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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 8th August 2016

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

AGENDA

- ◆ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**

- ◆ **Tim Lawrence & Vince Penfold**
- The New Law Amendments

- ◆ **Society Business**

- ◆ **10.00 Close**



September meeting
Monday 5th September 2016

The deadline for the September Warbler is
Friday 26th August

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

From the Chair

So as the new season is about to start is everyone ready?



With 95 law amendments our first meeting on the 8th August is going to be focusing on these changes and explaining what it means to us at grass roots, there will also be examples of how to interpret the laws

At the recent Referees Conference at Hinckley Island, the RAFA youth council delivered a fantastic weekend for the young, old and everyone in between, some excellent practical sessions delivered by the guys from the PGMOL, a new style quiz (won by our very own Lee Peter and Vince Penfold) a lively evening meal and on the Sunday, some superb presentations from the select group referees and assistants, if you get the opportunity next year I urge you to try and get along

Congratulations to the 4 members of our Society, Tom Ellsmore, Shawn Barclay Chris Noble and Callum Peter who were selected to make up the four man team to represent Surrey FA at the DANA Cup in Denmark, I can't express how proud I am of all 4 of them and hope they had a great time and look forward to hearing all about their experience

Good luck for the new season

Pat

Reference Guide Request

If any readers are aware of any changes to the Reference Guide on the inside cover of the back page of The Warbler, please could you let me know and I will update accordingly.

Mac email ; sue.mac@ntlworld.com

Accounts August 2016

2016/17 Membership (May)
 50 Full Members
 7 Friends
 1 Affiliated Member

General	£2,824.81
Supplies	£153.15
Belgium	£0.00
Training Fund	£759.40
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£3,850.86

Mac's Musings

Welcome to your first Warbler of the new season, which I hope finds you all suitably refreshed and raring to go. I see from facebook (other social media formats are available) and various e-mails requesting match officials for pre-season friendlies that quite a few of you have already taken to the FOP.

However, are you all aware of the numerous law amendments which have been introduced this year? I included a summary in The May edition of The Warbler, and was looking to include a more comprehensive version this month. However the only one I've found runs to over 50 pages. Far too much for our little magazine to cope with, so I've left in the summary as a reminder.

Your best bet is to come along to the August meeting where our RDO Tim Lawrence and President Vince will endeavour to make sure we are all up to speed and fully cognizant with the relevant amendments. Our task then will be to try and implement them to what I bet will be a totally ignorant bunch of players and managers.—but what's new I hear you say !

My good lady and I recently spent a few weeks holidaying in Canada and Alaska and spent time with relatives in the lovely city of Vancouver. What a friendly bunch of people the Canadians are—as I'm sure those of you who have visited the country would testify. Incidentally, everyone we spoke to thought we were totally bonkers to leave the EU, but they were also rather concerned over what was happening south of the 49th parallel, who could yet trump us—but enough of politics.

The Euros were being played whilst we were away, fortunately our relatives are sports mad and love to watch the premiership and other European leagues on their rather magnificent 65inch TV. All the Euro games were broadcast on their sports channels and so we were able to watch the England team vote to leave the EU, obviously having been influenced by Brexit. Mind you, according to Tony Murphy (he of Murphy's Meanderings fame) The England squad couldn't vote as they didn't know how to put a cross in the box. !

Anyway back to Vancouver: near to where we were staying, which was actually in a suburb to the south of the city called Richmond (Surrey is the next suburb south again, which made us feel quite at home)) I noticed a soccer tournament in full swing. I was informed that it is an annual amateur "International" event called The Nations Cup. The teams are made up of players based on their heritage or ethnic background. I couldn't work out how far back in their family tree the players could go, but I thought the concept was rather clever. I did a bit of searching on the internet and found that 2016 was the 37th year of the tournament with 18 "nations" and 62 teams over 6 divisions, including an over 52s. It was certainly very well organised, with over 5000 spectators expected over the 3 days and with a full complement of officials for each game.

Looking up the results I see that Italy won the open Men's, England the over 30s, India the over 38s and over 52s and Germany the over 48s and Canada the Women's division.

So England not so pathetic after all—providing we play over 30s that is!

Time to warm up those whistles. Remember to come and see Pat if your need any new kit or other refereeing necessities.

Mac



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2016 - 17

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Woking Referees' Society Meeting May 2016

20 members attended the May meeting of Woking RA on 9th May 2016. The evening started with a positioning session outside in the Meadow Pitches run by Vince Penfold. This was followed by the main meeting where members had the opportunity to watch and pass comment on a video of Vince's performance as Referee in the recent Surrey Intermediate League Cup final, Laleham vs Farnborough North End.

The discussions that followed were open but informative with members asking Vince why he had done a number of actions and what his thought process was in making the decision, as well as why he had taken the position on the field that he did.

Pat Bakhuizen thanked Vince for allowing himself to be the subject of the questions and presented him with the customary bottle of wine.

Following the break a number of awards were made:

Chairman's Cup – Mac McBirnie

Young Referee of the year – Shawn Barclay

Committee's special award – Tom Jackson

Congratulations were then given to those that had obtained promotion

Andy Bennett – level 5 to level 4

Shawn Barclay – level 7 to level 5

Gareth Heighes – level 6 to level 5

Callum Peter – level 7 to level 6



(above) Shawn , Callum, Gareth , Andy promoted

Finally Pat congratulated Dave Cooper and Colin Barnett, who have both been refereeing for over 45 years. (photo page 22)
The meeting closed at 9:55

Chairman's Cup - Mac



Young Player of the Year - Shawn

Tom's Special award

LAW CHANGES 2016/17

Outline summary of Law changes
Herewith a simple outline of the main changes /clarifications.

LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

Artificial and natural surfaces may not be combined on the field
Competitions may determine field size for their competitions (within Law)
All commercial advertising on the ground must be at least 1m (1yd) from boundary lines
Logos/emblems of FAs, competitions etc. allowed on corner flags (no advertising)

LAW 2 – THE BALL

None

LAW 3 – THE PLAYERS (NEW TITLE)

A match may not start/continue if a team has fewer than 7 players
Substitutes may take a restart but must first step onto the field
Clarifies situation when a player is sent off before/after kick-off
Direct FK (or penalty) if a substitute/team official interferes with play
If something/someone (other than a player) touches a ball as it goes into the goal the referee can award the goal if the touch had no impact on the defenders
If a goal is scored with an extra person on the field and referee has restarted play the goal stands and match continues

LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Any tape or other material on/covering socks must be same colour as the sock
Player losing footwear/shinguard accidentally can play on until next stoppage
Undershorts must be colour of shorts or hem; team must all wear same colour
Electronic communication with substitutes is forbidden
Player can return during play after changing/correcting equipment, once equipment has been checked (by referee, fourth official or AR) and referee signals

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

Decision can not be changed if play restarted or referee has left the field of play
If several offences occur at the same time the most serious is punished
Referee can send a player off from pre-match pitch inspection onwards
Referee can only use RC + YC after entering the field at start of the match
Player injured by RC/YC foul can be quickly assessed/treated and stay on field
The equipment a referee can or may be allowed to use
Diagrams of referee signals included (from Guidelines section)

LAW 6 – THE OTHER MATCH OFFICIALS (NEW TITLE)

More details about the duties of the assistants, AARs, fourth official
Diagrams of assistant referee signals included (from Guidelines section)

LAW 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

More reasons for additional time (e.g. medical drinks breaks)

LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

All restarts included (previously only kick-off and dropped ball)
Ball must clearly move to be in play for all kicked restarts
Ball can be kicked in any direction at kick-off (previously had to go forward)
Referee can not 'manufacture' outcome of a dropped ball

LAW 9 – THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

If a ball rebounds off a match official it is in play unless it wholly passed over a boundary line

LAW 10 – DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF A MATCH (NEW TITLE)

Kicks from the penalty mark:

Referee will toss a coin to choose the goal (unless weather, safety etc...)

Player temporarily off the field (e.g. injured) at final whistle can take part

Both teams must have same number of players before and during the kicks

Clear statement of when a kick is over

Kicks not delayed if player leaves the field; if not back in time kick is forfeited

LAW 11 – OFFSIDE

Halfway line 'neutral' for offside; player must be in opponents' half

Players' arms not considered when judging offside position (including goalkeeper)

Offside FK always taken where offence occurs (even in own half)

Defender off the field only 'active' until defending team clear ball or play stops

As above for attacker returning; before that re-entry point is the offside position

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Foul with contact is a direct FK

Advantage for a RC – indirect FK if offender then gets involved in play

Change of wording for handball so that not every handball is a YC

Some DOGSO offences in the penalty area are punished with a YC

Attempted violent conduct is a RC, even if no contact

Striking on head/face when not challenging an opponent is a RC (unless negligible)

Offence against substitutes, team officials, match officials etc. is now a direct FK

Foul off the field penalised with a direct FK on boundary line (penalty in own penalty area)

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

Difference between 'stopping' a FK and 'intercepting' the ball after FK taken

LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

Indirect FK + YC if wrong player deliberately takes the penalty

Indirect FK if ball kicked backwards

If 'illegal' feinting occurs it is always an indirect FK (and YC)

Goalkeeper YC if infringes and the PK is retaken

LAW 15 – THE THROW-IN

New wording makes it clear that ball must be thrown with both hands

LAW 16 – THE GOAL KICK

If GK kicked into own goal it is a corner kick to opponents

An opponent in the penalty area when the goal kick is taken can not play the ball first

LAW 17 – THE CORNER KICK

If CK kicked into own goal it is a corner kick to opponents

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was a Sunday League game played on Peckham Rye in the sixties. The teams were in complete contrast to each other. The reds were teenagers in their first season of adult football, the blues an experienced team in their thirties. From the outset it was clear that the reds were the better team. Faster and more skilful, they overran a slow and lumbering blues team and were soon two goals in front. However, the blues had been around a bit and they weren't prepared to give in that easily. They adopted aggressive, spoiling tactics. Tough, hard, sometimes reckless tackling, strong physical challenges in the air, niggly trips and sly pushes, hustling their opponents, anything to break up their rhythm and get under their skin.

The reds were not used to this kind of physical football and started appealing to the referee for free kicks and protection. The referee for his part was not interested, after all this was Sunday football. He gave free kicks and talked to players when he thought necessary but for most part allowed the game to continue. The blues accepted decisions against them with a shrug and got on with it, the reds showed their immaturity and moaned, whined and shouted at the referee and their opponents. They committed silly retaliatory fouls, went to pieces and their game fell apart. The blues took control and by midway in the second half were leading by seven goals to two and cruising.

Playing on the left wing for the reds was the best player on the pitch, head and shoulders above the rest. Slight of build he had been instrumental in both reds' goals and as such had received more than his share of rough treatment from the blues. Though he never complained he had gradually faded from the game. This annoyed one of his colleagues who urged him on several occasions to "stand up for himself and get in the game". Midway through the second half he was again fouled and knocked to the ground but said nothing. His colleague, however, lost control and, sprinting twenty yards, raced up to the blue player as he walked away, kicking his legs from underneath him sending him crashing to the ground. As the blue player lay looking up, the red player leaned over him and quietly and meaningfully said, "Touch him again and I'll f----- break your legs and that's a promise". At this point the referee arrived and cautioned the red player.

When the game restarted the dynamics had changed. Inspired by their colleague the reds started to play forcibly and aggressively taking the game to the blues who themselves went to pieces. The blues left the red winger alone and he revelled in the space he got. It produced a tense finish but, unfortunately for the reds, the resurgence was too late and the final score was a win for the blues by seven goals to six.

Tony Murphy

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was a Sunday league match in the sixties. I knew one of the teams well as my team had been in the same division as them and I had played against them several times in the previous four seasons. Now, in my first season as a referee, I was in control of one of their matches. I also knew they had three brothers playing in their team. It was a physical game played in a good spirit but, when a player overstepped the mark, I had no option but to caution him. It turned out to be one of the brothers and, after he had given me his surname, I asked for his first name. He would not give it to me so I asked him for a second time. He still refused so I said I would ask him again but warned him that if he didn't tell me I would have no alternative but to send him off. He refused for a third time and consequently I sent him off.

"You can't do that," he said and, grabbing me by the shirt, he swung his right arm to hit me. I reacted by putting my right arm behind his back and my head into his chest to avoid his punch. Suddenly he was falling backwards, pulling me on top of him, and we fell to the ground. As I rolled off him, one of his colleagues helped me up and I saw that the player's face was covered in blood coming from his nose. "You can't hit a ref, can you?" said his colleague, "so I sorted him out for you". With that, several of the dazed player's colleagues picked him up and helped him to the touchline where they left him. I knew what had happened but not having seen it I felt I was unable to take any action. I restarted the game and there were no further problems. After the game the dismissed player, looking somewhat the worse for wear, was waiting for me and apologised for his behaviour.

Tony Murphy



The Only Man

Piers Morgan, writing in *The Mail on Sunday Event*, tells of England's 1966 World Cup hero Sir Geoff Hurst giving a funny speech, recounting how a cabbie kept peering at him as he drove to Heathrow Airport. Eventually he said: "Come on mate, give us a clue!"

"Sir Geoff Hurst, MBE" his famous passenger replied, "Played 500 games for West Ham, scored 250 goals, played for England 49 times and still the only man ever to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final."

To which the cabbie replied: "No, you prat. What terminal do you want?"

The Chiltern Referee



A referee is very over-weight, so his doctor puts him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days, skip a day, and repeat the procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five pounds". When the referee had returned he had lost nearly four stone. "That's amazing" said the doctor. "Did you follow my instructions?" The referee nods. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day". "From hunger you mean?" queries the doctor. "No" replies the referee. "From skipping." (*The Chiltern Referee*)

“YOUR STARTER FOR TEN”

(A pre-season quiz)

O, Lord. A new season approaches, with lots of fresh opportunities for TV pundits to slag off the best referees in the country. The resulting influence on thousands of junior footballers is plain for all to see. I once suggested that all footballers could be made to pass a test before being allowed to register as players. How about the following questions?

Mark Clattenburg, Danny Murphy, Ian Wright, Martin Keown. Which one of these has the more reliable knowledge of the laws of football and how to apply them?

By sharp contrast with referees, Robbie Savage never made a single mistake in his entire career. True or false?

Which philosopher or TV pundit said: “You’ve got to get in the ref’s face and force him to make the right decision”.

A pundit on TV is “not convinced” by a penalty decision. He describes it as “a bit harsh”. Under which law of football is a referee enabled to compromise by awarding half a penalty kick?

A pundit remarks that the players are “entitled to have a go at the referee for that”. Explain how that entitlement arises and why the law about dissent does not apply.

David Moyes disputes the award of a free kick. He says the foul was not intentional. Under which law does “intent” determine whether a foul has been committed?

How many action replays is a referee allowed to call for, before making a decision?

In the event of a disputed decision, who is the final arbiter? (A) Alan Shearer, or (B) Alan Shearer.

End of test.

Mick Flannigan.



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- ◆ "ILLITERATE? Write today for free help." (*Display ad in newspaper*)

Changing Times; Changing Views

What happened to the Laws of the Game? Ted Ring

Turn the clock back eighty or so years and you would find life different as a referee. Your kit would be nothing like the one you wear today, and you would probably look smart in your black blazer.

You would have, if you were fortunate, goal-nets on your field, and with further luck you would have two linesmen, not Assistant Referees.

Nowadays, most referees have access to the current Laws of the Game via the Internet. Back in the 1930s, you would have to keep up to date by buying a copy of **The Referees' Chart and Player's Guide to the Laws of the Game**. Published by The Football Association, the small-sized booklet cost 3d in the money used at that time; you could have it sent to your home by post, which would add 1d to your outlay.

The pages were quite different in layout, the Laws being presented across a double-page spread. On the left was the index, in the second column was the text of the Law, and then came a column about punishments for infringements. There followed any international decisions that pertained to that section of the Laws. There were also separate columns for instructions to referees, secretaries and players.

As now, the total number of Laws was 17, though the sequence was quite different. The present-day Law Five is about Referees. Back in the 1930s it was about throw-ins, Law Eight, now offside, dealt with goalkeepers, and Law Twelve was about the condition of football boots!

Here is an example of an instruction to referees about Hand Ball; *"It may be the line of least resistance to penalise a player whenever the ball touches his arm, but it is not justice to do so unless it is an INTENTIONAL act"*. What would our Premier League coaches think of that?

Referees were instructed to *"compare watches with the linesmen"*. Did he tell them that his watch was better than either of theirs?

Now for an Instruction to Players: *"Let the linesman give HIS DECISION. All the claiming in the world will not alter it, unless the Referee shall see fit to Interfere."* Yes, the capital letters were there.

Players were also told this - *"Let the charging be of the good honest type."*

How about this on for payers? *"Under no circumstances whatever must you push an opponent with your hands or arms, or use the elbow or knee against him."* Are you smiling at the thoughts of how many times you see this on Match of the Day?

Even more: *"Players must not question a referee's decision, but accept it without demur. To approach and argue with a referee, to touch him or Show dissent is ungentlemanly behaviour for which a player must be cautioned and on repeat of it be ordered off."*

All the comments you have just been reading were taken from a **1936-37** copy of **The Referees' Chart**. Stanley Rous revised the Laws completely in 1938, when he was the FA Secretary, giving them a format very similar to the one we use today.

One final thought is this - just what would people like Messrs Mourinho and Diego Costa think if they were to be given a copy of the old Chart?

(Originally appeared in November 2015 edition of Benchmark, the magazine of the Sheffield & Hallamshire RA and spotted in the Chiltern Referee)

Let's give referees the chance to use Clattenburg's brand of common sense

Alan Brazil writing in The Guardian "You are the Ref" 11th June 2016

It's great to be here in the thick of it for this huge festival of football in France and I've been lucky enough to be out and about enjoying the sunshine as well, in between presenting the breakfast show for TalkSPORT every morning.

However, that does not mean the bread and butter of English football has been banished from my mind, and in particular the fact that what referees are told in itself can cause problems, whether it's with the elite international teams, our own Premier League or even those playing every weekend in the park.

We will all watch with interest to see how the new triple jeopardy ruling plays itself out, but I do foresee problems in its implementation.

When it comes to an offence which would be deemed a foul anywhere else on the pitch, I know the key word is the discretion of the referee, but if it occurs in the box it ALWAYS has to be a penalty for me.

I just hope at Euro 2016 we do not see players get away with more as a result of the changes. Whether it's the last man we are talking about or not, I want referees to show leadership and punish fouls by the same standard wherever they occur. And yes, that does include grappling, which I have always regarded as a disgrace. Obstructing, grabbing, pulling and whatever else at a set-piece is not some modern phenomenon, it's something that's gone on since long before my own playing days.

How do you deal with it? Easy.

You simply warn the players before the game. You tell them that you promise, here and now, that if you catch them at it during the game you will book them and give a penalty, end of.

Of course, in the case of a tournament, that can lead to seemingly drastic measures early on until the players have got the message – but it's got to be worth it.

To return to the end of our own season for a moment, one of the best Premier League games I have seen in years was the one which gave Leicester City the Premier League title by default – Spurs versus Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Now I dare say Mark Clattenburg found himself marked down for his performance, possibly due to the periods where it appeared things were getting out of control in this pulsating 2-2 draw.

For me, however, he deserves credit for his part in a thrilling game that anyone with any intelligence saw coming. There you had Chelsea, who'd had such a dreadful season, not only out there with something to prove, but provided with their London neighbours to prove it to.

And, of course, you had a pumped-up Tottenham side going all out to keep the pressure on the leaders until the final weekend of the season. It made for one hell of a game and, for me, Clattenburg exhibited common sense more than anything else. It's at times like these, surely, that we should show referees we are supporting them, not make so much out of the kind of things that anyone could have missed.

It needed someone to take account of the importance of the game, not just to those participating, but to those watching worldwide. Fans of our Premier League are committed far and wide and the stakes get higher season by season.

Clattenburg's common sense was just what the game needed, so let's have more of the same once the French festivities have faded and the Euros have been put to bed.



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Pages from Yesteryear

!1992 1/2 season saw a series of articles which appeared in The Warbler written by Dave Brice, a member of our Society at the time, with his rather amusing definitions of the A to Z of Football.

Here is A to C (Apologies for the capital letters, this how it appeared originally)

AAHH ME JABBERS

CRY FROM THE DRESSING ROOM SHOWERS WHICH REMINDS THE GROUNDSMAN HE OUGHT TO GET THE BOILER CHECKED MORE OFTEN.

ABSTINENCE

CONDITION WHEREBY A PLAYER IS FORCED TO DENY HIMSELF THE PLEASURES OF THE FLESH, BECAUSE EITHER THE BALL OR AN OPPONENT HAVE STRUCK HIS JABBERS .

ACTION WALLY

COACH'S RALLYING CRY FROM THE TOUCHLINE , AIMED AT MOTIVATING WALLY INTO BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE GAME AND STOP HIM STANDING AROUND ADJUSTING HIS JOCK-STRAP.

ADRIANS WALL

UNORTHODOX DEFENSIVE TACTIC . 9 PLAYERS LINE UP ,SIDE ON TO THE BALL, FORMING A DENSE DEFENSIVE WALL , NOT UNLIKE A CRASHED CONGA CHAIN. ALL THE PLAYERS WILL LOOK UNHAPPY IN THIS INTIMATE CRUSH, ALL THAT IS EXCEPT ADRIAN WHO SWEARS HE SAW LIVERPOOL DO IT ONCE.

AGGRESSIVE

TECHNICAL TERM FOR A PLAYER WHO DURING THE PRE-MATCH WARM UP, LAYS OUT TWO OF HIS OWN TEAM.

AN AGATHA

FAMOUS ' WHODUNNIT' IN THE DRESSING ROOM. PRIME SUSPECT USUALLY OWNS UP TO EATING CURRIED BEANS THE NIGHT BEFORE.

BAD PATCH

17 GAMES AND LESS POINTS THAN A PLUCKED HEDGEHOG.

BALL

PRESSURISED LEATHER BLOB, THAT PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KICK AROUND THE FIELD RATHER THAN THEIR OPPONENTS.

BALLS

(SEE GOOLIES)

BATH

FAMOUS RUGBY PLAYING CITY IN THE SOUTH WEST WITH AN ANCIENT COMMUNAL BATH.

BAGSHOT REC

NOT SO FAMOUS BUT WITH JUST AS ANCIENT COMMUNAL BATH.

BEAU GESTE

FOREIGNER WHO PLAYS FOR THE LOCAL LEGION TEAM.

'BEAU LOCKS REF'

FOREIGN PHRASE OFTEN USED BY PLAYERS WHO HAVE JUST BEEN PUNISHED, ROUGHLY TRANSLATED IT MEANS 'ANY CHANCE OF REVERSING THAT DECISION REF?'

BEER

SOLD IN PINTS BUT BOUGHT IN ROUNDS.

BEER MAT

THOUGHTFULLY PUT ON PUB TABLES TO ENABLE TEAMS TO BE PICKED.

BENDER

FULLBACK WHO CAN'T KICK STRAIGHT.

BICYCLE KICK

POPULAR METHOD OF EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH A REFEREE'S DECISION. GO AND KICK HIS BIKE.

BIG BOOT

POPULAR DEFENSIVE TACTIC. EVERY TIME THE BALL COMES NEAR THE SWEEPER, HE GIVES IT AN ALMIGHTY CLOUT VAGUELY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE HALF WAY LINE. SHOULD THE BALL REACH HIS OWN FORWARDS THERE WILL BE A CHORUS OF 'NICE BALL', SHOULD IT GO TO AN OPPONENT THERE WILL BE A CHORUS OF ABUSE AT THE FORWARDS FOR NOT BEING 'WHERE THE BALL LANDED

BLIND SIDE RUN

OFFENSIVE TACTIC, WHEREBY A PLAYER RUNS BLINDLY DOWN A FLANK AND SPEARS HIMSELF OF THE CORNER FLAG.

BLINDER

TECHNICAL TERM FOR A PLAYER WHO SURPASSES HIS USUAL TEAM PERFORMANCE. TO CELEBRATE HE GETS BLIND DRUNK.

BOOGERS

COACHES TERM OFTEN HEARD IN HALF TIME PEP TALKS. MANAGER " RIGHT YER BOOGERS , SECOND HALF YER BETTER POOL YER SOCKS OOP, OR I'LL SEND ALL YOU CLOWNS BACK TO FOO KINGS CIRCUS

BOOKED

ON FIELD TERM FOR WHEN A PLAYER IS OFFICIALLY CAUTIONED FOR HIS CONDUCT WHICH HAS GOT UP THE REFEREE'S NOSE.

BREATHER

PERIOD OF TIME IT TAKES FOR THE LUNGS TO CATCH UP WITH THE LEGS. CAN BE DISTURBING TO THE UNINITIATED EAR WITH ALL THOSE PLAYERS, HUFFING, PUFFING AND HONKING, LIKE A HERD OF OVER EXCITED DONKEYS.

CALLING FOR THE BALL

PLAYERS WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR TEAM MATES TO PASS THEM THE BALL SHOULD GIVE A LOUD , FIRM , POSITIVE CALL , SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF 'PASS IT OVER HERE YOU GREEDY PONCE'

CAMERAMAN

UNDOUBTEDLY THE UNSUNG HERO OF TELEVISED FOOTBALL. THE CONCENTRATION OF A TEST MATCH OPENER, THE ANTICIPATION OF A CHAMPION BOXER, AND THE RESILIENCE OF SCOTT OF THE ANTARCTIC. ON THOSE RARE OCCASIONS THAT THEY ARE SHOWN, IN MID JANUARY, SHROUDED BY A BIT OF PLASTIC, RAIN RUNNING DOWN THEIR ON PAPER BUT WAS A RAW DEAL, IT HAS TO BE THIS!

CAPTAIN

PLAYER APPOINTED TEAM LEADER. SOME TAKE THEIR JOB SERIOUSLY OTHERS JUST CALL HEADS OR TAILS.

CONTROL

PLAYER WHO CAN SMOKE A PACKET OF FAGS BEFORE A MATCH, WITHOUT COUGHING UP HIS LUNGS AFTER IT.

CARTHORSE

GOOD OLD FASHIONED NAME FOR THE 'STOPPER', CENTRE HALF OR 'BUSTLING' CENTRE FORWARD. FAIRLY APPROPRIATE TOO, UGLY, BLINKERED, SLOW, LOUSY TURNING CIRCLE BUT CAPABLE OF RUNNING THROUGH ANYTHING. CARTHORSES NEVER SIDE-FOOT THE BALL OUT OF PLAY IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS, THEY TRY TO TAKE OUT HALF OF ROW Q, AND THEY'RE PROUD OF IT.

To Be Continued

IS IT TRUE? From The Warbler October 1991

Colin Harvey was having a torrid time at the start of the season and decided, much against his better judgment, to approach Kenny Dalglish for advice.

"Kanny, tell me how is it that I spend more money than you on players, yet you're always the top team." "Well, it's like this," replied Kenny, "I only sign players with some intelligence."

In order to prove his point, Dalglish called in John Barnes and asked him the following question. 'Tell me, John, who is your father's father's son's son?' "No problem, boss, it's me," came the instant reply. "See what I mean," Kenny added, "It really pays off."

Back at Goodison, Harvey decided to check out the Dalglish theory, so after training he called in Pat Nevin. "I want to ask you a question, Pat. Tell me, who is your father's father's son's son?" A bemused Nevin looked down then replied, "Can I think about that boss and tell you tomorrow?"

After a sleepless night mulling over the conundrum, Pat reported for training. He couldn't do a thing right; he missed every shot, overstruck every cross and failed to beat even one player. This total loss of form proved too great a mystery for Neville Southall to keep quiet about. He asked Nevin what was up. 'The boss asked me a question yesterday and I don't know the answer.' Neville replied, "Ask me, I might be able to help out".

"OK. Tell me this. Who is your father's father's son's son?" asked Pat. "That's easy, it's me isn't it."

Armed with this new found knowledge, Pat strode into Colin Harvey's office. "Right boss, ask me again."

"All right Who is your father's father's son's son?" "No problem, it's Neville Southall!" to which Harvey replied, "Don't be so stupid - it's John Barnes you idiot!"

From The Arbiter (Barking & Dagenham RS)

Dates for your Diary 2016/17

8th August	Society Meeting	Tim Lawrence & Vince Penfold
5th September	Society Meeting	Alex Bradley
3rd October	Society Meeting	David Cook
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The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork **The Whistling Referee**

Part 48 – The Two Card Trick

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Refs kit: Clean kit with shiny boots

It was one of those incidents that to be honest even baffled me.....I had already cautioned the Cockfosters Casuals number ten for simulation about five minutes ago when he again fell to the ground holding his knee. I was situated about fifteen yards from the incident and in my opinion I did not think any contact had been made. Based on the fact I had already cautioned the player I knew this was another cautionable offence and this being the player's second card would mean I would also be producing a red card as well.

I informed the player as to why he was being cautioned and duly produced the yellow and then red cards. The player pleaded his innocence and insisted contact had been made and it was the opponent who should in fact be cautioned. A number of Casuals players surrounded me and they were all claiming that I had made an error as their player definitely did not show simulation by diving and that he fell to the ground as contact was made and that a foul had been committed. The Casuals captain insisted that I look at the number tens knee. And there it was.....I could clearly see the stud marks on his leg and it did not look very nice!

This got me thinking.....

Play had not restarted so could I award a direct free kick the other way?
Could I withdraw the yellow and red card?
Could I now caution the defender?
We could just restart but how?

I decided that once cards have been issued that they cannot be withdrawn. This would also show all the players that I had made a mistake. I knew that when the report was sent to the county football association I would include a covering letter to explain the circumstances and that hopefully that no further disciplinary action would be taken against the player concerned.

The player was not happy with my decision but did leave the field of play.

Play continued for the next few minutes and I was hoping that this incident would be the last one before the match ended. This article has continued for over five years.....how many more incidents can a referee have in one match! Well it was no surprise when the next incident occurred. Casuals attacked the Rovers goal and the Casuals player took a shot. It was no where near the goal and I awarded a goal kick to the Rovers

. I intended to be positioned in the proximity of the half way line to ensure that I had a good view of any holding or pushing. The goal keeper placed the ball and I began sprinting towards the half way area. I was hoping the goalie might wait for a few seconds for me to be in position but he decided to take the kick straight away.

If it was any other referee the ball would be kicked high in the sky and land near the half way line as it had done for the entire match. But no, not this time as the ball hit the back of my shoulder, bounced up in the air, leaving the goal area and falling at the feet of the Casuals player who kicked the ball straight into the goal. After being congratulated by his team mates he said 'Well done Ref, that was a great assist'. That comment caused me further embarrassment. No offence had been committed and I knew I had to award the goal.

The Rovers players felt I had allowed the goal to make amends for sending off the Casuals player in error. I explained one decision had nothing to do with the other and I added that the referee 'was a goal post' meaning play just continues if the ball hits the goal post, corner flag post or the referee. One of the Rovers players said 'That's what you are Ref, a post!' I had never been called a 'post' before and even though I felt his comment was worthy of a caution for dissent I choose to ignore the comment.

Has a player ever called you a 'post' before?
 Would you have cautioned the player?
 Is it right to conveniently 'not hear' a players comments?

Next time I'll tell the goalie to wait until I reach the half way line before they take the goal kick.

What will happen next time.....read on!

See you all soon

Regards,



Willy Woodwork

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

The things they say



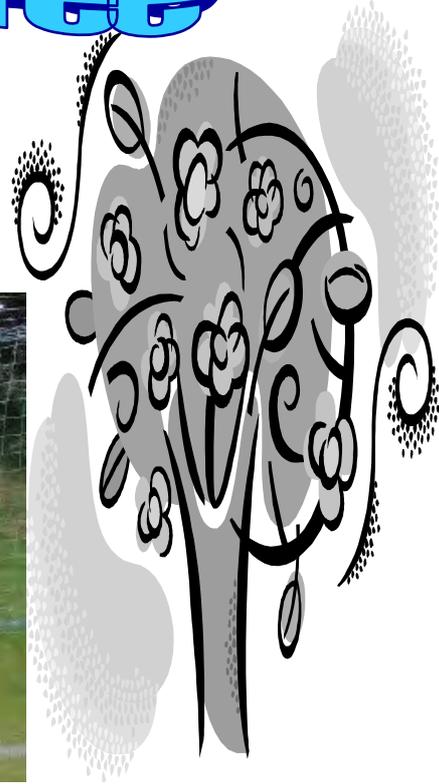
Mr J, the Highways Committee Chairman said, "We intend to take the road through the cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned"
West London Observer

"Nobody in their right minds would want to be in a psychiatric hospital."
Dr Mike Harris

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Tom Ellsmore
Callum Peter
Shawn Barclay



Shawn, Tom, Chris and Callum - "In the pink"

Congratulations also to **Tom Ellsmore** for being chosen to join the new The FA Centre of Referee Excellence (see page 25)



Colin Barnett (L)
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Dave Cooper
(R)

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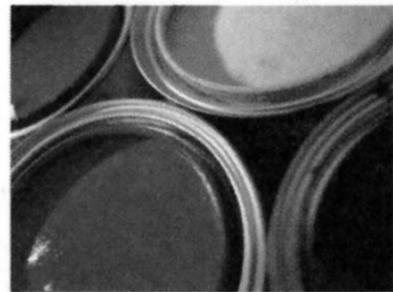
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Why do footballers fake injury?

One of the most truly irritating aspects of watching a football match is when you see a 'professional' player drop to the floor writhing around in agony only to swiftly hop up again on his feet once he's managed to sway the referee's mind into giving him a free kick, or even worse, a penalty.

In spite of the fact that millions of people are watching the game from either inside the stadium or at home, and broadcasters are able to show slow-mo replays of a potential clash or cynical challenge on repeat, players still feel the need to fake injury and think that they will get away with it. So why do footballers fake injury?

These days there are many legitimate injuries that player's suffer from that can affect their playing days and there have already been some horrendous injuries at the start of this season. However, feigning injury has become a significant part of the professional game and unfortunately it's becoming more and more common. So much time on the pitch is wasted these days with faux injuries which simply slow up the game.

Statistically speaking, only a small proportion of players who end up hitting the ground are actually injured with most simply getting back upon their feet in next to no time. Many critics and fans alike lambaste players who consistently try and get away with faking their in-game injuries with many building notable reputations for doing so. Stand up Ashley Young at Manchester United and Arjen Robben at Bayern, to name a couple.

Decades ago football was a wholly different affair with clashes and collisions being part and parcel of the game but in this modern era the grit, strength and general coming together of players has become far more guarded. Players are certainly more protected and there are definitely a small percentage of players out there now who regularly take full advantage of this. Arguably the faking of an injury is certainly not within the spirit of the game and surely cannot be considered to be morally just or a positive example of good sportsmanship.

Even a 50-50 battle for the ball can quite rapidly turn into a decision going for or against a certain team. So with any sort of slight contact with another player some professionals feel the need to over exaggerate the minor contact and suddenly hit the ground like they have been shot - then backing up with a ridiculous number of rolls along the ground to put the finishing touch to their misleading act. Rightly or wrongly, most English football followers trace the roots of this ridiculous behaviour to Latin or South American countries, with the influx of players from these nations having risen sharply in the last decade. Anyone who has watched the Brazilian and Argentinean national teams will testify to a lack of unsporting behaviour when it came to diving and this seems to have infiltrated English football.

Whether we will ever be able to eradicate diving is the source of much conjecture, but surely football associations around the world could do more to stop this from blighting the beautiful game?

(Ed. Spotted in The Chiltern Referee. Most infuriating is the player who receives an innocuous knock to a part of his body and than falls to the ground clutching his face or head. Such action should I think be dealt with by an retrospective red card)

The FA Centre of Referee Excellence (CORE) is part of the new National Referee Strategy which aims to provide an identified number of Referees with quality training, education and development opportunities delivered both centrally and across a number of regions. Surrey FA are proud to announce that 8 of our referees have been selected as part of this prestigious group.

FA CORE is part of the National Referee Strategy and is a group of referees selected that are deemed to have clear potential to progress in Refereeing. The FA CORE provides a platform to enable, hone and develop this progression. Referees involved in FA CORE at all levels are chosen as they have the skillset of:

- Focus and Commitment
- Enthusiasm to progress
- Off-field attitude
- Professionalism
- Fitness

Congratulations to our prestigious referees who have been selected to join this elite group. The referees selected are as follows:

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FA CORE 2

Jack Oxenham

Stephen Matthews

FA CORE 3

Aaron Goodwin

Daniel Hayes

Harrison Read

Tom Ellsmore

The above referees, along with their counterparts selected from other County FA's across the country will benefit from a season long programme where the FA will provide them with a trained, motivated and accredited Referee Coach who will be the point of contact throughout their time on FA CORE at that specific tier of the structure. The 5 tiers of the FA CORE programme provide training, education, development and coaching for Referees from level 7 to level 2b.

Tim Lawrence, Referee Development Officer at Surrey FA, commented: *“Surrey FA are delighted to have had 8 referees selected for the FA Centre of Referee Excellence, which is part of the National Referee Strategy.”*

FA launch blitz on ref abuse By MATT BARLOW. Daily Mail

THE rulers of English football have declared a crackdown on bad behaviour and promised a blitz of yellow and red cards to end ugly scenes like last season's Battle of the Bridge between Chelsea and Tottenham. The Premier League, Football League and the FA have joined forces in a bid to eradicate verbal and physical dissent and aggressive conduct towards match officials in the new season. It will extend to coaching staff in the technical area. Players and staff from the top 92 clubs in the country will be informed of changes in the way existing rules will be interpreted when the season starts next month and shown training videos of what to expect. Examples include Chelsea's Diego Costa screaming into the face of Michael Oliver, Watford's Odion Ighalo berating an assistant referee and Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Dorus De Vries chasing halfway down the pitch to protest a decision. There will be yellow cards for dissent and red cards for more serious infringements such as insulting or offensive language and gestures, and deliberate physical contact with officials. The authorities have also vowed to improve refereeing standards with more full-time officials — 18 referees and 36 assistants in the Championship.

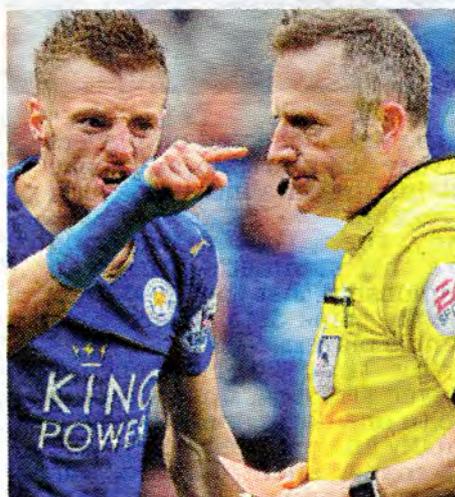
Areas where the existing laws of the game will be more rigorously enforced are:

- ◆ Dissent, including reactions such as slamming the ball into the ground and verbally disputing a decision will result in a yellow card.
- ◆ Stronger reactions such as insulting or abusive language or gestures towards match officials will result in a red card. Physical contact with match officials will attract a yellow and possibly a red card.
- ◆ When two or more players crowd the officials it will result in a yellow card or one player at least and trigger the FA's existing review system.
- ◆ Enforcement of the code of conduct in technical areas.
- ◆

Officials will have to refrain from over-familiarity with players, managers and coaching staff because it threatens to compromise their neutral status. Martin Glenn, Richard Scudamore and Shaun Harvey, chief executives of the FA, the Premier League and the Football League respectively, agree standards have been eroded and that previous campaigns had lost impetus.

Glenn said: 'We want passion and intensity but there is a line'

The match between Chelsea and Tottenham in May was littered with confrontations which earned the clubs fines totalling £600,000, before the punishments were reduced on appeal. 'That was a guilty pleasure for me' said Scudamore. 'I loved it and you couldn't say it wasn't compelling viewing but I felt there was an element that wasn't right. The Ighalo incident is more of an example to me of what looks wrong.'



Red mist: Jamie Vardy berates Jon Moss after being sent off

Graham Poll – The Official Line

TWO thoughts spring to mind. First, It is about time something was done to try to Improve the behaviour of players and their respect towards officials. Second, I'll believe it when I see it. For too long referees have hidden behind panels requesting — almost to the point of pleading — to be respected. But the laws of the game are simple: if a player abuses or insults a referee or his assistants, he must be dismissed. Yet, for the past 10 seasons, not one Premier League player has been sent off for this offence. This new initiative is backed by all of English football's stakeholders -including the Premier League, Football League, Professional Footballers' Association and anyone else you care to mention — but the only way it will work is if referees are prepared to stand up and issue these cards. But I hope this works and I will be watching very closely to see if it does.

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was a Sunday league game in the sixties. This game had an edge to it. Both teams were sponsored by public houses which were only a short distance away from each other. There was intense rivalry between them and I was told there had been a lot of hype leading up to the game. There were even stories that a few side wagers had been placed on the game but I'm not sure if they were true.

The game was played on a private pitch and there was a crowd of spectators down each touchline. It was the sort of game I enjoyed, physical, hard, no quarter given or taken with plenty of noise and support from the touchline. The players, responding accordingly, were totally committed and only wanted to get on with the game. They weren't interested in me and advantage was the easiest clause to apply.

I had no problems until the second half. A full back, stocky and well built, standing on the wing level with his own penalty area, received the ball and started to run down the touchline. As he crossed the half way line a spectator stuck out a foot, tripping him up and sending him sprawling on his face. There were great roars of laughter as he picked himself up and walked slowly towards the crowd. I was quite close to the player and he seemed totally in control of himself. Turning to the spectator he said, "That was funny, I suppose you think you're very clever?" The spectator, still laughing, nodded his head. He never saw the two punches that knocked him out. There was total silence and the crowd just looked on.

The player, still in control, looked at me and calmly said, "Don't worry about me, ref, I'm going. I've had enough of football. I'm packing it all in." With that he turned and, just like Moses parting the Red sea, walked through the crowd of dumfounded spectators who had gathered around the incident, to the changing room. I called on a trainer to sort the spectator out and then finished the game without any further problems. Having got the player's name from the club Secretary I sent in my report and I never heard anything more.

Tony Murphy

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What Would You Do?

(answers to April issue courtesy of The Chiltern Referee)

Q 1. During the half time interval a group of substitutes who have been warming up started fighting. When you step on the FoP one of them is on the ground with an arm injury. A TV producer says he filmed the entire incident. What would you do?

A1. *Organise medial help. You didn't see the incident, so advise both clubs that you will be reporting the incident, and ensure the video evidence is retained. If the injured sub cannot continue, he cannot be replaced on the bench by another squad member as the game is underway.*

Q 2 Play is within the penalty area. A Blue defender inadvertently slips, gifting a Red striker an easy scoring opportunity. As the striker shoots, the defender puts his hand between the boot and the ball. The striker kicks the hand on to the ball, and the shot goes wide. As the defender screams in agony. What do you do?

A2. *Organise medical help for the defender, then show him a red card for DOGSO. The defender's action was deliberate - the striker accidentally caused the injury. Restart with a direct free kick to the attackers, or a penalty if the incident took place inside the penalty area.*

Q3 The Blues keeper parries a direct free kick to a Red striker who was standing in the defensive wall. As the striker scores, your Assistant flags for offside. The striker tells you he was only offside because the wall edged forwards over your foam line as the ball was hit. What would you do?

A3. *You must rule the attacker offside. When he received the ball he was gaining an advantage. It's tough (and reflects badly on you) but you have to restart with an indirect free kick to the defence.*

Q4. A Blue player standing outside the FoP, throws an object with excessive force at a barracking spectator standing 3m behind the touchline. What would you do?

A4. *Stop play. Dismiss the defender for violent conduct. Restart with an indirect free kick where the ball was when the incident occurred.*

Q5 You award a free kick to Blues for a foul just outside the Reds penalty area. You signal for the kick to be taken. The kicker strikes the ball; it hits a post and rebounds unto play and strikes a dog that just ran onto the FoP after the kick was taken. What would you do?

A5. *Stop play. No disciplinary action is required. Restart with a dropped ball where it was when play was stopped.*

Q6. A defender, while correctly taking a throw-in, intentionally throws the ball on to a Red opponent's back, not in a careless nor a reckless manner nor using excessive force. As the ball rebounds to the Blue taker he kicks the ball into the opponent's goal. The red player, annoyed at having the ball throw at his back, spits at the Blue player, but misses. What would you do?

A6. *Award a goal. Dismiss the Red player for spitting. Restart with a kick off.*

Q7 To evade an opponents tackle, a Blue attacker kicks the ball past the opponent, the ball remaining in the FoP. The attacker runs over the touchline into the opponents technical area and without provocation, strikes the physio. What do you do?

A7. *Stop play. Dismiss the Blue attacker for violent conduct. Restart with an indirect free kick where from where the ball was when play was stopped.*

(Ed. Questions 1-3 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion. Questions 4-7 were taken from the National RA Quiz final 2015.)

What Would You Do?

Question 1.

The fourth official holds up his board, signalling for Red number 9 to come off. But after the change is complete and before play has restarted, the player's manager, who was busy talking to his staff, looks up and realises the wrong player has come off. You approach your colleague, who sheepishly admits he pressed the wrong button.. What would you do?

Question 2.

You play advantage after a foul on a Blue defender just outside his own area. But when that player, in full control of the ball, immediately tries a long ball up-field, it accidentally strikes a team mate, balloons back over his own keeper and drops into the net. What would you do?

Question 3.

A player scuffs the vital kick in a penalty shoot out, sending the ball towards the goal. The keeper races off his line and kicks the ball only for it to hit you and deflect into the goal. What would you do?

Question 4.

A red forward is brutally flattened by the keeper for an obvious penalty. However, you see the ball go to an unmarked team mate in front of goal, so you play advantage. Unfortunately he slices the ball wide. What would you do?

Question 5.

You have awarded a penalty. The swirling wind means the ball won't stay on its spot, and being an artificial pitch, the taker cannot keep the ball still. What would you do?

Question 6.

A header from a Red attacker hits the left post, then the right post, and then bounces back into the field of play. You are 100% certain the ball did not cross the goal line. But your wrist strap buzzes to signal your assistant thinks it did. What would you do?

Question 7.

A striker celebrates a stunning goal by making the sign of the cross and praying on his knees. The beaten goalkeeper is outraged, insisting the striker has breached UEFA Rules on religious messages. What would you do?

Question 8.

Before a penalty is taken the identified taker calmly walks towards the goal-keeper points to a spot 30 cm inside the post and tells him, "There - I'm going to place the ball right there". He then walks back to take the kick. What would you do?

(Ed. Questions 1-2 were taken from Touchlines, Sutton RS. Questions 3-5 were taken from the Eccles Informer, October 2015. Questions 6-8 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion).

Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

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