council and Sussex RA) has offered to try to take forward the formation of a Surrey Youth Council.
- ◆ Due to short notice from RA Head Office, everyone from County RA already had other commitments and no-one had been able to attend County RAs meeting in Coventry on 22/1.
- ◆ Redhill Society looks likely to fold.
- ◆ 200 Surrey referees will have to renew their CRCs this summer. This is important as without a valid CRC referees will be unable to officiate youth football or register for next season.

Brian Reader

Futsal Referee Conversion Course

Date: Wednesday 12th April Time: 7 – 10pm

Venue: Phoenix Centre, Mollison Drive, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9NZ

Cost: £60 (16 years old or over and you require an FA CRC) OR £50 (16 years old or over who already have an in date FA CRC)

Please note You must already be a qualified referee to take part in this course.

For more details about this course go to the Surrey FA website www.surreyfa.com and look under “coaches” , “ book on other workshops or courses”

A New Member's Perspective

My name is Ben Knipe and I am 17 years old. I am currently a Level 7 referee and I am going for promotion to Level 5 in the 2017-18 season (starting March 1st 2017).

As you may be aware, this means that I need to start refereeing open age games which will tie into the reasons I joined the Society in a moment.

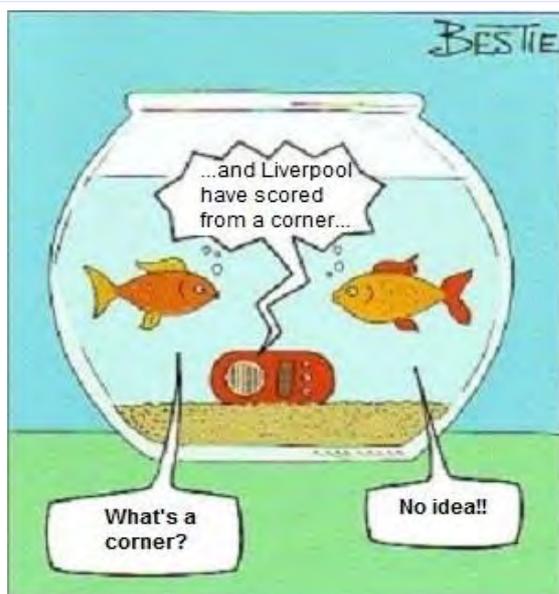
The reason that I actually joined Sutton Referees' Society is after meeting Fez at one of my youth games at Nescot. Fez was speaking to me about the benefits and perks of joining the Society and the advice that I could receive through being a member. I thought that I would give it a go and turned up to the February 2017 Meeting.

From a youth perspective, the meeting was very engaging and offered lots of advice. We looked at some in-game situations, fouls and misconduct etc. discussed what we could have done in those specific situations and discussed what the referee may have been able to do better - e.g. getting into a better position.

I found that the advice you are given is very beneficial to develop your refereeing and the support networks that are available are absolutely endless: The main one being getting someone to come to your games to mentor you but also gaining advice and development from lots of different levels of referee.

I learned a lot more than I originally expected and now have a lot more information about open-age games that I wouldn't otherwise have known for when I make the step up. An example of this is tolerance levels for dealing with dissent.

I think that the meetings would be beneficial to other youth members, not only trying to develop their refereeing in the ages and leagues that they do, but to also prepare for the step up if you wanted to go for promotion. The advice comes from ranges of Level 7 to Level 4 and is critical should you have the ambition of getting to the top of the refereeing ladder.



Courtesy of Touchlines, Sutton RA's Magazine

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2017 - 18

I HEREBY WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF WOKING REFEREES' SOCIETY, AND ENCLOSE MY SUBSCRIPTION / WILL SEND MY SUBSCRIPTION VIA INTERNET BANKING AS FOLLOWS:-

	COST	AMOUNT
FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 – Printed Warbler (INCLUDES Paper copy of Society Magazine, RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2018 – National RA membership until 30/9/2018	£36.00	
FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 – Electronic Warbler (INCLUDES pdf copy of Society Magazine sent by email, RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2018 – National RA membership until 30/9/2018	£25.00	
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FULL MEMBER – UNDER 18 – Electronic Warbler (INCLUDES pdf copy of Society Magazine sent by email, RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2018 – National RA membership until 30/9/2018	£14.00	
AFFILIATE MEMBER (i.e. Full Member of another Referees Society) Expires 31/3/2018	£20.00	
FRIEND OF WOKING SOCIETY Expires 31/3/2018	£20.00	
OPTIONAL RA PHYSIOTHERAPY INSURANCE If required please contact Bryan Jackson		
DONATION £1,£2,£3,£4,£5,£10 or Whatever		
TOTAL		

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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.....POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONES (H)..... (M).....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

COUNTY FA REGISTERED WITH..... FA NUMBER
(FAN).....

REFEREE LEVEL..... DATE OF BIRTH.....

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE SOCIETY AND AGREE FOR MY DETAILS TO BE SHARED WITH THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

RETURN TO :-BRYAN JACKSON,
1 WOODSTOCK GROVE,GODALMING,SURREY,GU7 2AX.
Tel: 01483 423808
Email: membership@wokingreferees.co.uk

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:- WOKING RA or Send funds direct to 30 94 77, a/c no 02710897

Sin-bin plan to be looked at by football's lawmaking body Ifab

Sin-bins for yellow-card offences in football could be given the go-ahead as early as next month. Football's law-making body Ifab will look at the proposal at its annual meeting in London in March.

The measure has been tested in Uefa development competitions and some amateur leagues in recent years. If approved, sin-bins will come in at youth and amateur levels and could be introduced to the professional game within two to three years.

Other proposals to be discussed at the meeting include allowing national associations more freedom to decide on the number of substitutions in a game. The move is intended to help the development of the game at lower levels, "by promoting and encouraging more people to take part," the International Football Association Board agenda reads.

There is also a line in the release about "fairness" and that "particular focus will be given to the role of the captain and how her/his responsibilities could be enhanced as part of a move to improve on-field discipline and create better communication between players and match officials".

This is likely to refer to a suggestion by Marco van Basten, the chief technical officer of governing body Fifa, that only the captain should be able to speak to the referee.

Ifab is made up of Fifa and the four British home associations - the FAs of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - and is responsible for making the final decision on law changes.

bbc.co.uk/sport/football and spotted in Touchlines, Sutton RA magazine

On my Whistle!

And so to what is really niggling me; something I'm seeing quite often. It's not a signal you'll find in LotG 2016/17 pages 49 and 50 but something I suspect the NQFKATPA Brigade has initiated to further delay shots at goal. This involves the referee fully raising both left and right arms, with the right hand pointing to the left which holds the ACME Thunderer (or equivalent, if there is one!). The goalkeeper of the team that generated the foul, hence the free kick that is holding up continuity of play, is offered the gratuitous notification "On the Whistle, 'Keeper". Perhaps the net-man hadn't noticed what had occurred. Perhaps he needed Aid in Time of Difficulty. Perhaps this introduction into the game is nonsense NQFKATPA? No quick free kicks around the penalty area.

Mike Coventry , writing in *The Chiltern Referee*

(I have to agree with Mike. Tell the kicker , but why the Goalie ? Mac)

When Wrong is Right ?

Over a well-earned pint we were discussing a number of refereeing decisions in the game we had just watched. Inevitably the referee was the brunt of the worst comments ... "he didn't know what he was doing"; "where was the consistency in his decisions?""he's made a mockery of the game ...". At one point the conversation stopped dead when a non-refereeing colleague made a remarkable and totally unexpected assertion; "I think that refereeing controversy, far from being detrimental to the game, is a central feature (if not necessity) of the game and contributes mightily to the global popularity of our *beautiful game*". His thoughts had been triggered by an article he had read (*The Times* 4.1.17) by Matthew Syed.

Those round the table were astounded and dismissed the argument as simply uninformed. His argument was along the lines that referees are human and make mistakes that fuel the waves of indignation, outrage and satire that often follow match decisions. Without the constant feed of contentious refereeing decisions the attraction of the game would decline - what would we argue about? What would be disagree about? But referees do get some of the decisions correct, enough he claimed to protect the game's credibility.

Why is it missing from other sports? Let us consider for example, athletics. The 100 metres is blistering, vivid and entertaining. To witness eight of the fastest on earth striving for the line is among the finest sights in sport, but it isn't much to get angry about, still less debate. The only (non-arguable) decisions are: did the athletes leave the blocks legally and then use the photo to see who crossed the line first. Most non-contact sports are the same, whilst most contact sports suffer (or enjoy!) refereeing decisions based on opinion. The basic error of those who wish to see mistakes eliminated from football altogether is the assumption that negative emotions are inherently bad. The truth is that indignation is one of the most additive of human feelings ... "*A sense of outrage can feel so intense and delicious that many people actively return to it.*" So, what would we do if referees were always correct and there was nothing to get passionate about? As I said above, the game needs refereeing controversies!

Brian Richards

Writing in The Chiltern Referee



"He's the only player who, when he appears on TV, the Daleks hide behind the sofa." (*Nick Hancock talking about Peter Beardsley on 'They Think It's All Over'*).

"He's a gent from Monday to Friday - then on Saturday, out comes the beast." (*Paul Ince talking about Sir Alex Ferguson*).

"That's great, tell him he's Pele and get him back on."
(*Partick Thistle manager John Lambie, when told a concussed striker didn't know who he was*).

Murphy's Meanderings

Did you know

Did you know that in the 1870s, the usual kit for a footballer was plus four trousers tucked into socks which stretched up to the knee, football jersey and bobble hat? Some players even wore top hats. Every player in a team wore the same colour shirt, but they could choose whatever they like for the rest.

Did you know that King Edward III, King Richard II, King Henry 1V and Queen Elizabeth 1 all passed laws forbidding men to play football?

Did you know that there were often games played between two villages on Shrove Tuesday? The goals were three or four miles apart and there were often fields, ditches and streams between the two goals. All the men in the two villages took part and many got injured either by falling into the hedges etc. or by being punched or kicked.

Did you know that goals were just two posts stuck in the ground through which the ball had to pass? In 1865, it was agreed to limit the size of the goal by putting a piece of tape from post to post, 8-foot-high. However, there were many arguments as to whether a goal had been scored when the ball hit the tape so a wooden crossbar took the place of the tape.

Do you know why a game is extended to allow for the taking of a penalty kick? In 1892, in a match between Stoke and Aston Villa, the referee awarded a penalty to Stoke. The Aston Villa goalkeeper promptly picked the ball up and kicked it out of the ground. By the time they got it back, time was up and Villa were the winners'

Do you know that several football clubs were only formed to give cricket clubs something to do in the winter?

Did you know that in the beginning the referee's job was only to make a decision in the event that the two umpires couldn't agree? Each team would supply an umpire who would run one half of the pitch, and when they disagreed the referee made the decision.

Did you know that when the Football League started in 1888, the referee was paid ten shillings and sixpence and the linesmen five shillings?

Did you know that Birmingham City (then Small Heath) were the first Association Football club to become a Limited Liability Company, in 1888?

Tony Murphy

Call of Nature Halts Non League Match

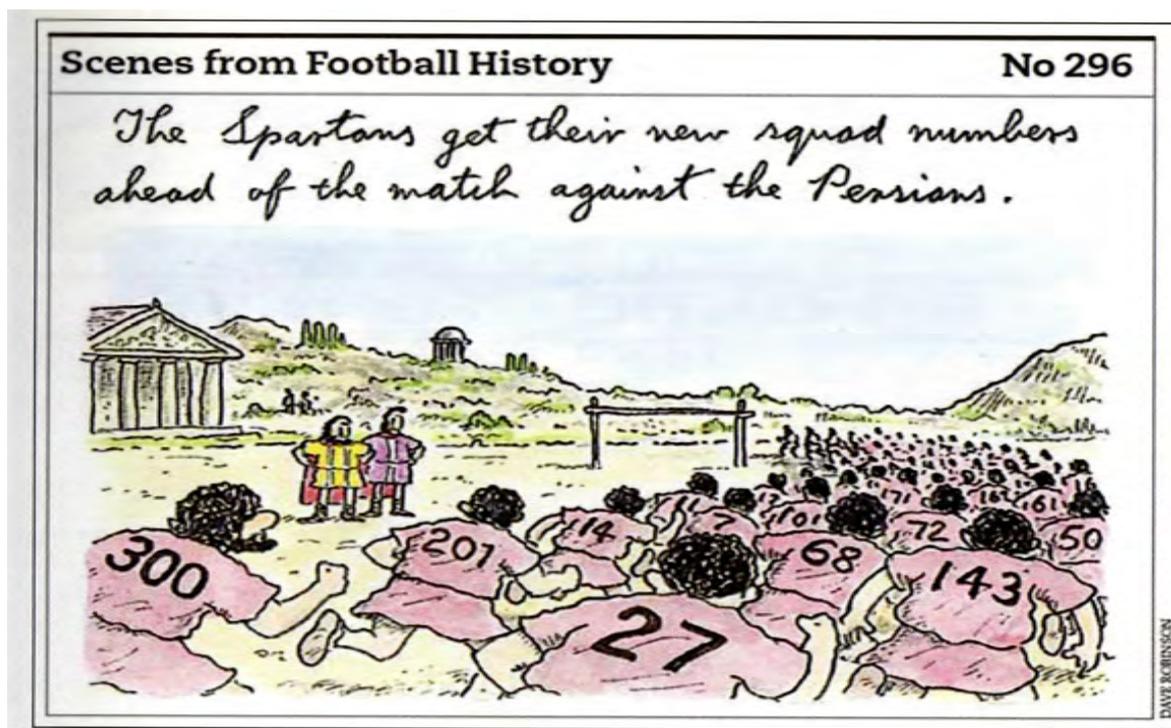
It certainly wasn't a bog-standard game at Potton United in the United Counties League a couple of weeks ago as Oakham United's No 1 held the game up for several minutes in the second half - as he needed a 'number two!'

It left supporters in the crowd of 52 rather baffled when the referee stopped the Step Six game at the wonderfully named Hutchinson Hollow midway through the second half, while keeper Simon Dalton nipped off to answer a call of nature.

Thanks to Potton defender Nigel Westrop, some light can be shed on the mysterious happenings in rural Bedfordshire. Apparently Dalton needed to relieve himself at half-time, but couldn't do so as he was last into the changing room and from then on the Gents was continually occupied.

Twenty minutes after the break and Dalton could last no longer, so he had a quiet word with referee Martin Reed who was quite happy to take a breather in what had become quite a fast and furious game.

For the record, the match ended 2-1 to Potton, so the number of ones and twos didn't end with the strange 65th minute stoppage.



"If I walked on water, my accusers would say it is because I cannot swim." (*Berti Vogts; ex-Scotland coach*).

"The only way we'll be ever going into Europe is if the club splash out and take us all to Eurodisney." (*Dean Holdsworth, then of Wimbledon*).

"The score is Sunderland nil, Leicester nil, the temperature is nil and the entertainment value is nil." (*Sunderland v Leicester, Radio 5 Live*).

All the above thanks to **Glenn La Roche** and Gloucester Primary Schools FA

Strange, but true!

Jimmy Greaves, a former footballer and T. V. pundit remarked more than once that football was a "funny or game"! Whilst this was hardly the most original of observations it was nonetheless true. Here's one example that falls into the category of strange, but true !

As the weather begins to turn particularly Autumnal football fans across the country - especially those travelling away fans - dread hearing those two fateful words 'match postponed'.

We are so accustomed to the idea of the weather temporarily halting our beloved game that the British fascination for the weather forecast takes on even more importance when a game is imminent. Snow, ice and rain are frequently the chief villains in this never-ending saga but high winds rarely feature as a 'suspect.

Occasionally a match has to be called off, usually because of structural damage to the ground causing public safety concerns. I've never been to an abandoned match but I would guess the level of my disappointment at being at an uncompleted fixture would depend on how well the team I supported was doing. So spare a thought for Newport County fans in the 6,741 crowd who were at Somerton Park on Friday 23rd March 1951 for a Division 3 (South) fixture.

On a wet and windy Go9d Friday their side was 5 -1 up against second-placed Norwich City and with a little more than a quarter of an hour remaining the two points looked a certainty. Then referee Arthur Blythe abandoned the match when Norwich defender Reg Foulkes injured himself after heading the rain-sodden leather ball. Those of you of a certain age will remember that a soaking-wet leather ball was often a lethal weapon!

The Newport fans were not too chuffed and many stayed to demonstrate their disapproval and the ref could only escape the ground disguised as an ambulance man and with a police escort.

That match was voided and in the replay a month later the points were shared in a 1-1 draw. Not only did Newport have the victory taken from them but the scorers in the first match had their goals deleted from the records.

One of Newport's goal-scorers in the original match was Reg Parker and when he retired in 1954 he had 99 League goals for Newport to his name, the century being denied him by that abandonment.

*Thanks to **Glenn La Roche**, and the Swindon Primary Schools FA match programme*

Academy News

Hi All

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the March meeting which marked our first live feed on Instagram if you were lucky enough to view we would welcome the feedback.

Even if a handful of followers viewed its been successful in my opinion

With the April Meeting round the corner i would like to use our session to help and congratulate our members who received County Cup and League cup finals to discuss pre match instruction to neutral assistant referee of the havent done so before and run through some match scenarios involving technical area and club officials.

Again we are going live at 7.30pm so encourage your colleagues and friends to follow @wokingrefereessociety.

Yours in Football

Gareth Heighes

Woking RA Training Officer

Dates for your Diary 2016/17

3rd April	Society Meeting RAFA Event No 3 “ Grab The Opportunity”
12th April	Footsal Conversion Course—see page 7 of this issue
8th May	Society Meeting TBA
2nd June—5th June	Belgium Trip
Friday 26th May 2017	Eve of Final Rally One Great George Street, London
Saturday 24th June 2017	AGM and RA Quiz Final Sports Connexion, Coventry
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th July 2017	RA Development Weekend Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley

Pages from Yesteryear

The article below first appeared in the Local Press (it doesn't say which one) and reproduced in a Woking RA Football Tournament programme held on 3rd June 1989.

Referees Successful Belgium Tour European Victory for Woking's Men in Black

BEING a soccer referee is not only about 90 minutes play on a Saturday or Sunday after-noon, as members of Woking Referees Society will tell you.

The society has recently re-turned from its third and most successful tour of Belgium to date, as winners of the International Referees' Football Tournament hosted by SOLEO, the Referees' Society of Lier in Belgium.

The party of 40 left Woking early on, May 12, travelling via Calais and Ypres to Tongerlo near Antwerp. The base for the trip being the Sportacentrum which will soon be Belgium's equivalent of Bisham Abbey.

The tournament itself took place on the ground of FC Broechem, and in reaching the final, Woking had to overcome the referees societies of Lier (1—0), Turnhout (2—0), Geel (0—0) and Centre (2—0). In the final their opponents were the only other team not to have conceded a goal, the trophy holders Antwerp.

It was only five minutes before the deadlock was broken, when Alan Watson forced the ball over the line following a corner. This was the signal for Antwerp to put on the pressure and for the rest of the first half and the first 15 minutes of the second, the Woking defence held firm though, Andy Dexter in goal playing extremely well.

With four minutes left, Steve Tomlinson received the ball just inside the Antwerp half and went on a run towards goal. After beating a handful of defenders he slotted the ball between the goal-keeper and the post. This led to more pressure from Antwerp but the back line held out until the final whistle, when the celebration began.

After finishing second in 1983 and third in 1987, Woking will hold the cup until their next trip to Belgium in 1991.

To finish the season with this win has completed a very successful year for the Woking Referees. They also won the Surrey County Referees' five-a-side competition and were well placed in the Southern Divisional Competition. The society also enters a team in the Woking Leisure Centre League.

Scenes from Football History

No 295

Alas, Olaf had only been feigning death in order to get his opponent sent off.



PlumTree

Combined Counties Premier League - Challenge Cup Semi-Final
Epsom & Ewell vs Windsor 21/3/17

Ref: Andy Bennett

Surrey FA Premier Cup Semi-Final
Corinthian Casuals Res vs Worcester Park 15/3/17

Ref: Andy Bennett

Surrey FA U18 Midweek Floodlit Cup County Cup Final
Woking vs Met Police 24/3/17

Ref: Andy Bennett

A/R: Pat Bakhuizen

Southern League Premier Division
Havant & Waterlooville vs Dulwich Hamlet 1/4/17

A/Rs' : Andy Bennett & Tom Ellsmore

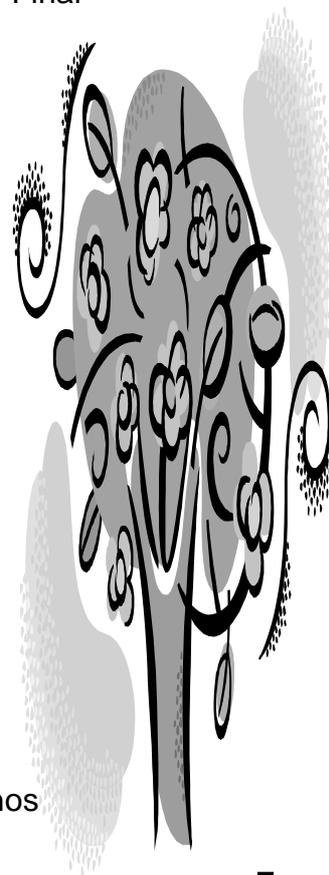
Surrey Primary League

U17s/U18s Finals

Ref ; Mike Ward

Surrey County Cup U18s Semi Final
Corinthian casuals U18's youth Elite V Elm Grove U17 Rhinos

Ref. Tony Price



Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.

The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery down-stairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Thanks to Peter Guest for these

Callum's Big Black Bag



From whistles to watches,
flags to record cards, shirts to
socks, Callum's got the lot.
Help support the society and
make sure you give Callum a
call for all your refereeing needs



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Referees Wanted for the Farnham & District Sunday Veterans League



If you are interested
Please call

Colin on 01252 328 953
Or Linda on 01276 512 735



Adie Makes the Cut

It is good to see the better weather is with us at last and as the clocks go forward on the 26th we can look forward to some lighter evenings. It is not too bad when I get back from work at present, I am able to spend a short while in the garden watching the blue tits zooming in and out of the nest boxes I made and put them in the trees at the bottom of the garden. I even managed to cut the grass last Friday afternoon. It was looking rather 'shaggy' so I set the blade on high and off I went. It still looked a bit long so I dropped the blade a bit and re-cut it. Diane was happy with it so that was a real bonus.

I was delighted to accept a County Cup Semi Final a couple of weeks ago the added bonus was having our own Bob Dick and Andy Webb on the lines for me. It was quite a sunny day which only added to the enjoyment for us and we managed to get a result after 90 minutes which Cyril always informs me is what a referee should do!

The SCILW Cup Finals are now set and the Officials have been informed. I am just awaiting the finalisation of the G&WAFL Cup Final venues and dates and then I can sort out the Referees for these. It is a great pity I cannot give everybody a final as you all deserve it and your support this season has been second to none. I will attend as many as I can as all the Referees deserve the support of the League Officers at these events but some may clash.

I will start preparing the Referee Registrations for the 2017/18 season towards the end of April. *Obviously* most of you will not be able to give me your open dates but the sooner you fill in the details and send them back to me the more chance you have of being in the handbooks and then I do not get all the e-mails 'can we have the refs details' in spite of the fact that they were sent out by myself and Bill Dann.



Adie

More Church Bulletins



Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon

Referee strike cancelled but calls grow for FA to offer abused grass-roots officials more support

Ryan Hampson has cancelled his referee strike over grassroots abuse but is now calling on the rest of English football to implement changes that have been announced by the Manchester Football Association.

The Telegraph revealed last week how more than 800 referees had agreed to strike over verbal and physical attacks, with Hampson detailing how he had been punched, headbutted, spat at and blocked inside a changing room during his first three years of refereeing.

Hampson began refereeing at the age of 14 and only turned 18 earlier this month but was deeply disappointed at the lack of support that he was offered both by his local FA and the national FA.

His story resonated strongly around the country and, following the personal intervention of chief executive Colin Bridgford, Manchester have now taken action. Hampson also wants to meet with the FA's newly appointed Respect manager, who will be charged with reinvigorated the campaign and ending a culture of abuse.

Manchester have now pledged that, following any allegation of assault, a referee will be offered immediate support by both a referee development officer and a welfare officer (CWO). Manchester FA will also report any assault allegation to the police.

The official will then be offered support at any hearing and informed of the outcome of disciplinary cases in which they were involved. There will also be ongoing support and communication in the aftermath of a hearing.

Manchester FA sent out a statement to all clubs this weekend in which they warned of a zero tolerance approach to abuse.

"Assaults on match officials, be they few and far between, are still too many," said the Manchester FA.

"The recent stance that a young Referee, Ryan Hampson has taken, further illustrates the distress that inappropriate actions and comments of those involved in the game can have. The consequences of assaulting match officials, if proven, will result in a ban from all football for between five to ten years. This will be in addition to any action that the police consider taking as a criminal prosecution."

Hampson had told the Telegraph that referees would walk away en masse if there is not significant change and, while he is not now advocating a strike on the weekend of March 4-5 in the Manchester area, he is urging other officials to take action if there is no change locally.

"We are not a punch bag, we are not a swear box and people need to start understanding that," he said.

"I am hugely thankful to the Manchester FA for the way they have listened but others nationally now need to take their heads out of the sand. This is a national crisis and there must be action up and down the country."

Jeremy Wilson, Deputy Football Correspondent Daily Telegraph

Mexico footballers get stiffer sanctions after protest

Mexico's football federation has imposed stiffer sanctions against two players from top flight clubs involved in rows with referees.

They have been suspended for a year, after referees went on strike over the initial bans regarded as too lenient.

Enrique Triverio from Deportivo Toluca and Pablo Aguilar from Club America had received suspensions for eight and 10 matches respectively.

They had pushed and head-butted referees in separate incidents.

In addition to the one-year suspensions, the players will receive a fine.

The referees had reported them for aggression and expected they would be banned for up to a year.

But the football federation only suspended them for a few matches for attempted aggression, provoking the wrath of the referees' association.

After their strike, which led to the cancellation of the weekend's top league football, the federation imposed the longer bans.

Shortly after the new sanctions were announced, the referees said they were ending their strike.

Daily Telegraph

Extract from The Chairman's Musings in the Guildford Referee

"Also wanted to quickly pick up on the Referees strike Roger Hall (Guildford Magazine Editor) put on our Facebook group. I posted a comment about not striking because not all players are 'arses' and shouldn't all be tarred with the same brush and I still hold that view. However, Roger rightly stated referees shouldn't be assaulted and he is right 100%. Though, I would say this particular issue should be dealt with at the local level and by all accounts his local FA did not back him. This is strange to say the least and it is this that needs to be looked at.

As I am sure, not only our local FA, but more importantly, local leagues would hold the culprits to account and punish them accordingly (via the local FA). The worrying trend is that players even in the professional game are starting to push/put hands on officials, so it is spreading and needs to be stopped. Otherwise, Referees will go on strike without hesitation and can you imagine the likes of Sky and BT not being happy they are not able to show the matches they have so handsomely (over)paid for.

Steve Ferris

"People think I am arrogant - but I do what I feel is correct"

*Referee of the year Mark Clattenburg talks to **Rob Harris** ("I" 31 Dec 2016)*

In the hours and even days after blowing the final whistle, Mark Clattenburg endures hidden anguish as the decisions made during 90 mins of refereeing whirl through his mind. "If I make a mistake, it beats me up", Clattenburg says during a rare interview. "It's about being able to cope with you being wrong. I suppose that is something I struggled with in the early part of my career where I couldn't park it and soon I'd make another mistake, another mistake and another mistake."

Rarely is there public praise - only intense scrutiny of errors - for top referees, particularly when, in Clattenburg's case, you have overseen football's biggest finals in 2016 and become as well known as the stars of the game. It doesn't take long for Clattenburg to become aware after matches when he has erred in the heat of the moment with millions watching worldwide.

The social media backlash and managerial outbursts against referees are inevitable. Even if Clattenburg tried to blank out such public criticism, there are the private messages received on his phone with critiques from assessors flagging up mistakes. "You have some video clips sent to you on your phone (in the Premier League) or in Europe you have comments on your mobile phone after the match," the 41-year-old Englishman says. "You will know if you have done OK or not. Then you start reflecting on what you could have done differently. Nearly every game you want to do something differently."

Such candour is rare from top referees who are usually prevented from speaking publicly. Instead, fans make assumptions. "Some people have this perception that I'm arrogant person but, when you are on the pitch, you have got to deal with these players differently than in life," said Clattenburg, who was named *referee of the year* at the Globe Soccer Awards in Dubai this week. "I am strong willed now," he adds. "I do what I believe is correct. I'm a professional but I have to make sure I apply my personality to the pitch because you have to have personality. Players want a little bit of personality, not robots."

Clattenburg reached the pinnacle of his profession the hard way. He was fired by the Premier League referee's body in 2009 over business dealings but won an appeal and was reinstated. In 2014, Chelsea accused Clattenburg of making a racist remark towards midfielder Mikel John Obi, and it took a month for the authorities to clear the referee of wrongdoing. "It was a tough moment in life and the pressures were huge. It took me a little while to come back because I didn't know if I wanted to referee or not because I lost the love of refereeing," he says.

The love was regained and he now feels stronger coping with pressure. Bigger games bring more pressure, such as the FA Cup Final in May when Manchester United beat Crystal Palace. Former players, including Rio Ferdinand and Alan Shearer, berated Clattenburg for decisions that went against Palace and now the referee acknowledges he "made a couple of errors".

"I remember coming off the FA Cup Final disappointed," he says. "I felt I could have done better. I'd been criticised in all shapes and sizes from different parts of the social media on one decision in particular where I could have played an advantage, I should have played advantage."

Clattenburg was trying to let the game flow in the same approach he adopted in Real Madrid's Champions League Final victory over Atletico Madrid in May. "I wanted the games to be a spectacle," he says. "People say that's not the referee's job, but referees can help and allow the game to move a bit quicker than normal. That's my satisfaction: if you get a really good game of football."

Soon Clattenburg will be able to defer to video replay technology, which is undergoing tests throughout the world. "The major errors where we get hugely criticised will become less and less," he says. "What will people have to criticise referees for? It will only be personal abuse, not over decisions." And some of that abuse has come over his tattoos. Clattenburg proudly displays inkings marking landmarks in his career, including refereeing the 2016 Champions League Final. "People see it as a negative thing, " he adds. "But I'm proud of what I've done"

Spotted in the Chiltern Referee

Mac's Musings

It's strange how often a game which you expect to be difficult turns out to be a doddle and others where you're told "Good guys, only want to get on and play football" turn into a nightmare. It happened to me the other weekend, thankfully the former experience.

I was told that both teams had disciplinary records and that a cup game between the same two teams had ended up with a red card and one of the club linesman refusing to continue due to "abuse" from the opposition spectators.—and we're talking U16s here.

A quick chat with the skippers at the toss, reminding them of their responsibilities, and off we went. Apart from one caution half way through the second half for a late tackle, the lads were as good as gold. Now was it because they had been "bollocked" by their managers for their previous behaviour or was it because I was being extra vigilant and pulling them up for the slightest foul?. I have always found, particularly with youngsters that players are much more willing to accept a foul had been committed than to allow play to continue, even if you call "Advantage Play On" A referee is more likely to get moaned at or receive abuse for NOT blowing for a foul than for doing so.

Alternatively, when informed that it will be an easy game, it can easily turn nasty if you're not careful. "Friendlies" are classic examples of this. I suppose it's the old adage. "Treat every game as if it was a cup final" and you won't go far wrong"

Reading back copies of the Warbler, (the things I do for you my readers) I can't help but notice how much football the Woking RA and other RAs, played back in the '80s. One article in this issue reports on Woking taking 40 members to Belgium for a football tournament and a programme I found described a 11 a side tournament at Meadow Sports Club between 9 local RAs plus 1 from Soleo, the Belgium Refs Society. We also had a team in a local 5 a side competition at the Leisure Centre. What has happened since? Is it part of the general decline in grass roots football? Or just a general lack of appetite to organise or participate such events? Answers on a post card ??

Mac

The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork **The Whistling Referee**

Part 57 – The final point

Match: Tottering Hotspurs -v- Turnham Greens
League: Premier Division - Sunday Park League (North)
Weather: Sunny with intermittent showers
Colours: Turnham Greens – Obviously all green!

Whilst having a chat with the other referees in the changing room before the match the main topic was the local league forthcoming cup semi-finals and finals. Of the seven of us in the room I was the only one who had not been appointed to neither a semi-final nor a cup final. To be honest I did feel a little bit left out of the conversation as there was nothing really that I could actually contribute. To be fair the referees were all younger than me but it did get me thinking back to my last semi-final and cup final appointment. Then it suddenly dawned on me that my last cup semi-final appointment must have been about twenty years ago and my last cup final appointment was about seven years ago.

So does being appointed to a cup final make that a good season for a referee and not being appointed to a cup final a bad season?

What is the criteria for being appointed to a final? (No leagues actually state how the appointments are made!)

It got me thinking that I would contact the league referees secretary and just enquire what was I possibly not doing well so I could then improve on and then take my rightful place in next season's cup final.

So back to the match today.....The Greens defender won the ball and decided to kick the ball out of play. The ball went towards the corner flag post and with considerable force knocked the flag post to the ground and went out of play. In almost perfect unison there were eleven shouts of 'corner kick' and simultaneously eleven shouts of 'goal kick'. What was I to do as the ball had left the field of play equally between the touch line and the goal line?

What would you award?

- ◆ Goal kick?
- ◆ Corner kick ?
- ◆ Ask the ref on the next pitch?
- ◆ Drop ball ?

The ref on the next pitch was too far away to ask so I opted for what seemed at the time the fairest decision.....I went for the drop ball which I am sure you would have also chosen to do but I also have a feeling that apart from asking the ref on the next pitch that any of the other three restarts would have been correct.

Play continued and I awarded a direct free to the Greens. The Hotspur manager shouted over to me to make a substitution. The ball was not in play but as I was on the far side of the pitch I signalled over to the club assistant to deal with the substitution. He acknowledged my signal and I blew for the free kick to be taken. The greens player smashed the ball directly into the net and was immediately congratulated by his team mates. Even I thought what a well struck free kick. I looked over in the direction of the club assistant and he was waving the flag. What on earth was he waving the flag for I thought. I walked over to him and he explained that the Hotspur player being substituted had still not left the field of play when the free kick was taken. This meant the substitution process had not been completed and also this meant they had twelve players on the pitch.

What was I to do?

Award the goal and take no further action

Disallow the goal as the team that had conceded the goal had twelve players on the pitch

Restart with another drop ball (It worked the last time)

I decided to award the goal despite the team conceding the goal had twelve players on the pitch and I also cautioned the player for unsporting behaviour who had in my opinion taken too long to leave the pitch. Do you think I was being too harsh?

The lesson to be learnt here was to make sure the player coming off has actually left the field of play before play continues.

I awarded a throw in to Hotspurs. The player taking the throw then it seemed deliberately threw the ball onto an opponent's back and the ball rebounded to the throw in taker. He crossed the ball and it fell to the ground perfectly for the Hotspurs forward to score. Turnham Greens were not happy. The captain run over to me 'How can you award that goal? Their player deliberately threw the ball at our player! I told the captain to calm down and ensured all the other players re-treated. I explained the ball was thrown at the player but not in a careless, reckless or excessive force manner and therefore in law that is permitted. The captain told me I was talking 'rubbish' and I duly cautioned him.

I knew that I was correct.....do you agree with my decision? What would you have done differently?

See you all soon,

Willy Woodwork

Willy 'Red card' Woodwork.....the whistling referee.





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What Would You Do? Answers to March Issue

Q1. A keeper pumps the air after making a world-class fingertip save - and the opposition race off to take a quick corner. But you don't think he touched it - and your AR just shrugs. What do you do?

A1. You are the decision maker - so make your decision and stick to it. You need to have the self-belief to act on what you and your colleagues saw. If you don't think the keeper touched it then award a goal-kick.

Q2. A midfield No. 7 commits a foul which you judge is worth a second yellow card but you play advantage as the opposition are rapidly approaching the goal. But when their shot is cleared off the line, the ball drops straight to the No 7 you intended to caution. He turns and, seeing the keeper off his line, launches an audacious punt which flies into the net. What would you do?

A2. No goal. You should have stopped play the moment the ball reached the player you planned to dismiss. He shouldn't be on the FoP and you cannot allow him to benefit from the advantage you awarded the opposition. Show him a second yellow followed by a red card. Restart with an indirect free kick, from where the ball was when it reached him - the point at which you should have stopped play.

Q3. In a fractious cup tie between two local teams, you have already had to show more cards than you would like. The away side are leading 2-1 as you enter the final moment of stoppages. But you have dismissed their right-back for a DOGSO trip and a home side's forward, who has already received a caution for earlier comments to one of your assistants, is about to take the game into extra time from the penalty mark. You signal for the kick to be taken. The forward takes two steps, pauses, takes two further steps and swings his foot to kick the ball, only to stop dead with his foot just inches from the ball. The keeper is already diving to his left so the forward watches him and then coolly strokes the ball into the opposite corner. What would you do?

A3. The feint has clearly taken place after the run-up has been completed. The goal is disallowed and the kicker cautioned for unsporting behaviour. Play is restarted with an indirect free kick to the defence from the penalty mark.

Q4. While you try to control a wild melee, the away side sneakily swap a defender or a striker from their bench. You only realise when the striker scores the winner moments later. What would you do?

A4. Disallow the goal. Caution the striker for coming on without permission, and send him back to the bench. Caution the player who went off without your permission, and have him return to the pitch. Approach the manager and tell him you will be reporting his conduct. Ask him if he now wants to make a lawful substitution. Restart with a goal kick.

Q5. Late in the second half, you ask a player with blood on his shirt to leave the pitch and change it. As play continues, he grabs a new shirt and races back on but, in his haste, has put it on inside-out, obscuring his name and number. What would you do?

A5. Stop the game. Issue a yellow card for coming back on without your permission, and then have him change again so the shirt number is visible. Restart with an indirect free kick to the opposition.

Q6. A defender, already on a yellow card, takes his team's ninth penalty in a shoot-out, and skies it badly. In his anger he turns and kicks at the penalty spot, gouging a hole in the surface. Opponents are outraged and refuse to take their potentially decisive kick until he is sent-off and the surface relaid. What would you do?

A6. You have two options: 1) get ground staff to perform a quick fix on the mark, or 2) move the rest of the shootout to the other end. Show the player a second yellow (for unsporting behaviour) followed by a red card. His side go down to 10 men for the rest of the shootout.

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Q7. A Blue defender attempts to head a corner over the bar to safety. But it deflects off his man-bun and into his own net. When the ball made contact, the man-bun flew off, revealing it to be a clip-on. What would you do?

A7. This player's hair, whether real or artificial, counts as part of his person. So award a goal. Tell the player that since the bun is made of poorly attached extensions, and if he wants to continue, he must play without it as it could pose a safety risk.

(Ed. These questions were taken from several sources, including "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion, and from the 2015 National RA Quiz final by Colin Morris)

What Would You Do?

Q1. In a bad-tempered derby two home team players go down injured, so the away team's physio comes on to help. But as he arrives the home keeper suddenly recoils as in apparent pain. He tells you the physio deliberately aimed a burst of freeze spray into his face as he ran past ... and his eyes are red raw. What would you do?

Q2. A winger trips and falls over the touchline. As he climbs to his feet, still off the pitch in an offside position, the ball is punted upfield towards him. He lingers just long enough for the ball to pass him before re-entering play, racing through and scoring. What would you do?

Q3. A panicking defender, under pressure inside his own area, tries to hoof the ball behind, only for his keeper to dive and stop it with his hand, preventing the corner. Attackers scream, "Back pass". What would you do?

Q4. It's 1-1 in the last minute when a wayward shot heads straight for your face. Instinctively you swat it away and watch in horror as it flies into the net. What would you do?

Q5. A controversial manager is serving a two game stadium ban. But as you walk past his dressing room before the game you see his face on a big screen. He is giving a team talk via webcam. What would you do?

Q6. During a European match home players complain they are being racially abused and threaten to walk off. But the chant could be innocent; the away team's star striker has a surname that sounds suspiciously like a racial slur. You're not sure what's happening. What would you do?

Q7. In a Sunday morning game, one team has turned up without their regular goalkeeper. With much grumbling, one of their outfield players agrees to wear the green shirt. It is soon very evident that his talents are not best suited to a position between the posts, and this is highlighted as early as the fifth minute when his attempt to cut out a cross sees him give away a penalty with a challenge for which you award a caution. The penalty is scored and you find yourself having to encourage the scoring team to complete their celebrations and get back into their own half in order to get the game restarted. Straight from the Kick Off, the losing side put together a great move, culminating in a fantastic cross which is headed home for the equalizer. Just as you are about to signal for the goal, you realise that it has been scored by the same player who just started the game in goal and has given away the penalty. While you were chivvying the players back towards the halfway line, he had swapped shirts with a team-mate who is now standing in the goal.. But they had not told you. What would you do?

(Ed. Questions were taken from "In the referee's opinion" in Touchlines - Sutton RS); and from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion).

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