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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 13th August

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
- ◆ Guest Speakers



Pat Bakhuizen
Law Changes for 2018/19

- ◆ Society Business
- ◆ 10pm Close

The next meeting will be on
Monday 3rd September
The deadline for September Warbler is
Friday 24th August

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

From the Chair

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the new season, nothing much has happened over the last few weeks apart from some minor football in Russia and a massive heatwave in Europe. Other than that it's been a quiet break!

England did very well in Russia, and on the whole VAR didn't spoil the football too much, and I'm sure in the seasons to come we will see it being used more and more. But hopefully the FA will still remember us at grass roots level and offer us the support we need! In the meantime remember we are here at the Society to support each other and to help everyone who may need a bit of support, advise or just a chat.

Good luck to all of you for the season ahead in what ever role are doing, remember to enjoy yourself and have fun.

See you soon

Pat



Membership and Accounts

2017/18 Membership	2018 Current Status	
126 Full Members	General	£2,938.49
7 Friends	Supplies	£214.35
1 Affiliate Member	Belgium	£0.00
66 Referees trained in 2016/2017	Training Fund	£851.97
92 Referees trained in 2017/2018	Youth Fund	£113.50
	Total	£4,118.3

Those Referees' !!



“ I was surprised first of all that I was sent off for what I said. It's like if the speed limit is 60mph - sometimes you are not caught when you drive 70moh and sometimes you are caught when you drive 61mph. I drove 60.5mph.”

Arsene Wenger is banished to the stands

“Newcastle are a good team, like Everton. At Everton, there are 30,000 referees, in Newcastle there are 50,000”

Jose Mourinho sees referees everywhere

Just a Sec!

- ◆ If you've not already renewed your RA membership then please can you complete the application form, a copy of which you'll find on page 19, and send along with your subscription to Bryan Jackson. An application form is also available on our website <http://www.wokingreferees.co.uk>.
- ◆ Make sure you get along to our next meeting on 13th August so you'll be fully conversant with the Law Changes and Amendments for 2018/19. A copy is included on page 10 and 11. Callum, our supplies officer will be there with his big black bag for you to restock with match cards, whistles etc ready for the new season.
- ◆ With the current hot weather, one new law amendment which would be particularly relevant is the one minute for additional drinks breaks. Not a long time, but there doesn't seem to be a stipulation as to how many breaks you can allow.
- ◆ I would appreciate anyone letting me know if there are any changes to the Reference Guide on the inside back cover of this magazine.

Mac

Academy News

Hi All

Welcome Back

I hope you all enjoyed the break if you had one some of you it never finished with tournaments and pre season friendlies.

The First Academy Meeting of the New Season will be a little different than previous meetings we will spending time going through the schedule for the whole season meetings including putting dates in your diaries for practical sessions between now and our last meeting in off the season in may.

We will finishing our meeting with "Problem Corner" if anybody has any match situations they wish to discuss from their game or even the World Cup.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the August Meeting

Yours In Football

Gareth

Woking RA Training and Welfare Officer



R.I.P. LEN RANDALL



It is with great sadness that we record the death of Len Randall (28th May 2018). He was involved in many aspects of football and refereeing and the high regard in which he was held in the footballing world was clearly reflected in the large "sell out" number of colleagues present at his funeral. Vince and I attended both on a personal level and also on behalf of Woking Referees Society along with many attendees who came from local, county and national levels.

Readers of this magazine will no doubt be aware how often I reproduced articles he'd written for his own Society namely Chiltern District. His thoughtful and common sense approach to all matters refereeing will be sorely missed.

As well as being a guest speaker at Woking on more than few occasions over the years, I'm sure many of us were "Assesed" by Len on Leagues such as The Suburban and Combined Counties. His insightful assessments I'm sure greatly helped many of us in our refereeing careers. I can still remember when he assessed a Suburban League game on which I was an A/R at Tilehurst – in a snow storm I recall. . Some months later he was a guest at Woking and came and said hello having remembered me from that game, which I thought quite remarkable given how many games he must a have assessed since.

A reflection of his dedication to football in general, is given in the following pen-portrait.

Len, was a member of The Chiltern District Referees Society since 2008 after spells at Uxbridge, Cape Town and Slough, started refereeing in Kent around 1962 but gave up for work reasons. In 1967 he started again but again work intervened. In 1980 his son, Martin, started playing and once again he started refereeing. In 1984 he registered with Middx FA when his son found it embarrassing to have his dad present! After an "ownership" issue between Middx FA and B/B FA was settled Len quickly advanced to Class 1. He then went to South Africa and refereed on the WPSA Premier League – roughly equivalent to our Level 3 – they were said to be desperate for referees! When he came back he was too old for the "pyramid" and hence refereed on local leagues e.g. Old Boys and Chiltonian leagues. But this was to the benefit of off-the-field activities, at which he was to excel.

His playing career was short – ended when he failed a trial with Gillingham aged 15 as a goal-keeper. He recalls two incidents of spectator assault on goalkeepers. First, a grandmother on a 12 yr old lad at Cowley who had upset her grandson. Second, the father of a 25 year old who attacked his son's opponent with an umbrella. Neither were too unsavoury but both had to be dealt with. Len's worst incident came in one of the few games he had to abandon. An U-14 lad fell accidentally doing himself some serious internal damage, and the ambulance took a long time to arrive. Len made Wembley twice! - on the line at the Action Sports Final, and in the middle for a Youth Clubs' Representative Final. Crowd on each occasion? – a few hundred!!

Len made an enormous contribution to the RA via many off-the-field activities. For example, at various times he was a Society Magazine Editor; Society & County RA Secretary; a member of the RA Implementation Team that drafted the new constitution; an RA Board Member, RA Treasurer and Chairman. In addition, he was in the vanguard of positive changes re assessing at grassroots level. Not only was he a dedicated practising assessor, but he also skilfully established several local structures to help mentors and assessors. Locally, we have all experienced the very positive manner in which Len contributed to our monthly meetings providing a wealth of inspiration and knowledge.

But it was at the national RA level that Len excelled. Since 2004, he played a major role in the reorganisation and restructuring of the National RA. He was a founder member of the RA Board in 2004 and held office as RA Chairman and RA Treasurer. Len was an influential member of the Constitutional Review Committee which ultimately resulted in the current Referees' Association Constitution. His undoubted skills, in formulating a credible constitution and overseeing its implementation through times of immense change, were of irreplaceable help to the RA Board, on which he served over two terms. He also generated the draft of a Memorandum of Procedures to be followed by the Benevolent Fund Trustees when considering an application for assistance from the Benevolent Fund. In addition, the foundations of the current Development Weekend were laid under his stewardship.

My thanks to Brian Richards of The Chiltern Referee who wrote the majority of the above in The Chiltern Referee.

Watt? – nearly a bizarre red card!

Former Arsenal prospect Sanchez Watt was briefly given his marching orders in a bizarre fashion when his surname caused confusion in a National League South match. Watt had been booked for kicking the ball away in Hemel Hempstead's clash with East Thurrock United, but seemed set for another card when the referee went to put the 27-year-old's name in the book.

What Dean Hulme heard he did not like as he took the response as a display of insolence as he handed Watt his marching orders; only to have a change of heart as Hemel players rushed to their team-mates defence. It was the intervention of club captain Jordan Parkes that saved Watt from an early exit as Hemel secured a 2-0 win with the striker scoring the second goal that keeps them in contention for a play-off spot in the NLS.

Watt, once targeted by Barcelona as a youngster, has enjoyed a nomadic career since leaving Arsenal in 2013, turning out for Colchester United, Indian Premier League side Kerala Blasters and Billericay Town. (*Acknowledgements to Evening Standard 07/03/18*).

One assumes the referee would have eventually spotted the player's name on his copy of the team-sheet.

Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

Mike Coventry

Last Month's Meeting

28 Members and guests, along with Ray Mallery chairman of the Surrey County RA, attended the May meeting of Woking RA on 14th May 2018.

The evening was opened by the Chairman who started the proceedings by presenting the Chairman's Cup to Richard Adamson, who accepted on behalf of Meadow Sports who were this year's recipients.

He then presented the Dennis Wells Memorial Trophy for the Young Referee of the Year to William Siegmund, who was the winner this year.

The next item was the 90th birthday celebration. The chairman invited former chairman, Paul Gorrige and his wife Jim to toast the society, before the 90th birthday cake was cut and distributed whilst those present enjoyed a finger buffet.

Then it was on to the main part of meeting where society members and level 3 referees, Andy Bennett and Tom Ellsmore recounted their first season as level 3s by showing 4 videos of key decisions from matches they had refereed. Members had the opportunity to take part in an interactive session looking at the videos and to comment on what actions they may or may not have taken. The discussions that were open and informative with members actively involved in deciding how they would have dealt with the situations.

Pat Bakhuizen thanked Andy and Tom and presented them with the customary bottle of wine each.

Following the raffle, the meeting closed at 10:15



Tom & Andy receiving their thanks from Pat



Photos from the May Meeting
Clockwise from below.

- ◆ William, towering over our chairman, receives The Denis Wells Trophy for Young Referee of the Year.
- ◆ A monster birthday cake with much thanks to Mrs Price. Did someone say “where’s the candles?”
- ◆ Richard Adamson receives The Chairman’s Cup on behalf of Meadow Sports FC.
- ◆ Past Chairman Paul and his good lady Jim toasting the Society’s 90th birthday with Chairman Pat



IFAB



Law changes 2018/19 (outline of main changes/clarifications)

Modifications

- There is no limit on the number of substitutes that can be used in youth football
- Permission is needed from The IFAB for any modifications not already permitted
- Temporary dismissals – System B: a player who receives two temporary dismissals and a non-temporary dismissal caution (YC) may not be substituted/replaced

Law 1

- Clarification of measurements on the field of play
- Reference to substituted players being permitted to be in the technical area
- Commercial advertising is not permitted on the ground in the Referee Review Area (RRA)
- Reference to the Video Operation Room (VOR) and Referee Review Area (RRA)

Law 3

- Competition rules may permit the use of an additional substitute in extra time (even if not all permitted substitutes have been used)
- A maximum of 12 substitutes can be named for international 'A' friendly matches

Law 4

- Small, hand-held electronic or communication devices are permitted in the technical area if used for coaching/ tactics or player welfare
- Introduction of a FIFA quality mark for EPTS, and data from EPTS may be received in the technical area during the match
- Detailed guidelines for what can and cannot appear on players' equipment
- Player who has left the field because of an equipment issue and returns without permission and interferes is penalised with a direct free kick (or penalty kick)

Law 5

- Reference to video assistant referees (VARs) and assistant VARs (AVARs) and the ability of a referee to use video replays for decision making as part of VAR system
- Some sending-off offences can be reviewed even if play has restarted
- Distinction between 'on-field' match officials and 'video' match officials
- Match officials are not permitted to wear cameras
- Inclusion of the referee 'check' and 'review' signals used in the VAR process

Law 6

- Duties of the video assistant referee (VAR) and assistant VAR (AVAR)

Law 7

- Drinks breaks should not exceed one minute
- Allowance must be made for time 'lost' for drinks breaks and VAR checks/ reviews

Law 10

- Kicks from the penalty mark – a replacement for a goalkeeper cannot take a kick in that 'round' if the goalkeeper has already taken a kick

Law 11

- The first point of contact when the ball is played/touched is the moment when offside position is judged

Law 12

- Biting is included as a direct free kick and sending-off offence
- Throwing an object at the ball or hitting the ball with a held object are separate direct free kick offences (not a form of handball)
- If the ball rebounds from the goalkeeper this does not prevent the goalkeeper handling the ball a second time even if the first attempt to catch/holds the ball was deliberate
- If the referee plays advantage for a DOGSO the offender is cautioned (YC) whether or not a goal is scored
- Entering the RRA or excessively showing the TV signal are cautions (YCs)
- Where 2 separate cautionable (YC) offences are committed in close proximity, both cautions (YCs) must be issued; same principle if one is a sending off offence
- Entering the VOR is a sending-off (RC) offence
- If a player commits an offence outside the field of play (ball in play) against someone from their own team (including a team official) it is an indirect free kick on the boundary line

Law 13

- Clarification that free kicks can also be awarded for offences by a substitute, substituted or sent off player, or a team official

Law 15

- A player must stand to take a throw-in (kneeling, sitting etc. not permitted)

In addition, the following wording was deleted as it is no longer relevant:

Law 2

- Reference to previous ball quality marks:
Balls carrying previous quality marks such as "FIFA Approved", "FIFA Inspected" or "International Matchball Standard" may be used in aforementioned competitions until 31 July 2017.

Amendments to Red Card Reporting

Currently Referees across the game at all levels when dismissing a player from the field of play are required to write a detailed report of the offence when reporting the dismissal.

The purpose of this report is largely historic and relates to when Players were able to appeal a dismissal and attend a Personal hearing to challenge the report. The move at grassroots level from term based discipline to match based discipline prevented personal hearings for red card offences and was replaced with the wrongful dismissal process.

The requirement to report the detail of the dismissal is not necessary for the Wrongful Dismissal process that now applies at all levels of the game and in fact contributes to confusion as to the purpose of that process.

The ability to claim a Wrongful Dismissal applies where a Club can demonstrate that the decision to send off a player **for the offence** committed was **obviously wrong**.

Clubs often concentrate their submissions on perceived errors in the detail of the report rather than whether the decision to send off **for the offence** was or was not correct. The onus is on the Club to show that the referee was **obviously wrong** in the dismissal offence and where they cannot satisfy that burden any claim should fail.

It has therefore been agreed to amend the reporting process with effect from the start of the 2018/19 season to operate the same as reporting yellow card offences. This change will apply at all levels of the game.

Therefore the referee is only required to report the red card offences as laid out in the laws of the game as follows:

- S1. Serious Foul Play
- S2. Violent Conduct
- S3. Spits at an Opponent or any other person
- S4. Denying the opposing player an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball
- S5. Denies the opposing player an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick
- S6. Uses Offensive, insulting or abusive language
- S7. Receives a second caution in the same match (This offence also requires the referee to report the caution offence for each caution)

Offences of S2 – Violent conduct will be categorised further with the following categories:

- S2 – Violent Conduct - Head to Head contact
- S2 – Violent Conduct - Elbowing
- S2 – Violent Conduct - Kicking
- S2 – Violent Conduct - Stamping
- S2 – Violent Conduct – Striking
- S2 – Violent Conduct – Biting
- S2 – Violent Conduct – Other Unspecified Behaviour*
(* A free text field to capture other Unspecified Behaviour will be available if this option is selected).

There will be no requirement to write any further details for dismissals. This will save the referees time in reporting and avoid supplying unnecessary detail surrounding the offence.

It should be noted that both MOAS and WGS Portal are being amended to permit this change.

Extraordinary Reports

Referees will still be required to write details surrounding extraordinary incidents in the following circumstances.

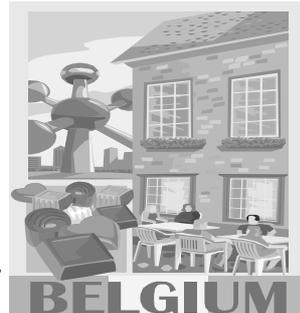
- a. Where the dismissal offence has a more serious impact than the dismissal itself, the referee will be required to submit the dismissal offence as normal and then add a supplementary extraordinary report clarifying why the dismissal was exceptional. Such examples would be where the offence committed included an aggravated breach such as discriminatory language or behaviour (homophobic, sexist or reference to race/colour/religion/ethnicity etc.) or here there was a serious injury caused by the act of violent conduct.
- b. Where further misconduct happened following the dismissal such as the player refusing to leave the field of play or committed other further acts of misconduct following the dismissal.
- c. Where the offences committed were by non-playing staff or spectators.

Mark Ives
Head of Judicial Services

June 2018



BELGIUM 2019?



It was this time last year I wrote an item for the Warbler after our summer Society trip to Belgium. As we visit S.O.L.E.O. (Belgium Referees Society) again at the end of the season, now is the time to start thinking about it. I am sure Dave Cooper will give full details at a future meeting. The hotel is good with plenty of free time to visit Antwerp and do your own thing.

When I went the first time in 2005 I was part of our Society that got to their 11 a side tournament final. On the next visit (which I did not attend) our Society went one better and won the tournament. The Belgium's now have a 7 a side tournament so hopefully we should be able to enter a side from our many younger referees, let's give it a go.

Rewinding to our last meeting credit must go to Andy Bennett and Tom Ellsmore our own members, for a high standard presentation. While it's a bit P.C. for refs to join a Society as they climb the ladder many are not seen but Andy and Tom still make most of our meetings.

During the summer as I work in the BBC Archives part of my job was to transfer a few old 1970s Match of the Day programmes. What stood out to me was how poor the field of play was at most grounds. It makes you wonder if some of our present players could control the ball on a pitch with such a lack of grass. Maybe the players in the 70s were more skilful playing on mud and sand.

Last season I did two Woman's games, F.A. Cup (middle) and F.A. Premier League (line). What I did notice was if any lady fell to the ground and did not get up due to a heavy challenge you knew it was a genuine injury unlike the men who fall over a matchstick and play act in the World Cup, Premier League and even our local parks, how refreshing!

Finally as for the World Cup I have never seen so many lenient referees in the group and early knock out rounds. Players rolling on the floor like they had been shot or a wolf pack round the referee only inches from his face, let's hope this does not spread to our local games. This brings me back to Belgium, after being beaten twice by them in the World Cup let's get out own back and win their Referees football tournament next June.

Enjoy the new season.....

Paul F. Gorringe *Woking R.A.*

How Long is Advantage?

Asks Brian Richards writing in The Chiltern Referee

Our meetings generally throw up some interesting match incidents, leading to valuable discussion and argument. At one such meeting, we re-addressed (have already discussed the subject several times over the past 10-15 years) the intriguing, not to say vital, question of how long does a referee have in order to determine whether advantage has accrued or not? For your decision to remain credible, how long do you have after signalling for advantage, before you either continue with the advantage, or recall play. There was no shortage of views.

Many of our members initially replied 5-6 seconds. But as a member pointed out, 6 seconds is the time allowed to a goalkeeper to have the ball under his control, and this seems an incredibly long time. Of course, the time depends on a plethora of factors, including the level of the game, quality of the game, its temperature, and the ability to use advantage. But surprisingly, there were three main factors quoted and agreed by most of those present, as being of prime importance - and they haven't changed over the past ten years. And these factors were

First, using the time to underline your control. In a hot-tempered or physical game, just 1-2 seconds might be appropriate. (Some argued that in exceptional circumstances, the referee might consider not playing advantage at all!). However, in an open, flowing and well-behaved game the time might be extended to 4-5 seconds without relinquishing any degree of control. It was noted that some referees use advantage to "cop out" of making a decision on a foul, and use the time to re-think quickly through the incident. Use the advantage clause wisely and if in doubt don't use it at all..

Second, any advantage must be firmly signalled. This means both an immediate arm signal with strong vocal support, and strong use of the word "advantage". Of course there must also be a clear indication if the advantage does not accrue and you call play back.

Third, possession is not enough to play advantage. When we consider giving advantage we must remember that it is *advantage to the team*, not just necessary to the player concerned. Having clear possession of the ball (but facing several defenders), with no support, is hardly advantage.

So there is no single answer for the time interval, which may be anywhere in the region 0-6 seconds - it depends on many factors. But it is important to signal clearly and loudly both when you do play advantage, and if subsequently you call play back.

Brian Richards

Mac's Musings

My wife and I have recently returned from a cruise around Japan and I must say that in all our travels I don't think we have ever come across such polite, friendly and welcoming people.

It is also probably the cleanest country we have ever visited much on a par with Singapore. Our cruise ship, as is often the case, mostly docked in commercial ports, which more often than not are an untidy mix of containers, crates, commercial vehicles and other industrial debris either arriving or departing. The Japanese ports we visited were immaculate with everything neatly lined up, the dockside itself clean as a whistle with not a plastic bottle or any discarded litter to be seen. The streets in the towns were the same.

In Sappora, there is a central park about a mile or so in length in the middle of the town where we spent an hour or so strolling through the lovely gardens sampling the local ice cream, the famous Sappora Beer and freshly BBQ'd corn on the cob from small stalls along the way. We then looked for a bin to deposit our plastic cups and food wrapping, but couldn't find one anywhere along the park. Eventually we spotted one near an ice cream stall.

We later remarked upon this seeming paradox of no litter on the streets, but also a lack of litter bins to our delightful guide, who told us that the Japanese always take their litter home. Its something they are all taught from an early age.

Even at the World Cup, I read and saw the reports on TV about the Japanese fans who after their games would always walk along the stands picking up the litter. The same apparently also applied to the players who always made sure their changing rooms were left clean and tidy.

What a contrast to the UK. How often do you find a mass of discarded plastic drinks bottles, tape, food wrappers etc. left beside a football pitch after a local game? As for some of the changing rooms and showers we have to use! I'm sure many are a health hazard harbouring enough bugs to start an epidemic.

Its not just footballers and spectators though is it? Kids often meet up at my local park in the evening and the next day you will find a scattered pile of discarded bottles, fast food wrappers (plus food, which my dog always makes a beeline for) and other detritus, with a waste bin sitting empty only a few feet away. The other one that really winds me up are the disgusting people who think its ok to empty the rubbish from their car by dumping it out the window either as they are driving along, stopped at traffic lights or on the ground in a car park. What is it with these people that they think its acceptable to behave in this manner?

On the subject of the World Cup, as Japan is 8 hours ahead of BST I ended up watching the games at 11pm, 1am or 3am. My good lady was not best pleased when my alarm went off just before 3am to watch the England v Croatia game—particularly as the TV in our cabin stopped working. After phoning up and complaining to Guest Services I was told they were showing the game in one of the bars. So off I trot much to my wife's relief and find about 20 of us English supporters (no Croatians I think) But as well as loosing the bloody bar was closed so we couldn't even drown our sorrows (probably just as well at 5 am)

Mac

Common Sense on the Local Park : *Listening & Speaking*

Shakespeare's Polonius suggested that in life you should "*Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice*". Certainly it would seem to be good advice for football referees. There are those who say that deafness is a useful attribute for match officials, but what they really mean is that although we should hear everything we will not necessarily take action, apart from making a mental note of who has said what and to whom.

In fact, it is very important to listen to the players' conversation with each other because by doing so you will be able to anticipate certain match-play situations, as well as potential flashpoints in relationships between players. The referee who says that he doesn't hear what the players say because he is concentrating exclusively on his own job may well be storing up trouble for himself later in the game.

Certainly, any remarks made to the referee himself should be heeded if not acted upon. In responding to players' comments or questions it is important to consider one's words carefully and keep them to the minimum necessary to convey the required message. This is also true for the conversations initiated by the referee himself.

I remember the occasion when I'd cautioned a player and concluded with the words "Right, off you go!" to which the player, quite naturally, replied, "But I thought it was only a caution." It is definitely not a good idea to attempt to explain decisions to players. To do so only invites further debate and disagreement, some-times leading to a caution for dissent which could have been avoided by just getting on with the game.

It is probably best if the referee limits his speaking to those words necessary for effective administering of cautions and dismissals, and other quiet or public words to maintain discipline. Beyond such matters only single words are some-times needed to communicate effectively with the players. The following might be useful during open play. The reader can decide when each might be appropriate.

"Advantage!" "Play on!" "No foul!" "Accidental!" "Language!" "Still in"

Doubtless we all remember times when we have regretted opening our mouths. I once said to a player, in a moment of frustration, that I had made fewer mistakes than he had, to which he replied, "Yes, but I'm not getting paid for it." The remark I have not yet had the courage to make is reserved for Remembrance Sunday. When before the game, the players ask whether we are going to have a minute's silence, I reply, "I hope I'm going to get ninety minutes' silence, but I don't expect I will!"

In conclusion, we might agree with Shakespeare that, on the whole, *we should only speak when spoken to, and then only sparingly.*

Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was an F A cup qualifying match which, although competitive, was being played in good spirit. I was having a good game, in fact, it seemed I could do nothing wrong. The home team had a comfortable lead and on the left wing a player whose skill and speed were causing the away defence considerable problems. Early in the second half he received a pass on the half way line and with a quick feint was past the defender and sprinting away from him. A second defender coming across to cover was also beaten for speed and so he tried to trip the winger. The winger stumbled, started to lose his balance and began to fall to the ground. The defence relaxed and I blew my whistle quickly, eager to show I was on top of things. Too quickly, in fact, for as I blew my whistle he miraculously recovered his balance and taking control of the ball sprinted past the surprised defenders.

As he heard the whistle he stopped and turned towards me. I was annoyed with myself for being over confident and trying to be too clever but also extremely embarrassed as the advantage was there for everybody to see and I had failed to allow it. There was nothing I could do and as I walked towards him I said, "I'm sorry, I was too quick with the whistle. I should have delayed it and played the advantage." He started laughing and replied, "No problem, ref. You've done alright so far so I'll let you have that one." The rest of the game went well and the incident was never mentioned again.

After the match I was talking to the Secretary. "You're not the first to be caught out by our winger. It's his party piece and he does it every game. In fact, he does so often he's got it off to a T." Driving home, I thought about the incident and whilst, due to the player's attitude, it hadn't been a problem, I was still upset that I hadn't delayed the whistle a second or two. I had the time and it would have been a great advantage to play.

Are other people the same as me. Whenever I enter the changing room at the gym it's empty so I pick a locker and start getting changed. Within five minutes somebody returns from the gym and with the whole changing room available their locker has to be next to mine and we start to get in each other's way. Pardon the pun but I suppose it's Murphy's Law.

Tony Murphy



The Ref was giving one of his Assistants a lift to the game and asked him if would just check that the left hand indicator was working. So the A/R goes round and has a look and says.

"It is ..., it isn't....., it is....., it isn't....., it is..... , isn't



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The following questions were in last year's GED (GCE or year 11 equivalent in UK) examination.

(These are genuine answers).

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house, they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

(Shoot yourself now, there is little hope.)

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.

(Simple, but brilliant)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized: (e.g. The abdomen)?

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A,E,I,O,U

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby.

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Dates for your Diary 2018/19

13th August	Society Meeting - Pat Bakhuizen
3rd September	Society Meeting - Callum Peter "Dana Cup 2018"
1st October	Society Meeting - Tim Lawrence
5th November	Society Meeting - Simon Parbury Secretary Chiltern RA
10th December	Society Christmas Dinner - Hoebridge
7th January	Society Meeting - Aaron Farmer
4th February	Society Meeting - TBA
4th March	Society Meeting and AGM -
1st April	Society Meeting - TBA
13th May	Society Meeting - Keith Hiller aka "Willy Red Card Ref"

There's More !!



Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section.'
A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?
A. A Roman Emperor.
(*Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit.*)

Q. What is a terminal illness?
A. When you are sick at the airport.
(*Irrefutable*)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?
A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.
(*brilliant*)

Q. Name the four seasons
A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

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Adie's Kick Off

The new season looms ever closer with both the SCILW and the G&WAFL anticipating a 9th of September commencement. Thank you to all you guys who have registered and as soon as you have your availability please let me know so that it will avoid any disappointment when the appointments are announced.

We are hoping to organise another Referee evening in late August (date to be announced) so we can bring you up to speed with any changes. I will notify you by e-mail.

No doubt you all enjoyed the FIFA World Cup and all the anticipation when England exceeded the expectations. We will all have our views on the officiating – particularly the pushing, pulling and holding in the box.

The VAR was in action but to my mind it seemed the officials were inconsistent with the usage. Just my view but that was how I saw it. On the subject my view, I am at a loss as to how Serbia did not get a penalty against Switzerland. The poor guy was 'mugged' by two Swiss players and was waived away by the Referee. My eldest son was in Hungary at the time and watched the game – told me his fiancé's father said the Serbs had no chance of winning as it was a German Ref. He is allowed his view as well as me and we all have our own opinions.

Although the weather has been absolutely glorious these past few weeks (in saying that, at the time of writing we are due a wet Sunday) the pitches have obviously been suffering. In my travels they all seem to be yellow with very little green on them. For those of you who are officiating pre-season games and, if this weather continues, please be aware of your footwear selection. Nothing worse than getting to the ground that is like concrete and you only have your studded boots in the bag.

I trust that for those who have already been on holiday you have had a good rest and for us who are married to teaching staff or have children you enjoy your summer vacation and come back feeling rejuvenated.

The Premier League kicks off very soon so at least we shall have some football to watch on a Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and a bit during the week. Perhaps then the tabloids will stop telling us who is being sold/bought or otherwise rejected.

Adie



Willy the 'Red Card' Ref

World Cup Willy



So, the World Cup has been and gone. How I loved it from start to finish to come home from work each night to have the opportunity to watch endless football was wonderful. Match after match and goal after goal.....brilliant. It was interesting listening to the so called experts who have no idea of how to interpret the laws. That is honest but true.

Four years ago at the last World Cup we saw the introduction of the 5th and 6th assistants who just stood on the goal line with a stick in their hand. Trust me it was a stick with no flag at the end. They had the best view in the stadium and I am still trying to work out their responsibilities. Let me know if you know.

Then I thought to myself why can't I be one of those officials. I can stand on the goal line for ninety minutes and just watch the match. But sadly the powers that be made a decision to stop using these officials and introduce the VAR. In my opinion oh dear! We all witnessed players being pulled over and ending on the floor. These were 100% penalties.

I have no issues if these are occasionally missed by the referee but if these incidents can be reviewed on a television and watched from several angles by retired match officials and a penalty still not awarded then I have one question..... What are they looking at?

Am I correct that VAR stands for Virtually Absolutely Rubbish?

Apart from the excessive holding we all witnessed at the taking of corner kicks did we see enough referees being active and shout 'Hands down. No holding! How difficult is it do shout those few words out? If I were the referee for say Spain I would shout '*Sin duda algunalt*' or '*Med latthet*' if it was Sweden. Just making the effort to learn one or phrases will assist the referee with their match control.

Was I the only one to notice that players when they took a throw in never seemed to take the throw from the correct place. They may have started

From the correct place then one step, two steps and so on. Nothing ever being said from the assistant referees. Some of the throw ins were taken after six paces were taken. How difficult was it to say '*From here please*' to the offending player?

I believe we have some of the best officials in the world but we had none at the tournament but how many did we have there?none! For the record I would have been more than happy to have officiated. From the Sunday Park League North to the World Cup what a story that would have made. Would I have made a difference.....Yes! I would not have tolerated any holding at corner kicks and the throw ins would have been taken at the correct place.

Enjoy your season and keep your standards high.

Willy 'the Red Card' Ref



Pages From Yesteryear

OFF WE GO .

The boots are cleaned, the uniforms pressed
and all referees are bursting with zest.
A new season starts and we're raring to go
our bright new whistles already to blow.
But this is in August* there¹ a a winter to come
will we all be so cheerful when it's just a hum drum.
When the players are marching, red cards being flashed
will our hope for the game be broken and smashed?
They will if we think that the laws are quite clear
and we're over pedantic and lacking in cheer,
to go out in the middle with a smile on your face
and leave at the end with a feeling of grace.

The Warbler September 1977 *Norman Southern*

A couple of weeks before Christmas I was out on the park and there were three matches due to be played, [[here was a separate changing room for the officials and as I was the first to arrive had the pick of the coat hooks! Twenty minutes before kick-off I was changed and just about to go into my two teams dressing rooms when one of the other Referees turned up. I introduced myself and said that I'd see him in a few minutes. Ten minutes to kick-off I went back into our dressing room to check my watch, whistle and second pencil. The other Referee was about half changed and the third Referee hadn't even arrived. I was quite taken aback when I noticed my colleagues turn out. He had on odd shorts and tunic, all grey socks (or were they white?) training shoes (not boots) covered in mud and no County badge. However he did wear an R.A. badge and this is what threw me. As before I had spotted it I had formed the opinion that he was one of those -unspoken about creatures who just referee games and have never heard of the R.A. After the game I was quite chuffed to inform him that I was from the Woking R.A. and felt that I had conveyed an air of organisation that seemed to be lacking in his area. Anyone else had a similar experience from their games ?

Roger James Editor of The Warbler January 1977

The above reminds me of when a few years ago I was appointed to run a line in a semi final youth game. Another "mature" ref was in the middle, but the other A/R was a young lad who although he said he was a qualified referee, didn't possess a referees shirt, never mind a county or even an RA badge. I asked him what he wore when refereeing and he just shrugged and said as black t shirt.

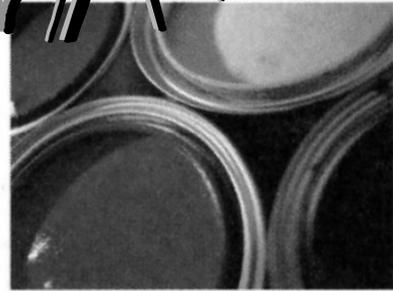
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What Would You Do ? Answers to May Issue

Q1. In a cup match Reds are winning 9-0. In the final minute a despairing late tackle by a tiring Blue defender means that Reds have the chance for a 10 goal win from the penalty. The penalty taker completes his run-up, then without pause, pirouettes on his left foot and back-heels the ball into the net with his right. The startled keeper does not move. A Blue defender complains that is not allowed and the penalty should be retaken. What do you do?

A1. Award a goal. Although the action was distasteful (and can be the cause of trouble) no offence has been committed. The law states: The player taking the penalty must kick the ball forward; back-heeling is permitted provided the ball moves forward.

Q2. In a demanding game both teams are reduced to 9 players following a late mass confrontation. With 10 mins left a Blue defender, already on a yellow card, trips an opponent to break up an attack. You issue a second yellow card but, on seeing the resulting red card a colleague loudly describes your decision in abusive terms. You have no choice but to issue him with a matching card, leaving Blues with only 7 players. Less than a minute later, with Reds attacking, a Blue player injures himself in attempting a tackle right on the touchline. In great pain he drags himself off the pitch. As the Reds continue their attack a Blue player screams at you that they are now down to six men - below the minimum seven - so the match should be stopped. What would you do?

A2. A match may not start or continue if either team has fewer than 7 players. If a team has fewer than 7 players because one or more players have deliberately left the FoP, the referee is not obliged to stop play and the advantage may be played, but the match must not resume after the ball has next gone out of play if a team does not have the minimum number of seven players. Here ignore the midfielder and allow the match to continue until the next stoppage. Then allow the injured player to return (if he is able) or a substitution (if the maximum number has not already been used. If neither is possible then abandon the match and report the incident to the authorities. You would not caution the player for leaving the FoP due to a genuine injury.

Q3. You are refereeing in a senior league which is strict regarding team-sheets. 10 minutes into the match you penalise the right back for a foul but notice he is wearing a No.12 shirt. The team sheet clearly showed Nos.1-11 were starting. On checking, you realise it is not just the shirt number that is incorrect. The player on the team sheet as a substitute started the match because the named number 2 had felt unwell in the warm-up and so was sitting on the bench as a substitute. What would you do?

A3. If a named substitute starts a match instead of a named player and the referee is not informed of this change, the referee allows the named substitute to continue playing. No disciplinary sanction is taken against the named substitute. The named player can become a named substitute and the number of substitutions is not reduced. The referee reports the incident to the appropriate authorities. So, no immediate action need be taken other than advising the manager that the error will be reported to the league. If the original number 2 feels well enough, he may still be used as a substitute.

Answers to May Issue continued

Q4. A sudden gust blows a freak bounce over the keeper's head. As he turns to chase it he spots that the wind also blew a spare ball onto the pitch. He points at it and screams at you, "Stop the game". Then his original ball rolls into his net. What do you do?

A4. Play to the whistle. The keeper should not have stopped chasing the ball. Assuming the spare ball was not directly interfering award the goal. After that consider whether the wind is too strong to permit sensible play.

Q5. A goalkeeper accidentally collides with a defender and an opposition striker. Whilst medical staff see to them, the striker's captain insists that all three players leave the FoP before play restarts. What would you do?

A5. The guidance on players leaving the FoP after treatment includes some commonsense exceptions. One is that keepers are exempt; another is that if a keeper and an attacker collide and both need attention, both are exempt, to avoid unfairly disadvantaging the attacking side. Likewise, if a keeper and one of his team mates collide and both need treatment, both stay on, to avoid disadvantaging the defending side. In this case all three players stay on as play restarts.

What Would You Do

Question 1. The home side are down to nine men. When you call the physio on to treat a player late in the game, their manager is furious; he blocks the physio ordering him to sit down; the physio is very angry. What would you do?

Question 2. A defender slides in with a clean tackle, knocking the ball out of play. But his momentum means he ends up taking out both an opposition winger and their veteran manager. Both are badly hurt. As the medics deal with them, the manager's assistant appears to be in shock; he can't decide on a substitution and seems to be in no fit state to take over. He insists you call the game off. What would you do?

Question 3. Late in a rain-drenched game the corner taker finds the quadrant submerged so he places the ball on the nearest bit of grass instead and plays it short. An opponent protests. What would you do?

Question 4. Your game ends in a draw and so requires kicks from the penalty mark to decide the tie. The Blue keeper has already been cautioned in normal time - when he caused a penalty to be retaken due to his saving the original kick by having dashed as far forward as the 6-yd line before the kick was actually struck. So, even before the shoot-out starts, you remind him to be very careful. Amazingly he repeats exactly the same offence on the first kick to be taken tipping the shot over the bar. Should you produce a second yellow card and so dismiss the keeper? If you send him off, can his team replace him with another keeper?

Question 5. Just before the coin toss, the home captain - who you wrongly sent off earlier in the season - produces a red card from his pocket and waves it at you. His team mates cheer loudly and long. What would you do?
he goal. What would you do?

(Ed. Some 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 in The Observer). Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

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