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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 12th August

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

AGENDA

- ◆ **7.15pm Academy Meeting**
- ◆ **8pm Chairman's Welcome**
- ◆ **Guest Speaker**



**Pat Bakhuizen
Law Changes 2019/20**

- ◆ **Raffle**
- ◆ **Society Business**

**The September meeting will be on Monday 2nd
The deadline for September Warbler is
Friday 24th August**

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Society or its' Committee*

Chairman's Chatter

How quickly have those past two-and a-bit months gone then....?

It was only back in May when we were slapping each other on the back, congratulating each other on getting through another season, wishing certain of our colleagues well for their Play Off and Cup Final games.....and now, its August and the football season is again upon us!! I swear the break gets shorter each year.

So, what have you all been up to? Well, I hope you've ALL managed to have some time away from the game, to relax, unwind and spend some time with your family/loved ones – as much as we all enjoy the game, it's vitally important to have some "down time" and give back to those who support us so well, outside of it as well.

Perhaps a holiday where you can eat and drink what you want without fear of thinking about "that game on Saturday"?

Perhaps you introduced a new fitness regime to stay healthy and in-shape during the last two months, especially those of you who needed to pass a Fitness Test requirement to officiate this season?

Perhaps you watched the Women's World Cup Finals in France and agonised about England getting so close, yet again, to a major final and falling at the penultimate hurdle – a valiant effort though, I'm sure you'll all agree.

Talking of the Women's World Cup, we saw VAR in use for the first time in a truly major tournament. Personally, I think in time it will be of great benefit to the game (look at cricket and rugby for how it's benefitted their sports) but right now, it's still very "clunky" with issues to be ironed out. It also didn't help FIFAs cause when they decided to change the interpretation of goalkeeper movement at penalty kicks halfway through the tournament due to some of the decisions being made by referees and their ARs. I think we'd still be watching some of the penalties being taken now having viewed some of the officials and their lack of tolerance.

And that leads me on nicely to Law Amendments. Just the 27 of them this season but I'm sure you all knew that already. The key ones for me at all levels of the game are:

- Goal Kicks
- Dropped Ball
- Attacking players in defensive "walls" at Free Kicks.

Plus, we have the Sin-Bin to factor in as well for all Step 7 and below games.



All the above will present us as match officials with different challenges and we must be proactive in our approach to overcome them. Please make sure you think about how you'll go about managing these situations to maximise your match control and elevate your standing within the clubs you officiate at. Remember, doing the right thing and being proactive may be the difference between a cup final appointment or a promotion email come May 2020 or being named top referee in your league that you officiate in – certainly all nice accolades to receive.

With all the above in mind, please do all you can to come down to Meadow Sports on Monday August 12th for our first society meeting of the new season. The evening's guest speaker will be our very own Pat Bakhuizen who will be presenting in more detail the 27 new Law Amendments. This will include video clips for more clarity on certain situations. I hope you'll make it as fun and as interactive as possible – I'm sure Pat will have to put up with me butting in and offering up some stuff to think about as well, so I'll apologise in advance!!

And Finally..... some of you eagle-eyed members of our community will have spotted in the recent Woking News & Mail a picture of a slightly dumpy, slightly balding, more-than-slightly unsmiling man, smartly dressed in a three-piece suit holding a picture frame with some sort of certificate within it. That was none other than our very own Patric Bakhuizen who was deservedly awarded the Grassroots Match Official of the Year at the recent Surrey FA Awards Evening in Guildford.

To say we're very proud of Pat is an understatement – the work this man does for you within this society, plus with Woking FC Disability Football, plus with Surrey FA to design and run the New Referees Course three times a season, plus hold Assistant Referee Workshops for local Youth Leagues, plus have the time to fit in being Chairman of the Surrey FA/RA is astounding.

I can't think of a more deserving person than Pat so when you see him next, make sure you congratulate him and tell him well done. He's an asset to our society and to the wider football community. Let's all make sure we all continue to mirror this and push our great society in a positive light.

Enjoy the remainder of your pre-season, stay fit, stay healthy, stay happy, go along and support your colleagues at games if you can and I look forward to welcoming you all on the 12th August at 7.30pm.

Andy

Very Punny



- Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?
- The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickeless.
- What did the man say when the bridge fell on him? The suspension is killing me.
- Do you have weight loss mantras? Fat chants!

Ref Bakhuizen Honoured by Surrey FA

Woking News & Mail 25th July 2019

WOKING-based referee Patric Bakhuizen was among the winners at the Surrey FA's Grassroots Football Awards.

Bakhuizen has run refereeing courses and been chairman of Woking Referees' Association.

He is now chairman of the Surrey County Referees' Association.

Bakhuizen has also organised assistant-referee workshops for two local youth leagues.

At the presentation ceremony at the Harbour Hotel in Guildford, Bakhuizen was honoured with the Grassroots Match Official of the Year Award.

He said: "I am massively over-whelmed to receive this award from the Surrey FA. You don't do it for the accolades, you do it because you enjoy football.

"I am now teaching refereeing and that has given me even more pleasure. To see young referees come through the system is really exciting.

"My biggest responsibility is the Referees' Association, and that's the thing that really gives you the backbone of refereeing.

"To any young referee, I would say enjoy it. There is help to really support you."



Pat (on the right) received his award from Craig Hicks, EFL Referee

Membership and Accounts

2019/20 Memberships renewed
58 Full Members
6 Friends
1 Affiliate Member
23 Referees trained in 2019/2020

2019 Current Status	
General	£2,155.88
Supplies	£185.27
Belgium	£0.00
Training Fund	£220.16
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£2,674.81

Your subscriptions for the forthcoming season are now due, so make sure you get your application form and monies to Bryan Jackson asap. You can find a copy of the Application Form on page 12

Just a Sec!

- Alan Wiggins has stepped down as Referees' Secretary for The Surrey Youth League, a position he has held for more years than I can remember. He will undoubtedly be sorely missed. As yet I don't believe his replacement has been appointed.
- Congratulations to Pat Bakhuizen on being awarded Surrey FA Grass Roots Match Official of the year. Congratulations also to The Surrey Primary League who were awarded Surrey FA Grass Roots League of the Year
- The 10 copies of the IFAB Laws of the Game that I ordered are apparently "in the country" and I'm hoping to have them in time for the August meeting.

Academy News

Welcome back everyone old and new!

I will be running the Referees Academy pre meeting sessions this year. I will be starting off with anyone who wants to come along and discuss anything refereeing related. This means I can tailor future Academy meetings to everyone's needs, requirements, wants and desires. The first one is taking place .

Monday 12th August at 7.15pm

The training team have just held a very successful new Referees course at Byfleet Village Football Club. We had 24 new candidates across a wide range of ages and abilities, including three Father and Sons, 1 Mother and Daughter, a candidate with special needs, and a candidate returning to refereeing after a forced absence through illness. I'm happy to say all the candidates passed and only a couple were passed with the proviso they have an appointed mentor to help them through their first 5 games

We have 3 more courses scheduled before the end of 2019: 1 in Sutton, 1 in Kingston, and another in Byfleet. In conjunction with Surrey County RA we have an open offer to all local societies to help deliver more courses nearer to them. Vince and I hope to be able, along with the training team and the input of other societies in Surrey, to deliver more courses and get more new members. This will help breathe new life in to much needed assets to referees.

See you at the next meeting for the ever exciting law amendments!

Pat

RA DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND: JULY 6th/7th 2019 DE VERE HORWOOD ESTATE, near MILTON KEYNES

The weekend lasted from 2pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday. All indoor sessions were held in the hotel, while practical sessions on Saturday afternoon were held at nearby Mursley United FC (Spartan South Midlands League). As far as I am aware there were only 3 Surrey referees present; David Crick, Morgan Hamilton (from the development group), and myself.

On Saturday afternoon I attended the AGM and EGM. During the treasurer's remarks on the accounts it was revealed that, as at 31st March, though we had 6,462 members, only (approx) 4,500 of these are paying members. There were protests that this information should have revealed much earlier, and included in the annual report, as it could have altered Societies' voting intentions on the rule amendments at the subsequent EGM.

In response to a question about RA support given to referees placed on FA or CFA charges, a commitment was given that more would be done to publicise this work and a statement will be going to LRAs this week. **Members in this situation should always ask for a personal hearing, and ask for RA support immediately the charge is received.**

There were three rule amendments for the EGM, all requiring a two-thirds majority to be approved:

For 1,219 (42%)	Against 1,683 (58%)	LOST
For 1,807 (62%)	Against 1,099 (38%)	LOST as it did not gain a two-thirds majority
For 2,261 (78%)	Against 645 (22%)	CARRIED

A total of 2,906 votes were cast, but it was commented that one Society did not vote at all on the first rule change. No mention was made of our split vote on Rule Change 1, though I gather we were the only Society to do that. The Board was very obviously disappointed by the first two results.

In my opinion, the RA constitution is a mess. Some 5 years ago the main rules were amended to remove debate on rule amendments and motions at general meetings (presumably on the grounds that Societies vote in advance of the event and therefore there is little point in having a debate), yet Schedule 5, Part 2 still contains the Standing Orders and Rules for the conduct of debate at General Meetings. Then there is provision to submit amendments to motions and to circulate them to Societies, but no apparent provision to circulate straightforward opposition to a motion.

Surrey Societies were asked to contact Jeremy Hunt to ascertain his policies for dealing with assaults on referees; similarly Societies in West London were asked to contact Boris Johnson.



Barking & Dagenham Society has a “Whats App” group for all their newly qualified referees (if the referee is under 18 it is usually Mum who signs up to the group) as the main means of keeping them in touch.

The general meetings were followed by a very interesting session on “Observing in the 21st Century” run by Steve Tanner from the FA.

Steve said observing had changed dramatically in the last few years. The objects of the session were to identify the skills and behaviours required to observe, to identify strategies and techniques to help in observation, and to look at processes to help match officials.

We looked at fitness, aspects of match control etc. Steve said not everything has to go into the written report, minor details could be dealt with in the verbal debrief after the match. The FA doesn’t want to see petty comments such as that an Assistant Referee was holding his flag at an angle of 42 degrees instead of 45 degrees!

There was a formal dinner that evening.

On Sunday, there was a presentation on the Laws of the Game amendments for this season, another from MIND the mental health charity, and a brief update on the website and the soon-to-be-launched members’ area. Then we were divided into groups that circulated around 3 workshops on the themes of “Empathy”, “Control”, and “Getting the Big Decisions Right”. Everything finished by 4.15 on Sunday afternoon.

All the presentations were excellent, and everyone was encouraged to speak up.

The only major hiccup was the accommodation. I understand it was no fault of the RA, but some bedrooms had been double-booked with guests from another event at the hotel. We were advised of this on the Monday prior to the weekend. Some of us had to endure a 30 minute coach journey to a replacement hotel late on Saturday afternoon to change for the dinner, the same coach journey back for the meal, and then a midnight return to the second hotel. The fourth journey was after breakfast the next morning.

Brian Reader

9/7/2019



May's Meeting

“PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN THE CURE”

There was another good attendance for the final meeting of the season, with our own Andy Bennett and Tom Ellsmore as the main speakers giving a joint presentation, with additional help from Jack Oxenham.

It was an interactive session, watching clips of incidents from matches where Andy, Tom and Jack had been the men in the middle, plus one clip from a match in Manchester with none of our guys involved. In groups, we had to answer 4 questions on each clip:

- What did we see happen?
- What did the referee do well?
- What could the referee do differently?
- What should the outcome be – do you agree?

Scenarios varied from a heavy challenge by both opponents at the same time, to the unexpected aftermath of a dropped ball. In each clip there were learning points not only for the referee concerned (and they all admitted they had learned), but also for us at the meeting. Advice was given on the best way to deal with managers questioning why their player had been sent off – quote law. The major lesson for me was the importance of “safe refereeing”.

Many thanks to Andy, to Tom, and to Jack for being so open and honest, and allowing us to see clips of incidents where perhaps they could have helped themselves by doing something a bit different on the day.

In keeping with Woking RA tradition, both speakers were presented with a bottle of wine.

Following Andy and Tom's presentation the annual award to the Young Referee of the Year was awarded to Jack Oxenham.

The Chairman's Cup was awarded to Mac McBirnie, but as he was off on another cruise, Bill Collis accepted the award in his place and presented it to Mac a few days later.

Brian R.



Cheer up Colin, you mighty always win a bottle in the raffle !



Bill Collis presents the Chairman's Cup to Mac McBirnie (on the left)



Andy presents Jack Oxenham (on the right) with the Young Referee of the Year Shield

Dates for your Diary 2019/20

12th August	Society Meeting - Pat Bakhuizen :Law Amendments
2nd September	Society Meeting - Keith Hiller aka "Willie Red Card Ref"
7th October	Society Meeting - Andy Tomkins, Physiotherapist
4th November	Society Meeting - Tim Lawrence RDO
9th December	Society Christmas Dinner
6th January	Society Meeting - Steve Worsley
3rd February	Society Meeting - Tim Robinson
2nd March	Society Meeting and AGM
6th April	Society Meeting - TBA
4th May	Society Meeting - TBA



WOKING SOCIETY - THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION
 Affiliated to the Referees Association & Surrey County Referees Association
 President: Vince Penfold

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2019 - 20

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FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 - Printed Warbler (INCLUDES Paper copy of Society Magazine, RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2020 – National RA membership until 30/9/2020	£36.00	
FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 - Electronic Warbler (INCLUDES pdf copy of Society Magazine sent by email, RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2020 – National RA membership until 30/9/2020	£25.00	
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AFFILIATE MEMBER (i.e. Full Member of another Referees Society) Expires 31/3/2020	£20.00	
FRIEND OF WOKING SOCIETY Expires 31/3/2020	£20.00	
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I ALSO AGREE FOR MY DETAILS TO BE SHARED WITH THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

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WHAT WAS THE MAIN LESSON FROM WOMEN'S WORLD CUP?

I have to admit I enjoyed the Women's World Cup and confess that this tournament restored in my belief of football as what Pele called 'the beautiful game'. I'm not talking about the standard of play, although I thought that extremely high but the behaviour of the players, towards one another and towards the referees. No stand up ready to fight after a heavy tackle, no surrounding the referee with intimidating gestures. (We'll forget the Cameroons) OK, they would ask the referee what the foul was for but then they got on with the game.

Now with the start of the season approaching we will be back to reality of footballer behaviour, not just in the professional game but on the local parks. At the National Referees Conference this year we were told that English referees are 7 times more likely to be abused than our continental counterparts. I have also seen other figures that show that in Holland 2.2% of referee have suffered verbal abuse, In France this has gone up to 14.4% but in England the figure is 60%.

Players seem to think that their behaviour is perfectly acceptable and just something that referees should put up with. One referee locally was told by a player who abused him 'if you can't take it you shouldn't be refereeing' as if part of being a referee was to accept abuse. Other will say, that's life today but even if that was true, at least in football something can and must be done about it.

Referees who feel their complaints are not taken seriously have wanted to wear 'body' cameras to show proof that they were not exaggerating. This was met with a law change forbidding wearing cameras. Why?

Local leagues who have wanted to refuse registration of players and even clubs known to be troublemakers, spoiling the game for other players, have not been allowed to do so. Why?

The action that would make the most difference is if this was tackled at the top because local footballers copy what happens at the professional level.

The Women's World Cup proved it doesn't have to be this way to be entertaining.

Dick Sawden Smith

Dick tells me that this picture was taken when he received his award from the FA for "60 years continuous refereeing" I can only presume he started when he was about 5 years old . Mac



Female referee to take charge of a UEFA men's game for the first time EVER as France's Stephanie Frappart is picked to officiate Chelsea vs Liverpool in the Super Cup final



UEFA have announced that Stephanie Frappart will become the first woman in history to referee a high-profile men's game in one of its competitions.

In a groundbreaking move from UEFA, Frappart has been appointed to take charge of Chelsea vs Liverpool in the European Super Cup final on August 14.

The Frenchwoman, who refereed the FIFA Women's World Cup final between the United States and Holland last month, will lead a team of predominately female officials for the showpiece clash in Istanbul.

She will be accompanied by her compatriot Manuela Nicolosi and Michelle O'Neal from the Republic of Ireland who will be the assistant referees for the match while the fourth official will be Turkey's Cuneyt Cakir. Frappart officiated with both Nicolosi and O'Neal during the Women's World Cup final in Lyon back in July.

UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said on Friday: 'I have said on many occasions that the potential for women's football has no limits and I am delighted that Stephanie Frappart has been appointed to officiate at this year's UEFA Super Cup along with assistant referees Manuela Nicolosi and Michelle O'Neal.

As an organisation, we place the utmost importance on the development of women's football in all areas.

'I hope the skill and devotion that Stephanie has shown throughout her career to reach this level will provide inspiration to millions of girls and women around Europe and show them there should be no barriers in order to reach one's dream.'

Frappart, who has been on the FIFA refereeing list since 2009, created history earlier this year when she became the first female to take charge of a Ligue 1 match, officiating the Amiens vs RC Strasbourg game on April 28.

She will referee further games in the French top-flight next season after being promoted to join the pool of Ligue 1 referees on a permanent basis back in June.

Frappart is however not the first female referee assigned to a men's UEFA competition match. Nicole Petignat holds that honour after taking charge of three UEFA Cup qualifying round games between 2004 and 2009.

Daily Mail Online 2nd August

Mac's Musings

I did enjoy watching the women's world cup. Once again England were the bridesmaids and not the bride, but it wasn't I felt, for want of trying, but the Yanks were just too good for us. What came across was, as Dick Sawden Smith points out in his article on page 13, the sportsmanship displayed by the players (with the exception of Cameroon) towards each other and to the officials. I also thought that Phil "haircut" Neville, who I can't ever remember hearing speak before, came across as a genuine guy with total belief in his ladies.

I remember watching the previous world cup and thought that this time there was a definite improvement in the quality not only of the playing but also of the refereeing. What was interesting also was seeing the new laws being put into practice. It was good to see that Jonathon Pearce, who commentated on most of the games ,had obviously done his homework and was up to speed with the changes.

There were a couple of instances where I thought our premiership referees could take note, namely calling foul throws. At least twice I saw the referee pull up the thrower. How often do you see that in the men's professional game ? The funny thing is, when we're reffing at grass roots level, every other player is an expert on throw ins, unless of course they are the player actually taking the throw. I thought perhaps it was just me who gets told " foul throw ref" when it looks perfectly legitimate, but I was running a line for Derrick "Del boy" Laing the other day and he was getting the same grief. Actually he did award a foul throw one time but it was pretty blatant.

Actually the same game was the first I'd officiated on this season and as expected the majority of players hadn't much of a clue regarding the law changes. To be fair a few did and helped to educate their more ignorant team mates. As it was a friendly, Del tended to halt the game if there was any sort of injury, which meant of course the restart was the new drop ball law, which I must say worked very well. It certainly eliminates the ridiculous "engineered" drop ball, of which the less scrupulous players were oft inclined to take advantage.

I was reading a while back a report linking "fast food" with early death. Now I live in Knaphill, which as I'm sure most of you know is not exactly a sprawling metropolis. Yet in the few hundred yards or so of high street there are 4 Chinese takeaways, 2 fish and chip shops, one burger bar, one fried chicken outlet, 2 Indian takeaways, 3 pubs, 2 pizza takeaways, 4 café/coffee bars and
4 Funeral Directors. 3 of which opened in the last couple of years. I can only assume they must have read the same report that I did.

May I add my congratulations to our very own ex Chairman, Training Officer, County RA Chairman and Tutor extraordinaire, Pat Pakhuizen for being awarded the Surrey FA Grass Roots Official of the Year. We're privileged to have such a dedicated and hard working referee as a member of Woking Referees Society, and really helps put Woking in the forefront of Referees Societies not only in Surrey but throughout he Country. Nice one Pat!

Mac

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

Back in the eighties, when I was refereeing senior football regularly, I found problems in applying the advantage clause when it came to officiating at junior level. In particular there were two instances when I came unstuck. Firstly, the left winger was clean through with only the goalkeeper to beat. Both players were outside the penalty area and, to the wingers right, in the centre, was the centre forward. As the winger tried to beat the goalkeeper he was pulled down. Both players fell to the ground and the ball ran towards the centre forward who only had to kick it into an empty net. I shouted "play on" loudly and gave the appropriate signal but the centre forward, instead of kicking the ball into the net, turned and appealed for the free kick. He then realised I was playing advantage and turned to go after the ball. However, the delay had allowed a defender to clear it and the centre forward then started moaning at me saying that I should have given the free kick.

The second instance was when following a long clearance by his defence a forward found himself yards offside. The club linesman flagged, but seeing the forward was running back to his own half and the ball was carrying through to the goalkeeper, I shouted "play on". However, the goalkeeper, seeing his linesman flagging let the ball go as he thought it would be a free kick. Realising what was happening and the ball was heading towards the goal I virtually screamed to the goalkeeper what I was doing. He reacted quickly and managed to dive on the ball in the six-yard box. As he passed me he said, "Still, you couldn't give a goal 'cos the linesman was flagging".

Very early in my career, when I was still wet behind the ears, I remember encountering a similar problem. A goalkeeper had drop kicked the ball upfield. His defence had immediately moved upfield to the half way line leaving the opposing centre forward twenty yards offside. The ball was immediately played back but the centre forward, realising he was offside, ignored it. As the ball was going to the goalkeeper I shouted to him to "play on". However, instead of picking the ball up he kicked it back to where the centre forward was standing and where he thought the kick would be taken. The centre forward on hearing me shout play on immediately controlled the ball, ran it past the goalkeeper and into the empty goal.



On another occasion, following a corner, a defender handled the ball on the goal line. It dropped a foot away from the line in front of an attacker. I shouted "play on" thinking the attacker would immediately kick the ball into the goal but instead he turned and appealed for a penalty and the goal chance was lost. In those days the advantage clause was difficult to play at the best of times but it was even worse in junior football.

Tony Murphy



Very Punny



- The meaning of opaque is unclear
- I wasn't going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.
- .A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy!
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighbourhood, weed know about it.
- It's a lengthy article about ancient Japanese sword fighters, but I can Samu-rais it for you.
- So, what if I don't know the meaning of the word 'apocalypse'? It's not the end of the world.
- Police were called to the day-care centre. A 3-year old was resisting a rest.
- The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.
- Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.
- Alternative facts are aversion of the truth.
- I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Did you know that

.... more than half the world's footballs are manufactured in Pakistan? Incredibly, a single city in Pakistan's Punjab produces more than half the world's footballs - and this can rise to 70% in a European Championship or World Cup year. There are more than 100 firms manufacturing footballs in Sialkot, a city of 1.6 million. Altogether they produce 40 to 60 million a year. The biggest factory is owned by Forward Sports and produces 700,000 a month. It supplies Adidas and has provided balls used in the UFA Champions League.

The city's origins as the home of football production dates back to the colonial era, when Britons eager to play the game grew impatient waiting for shipments of balls to arrive by sea from the UK. In 1889, a British sergeant asked a saddlemaker from the city, Syed Sahib, to repair his punctured football. The city has named a street after Sahib to memorialise the event. The people of Sialkot earn an average £1,000 a year, about twice the national rate. This is thanks primarily to sports equipment, though the city is also home to manufacturing of leather goods and surgical and musical instruments.

(J P Rind in D Mail 3.4.19).

Spotted in The Chiltern Referee

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FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

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Referee : Del Laing

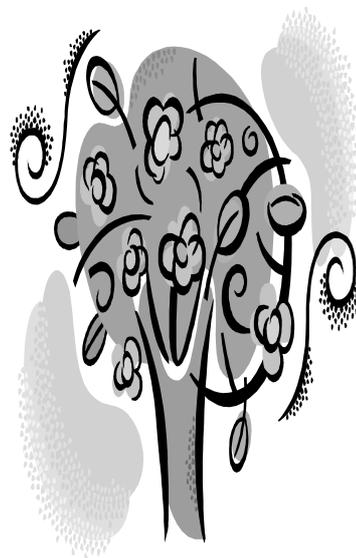
National League Premier (Vanarama)

Tue 6th August:
Bromley vs Ebbsfleet Utd
Assistant Referee : Andy Bennett

Sat 10th August:
Dover Athletic vs Wrexham
Assistant Referee : Andy Bennett

Mon 26th August:
Aldershot Town vs Sutton Utd
Assistant Referee : Andy Bennett

Congratulations to Max Van den Berg who has been selected to join the Surrey FA Development Group, where his coach will, I've been informed, be none other than our own Andy B.



Sin Bins

Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sin bins' - will become mandatory for matters of dissent across all of grassroots football from the 2019/20 season.



HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go in to the sin bin for dissent cautions



For use of words or gestures questioning or undermining the ref's decisions



EXAMPLES OF DISSENT

- Shouting at the ref
- Questioning ref's ability
- Slamming the ball in to the ground
- Sarcastically clapping a decision

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin



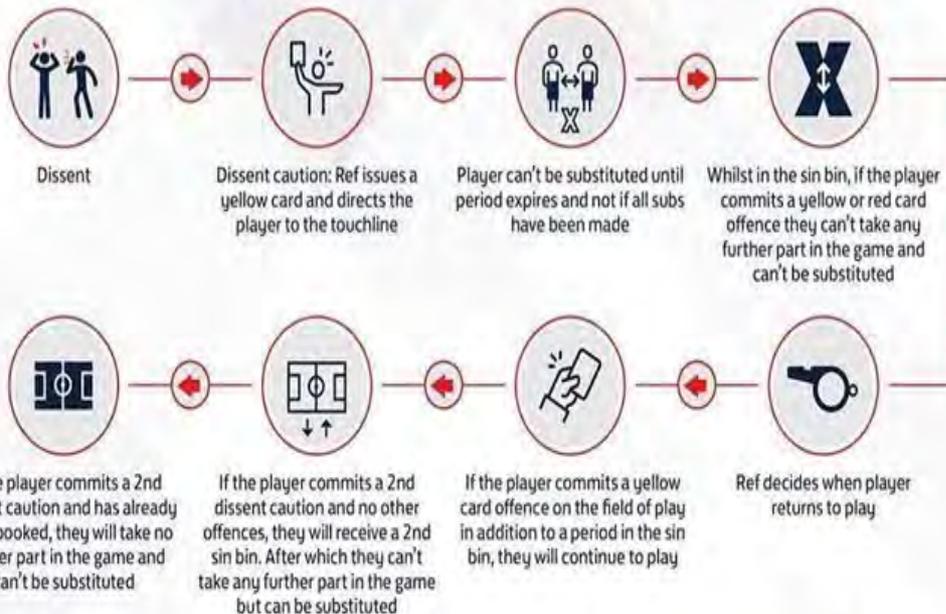
For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of:

- 1st half:** Continues into 2nd half
- 2nd half:** Continues into extra time
- Extra time:** Player can participate in penalties

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS STILL A RED CARD OFFENCE!

IFAB Law Changes 2019

Substitutes - Law 3

Changes

A player who is being substituted must leave the field by the nearest point on the touchline/goal line (unless the referee indicates the player can leave quickly/immediately at the halfway line or a different point because of safety, injury etc.)

Players' Equipment - Law 4

Changes

Multi-coloured/patterned undershirts are allowed if they are the same as the sleeve of the main shirt

Team Officials - Laws 5 & 12

Changes

A team official guilty of misconduct will be shown a YC (caution) or RC (sending-off)*; if the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC * Law 12 will have a list of YC/RC offences

Kick-Off - Law 8

Changes

The team that wins the toss can now choose to take the kick-off or which goal to attack (previously they only had the choice of which goal to attack)

Dropped ball - Laws 8 & 9

Changes

- If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper
- If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch
- In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5yds) away
If the ball touches the referee (or another match official) and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded

Quick free kick and YC/RC - Law 12

Changes

If the referee is about to issue a YC/RC but the non-offending team takes the free kick quickly and creates a goal-scoring opportunity, the referee can delay the YC/RC until the next stoppage if the offending team was not distracted by the referee

Goal Celebrations - Law 12

Changes

A YC for an 'illegal' celebration (e.g. removing the shirt) remains even if the goal is disallowed

Handball - Law 12

Changes

- Deliberate handball remains an offence
- The following 'handball' situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick:
- The ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm
- A player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm)
- The following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger
- If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)
- If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball.
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Free Kicks - Law 13

Changes

- When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1 yd) of the wall; an attacker less than 1m (1yd) from the 'wall' when the kick is taken will be penalised with an indirect free kick
- When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played

Penalty Kick - Law 14

Changes

- The team's penalty taker can have (quick) treatment/assessment and then take the kick
- The goalkeeper must not be touching the goalposts/crossbar/nets; they must not be moving
- The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line.

Goal Kick - Law 16

Changes

The ball is in play once the kick is taken; it can be played before leaving the penalty area

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Adie is logged out but his peaches are a delight !

The new season is now fast approaching although it only seems a short time ago the 2018/19 season came to a conclusion. No rest for the wicked though as I have been busy getting all the new registrations in place and they have now been sent to the respective League Secretaries. The season in the SCILW and the G&WAFL commences on the 7th of September so please get your availability to me ASAP so that I can appoint you to games when they come on website in mid-August.

To make you all aware I am going away for a while for a well-deserved holiday and I turn my mobile phone off as soon as I get on the ferry so I will be 'off-grid' until the 12th of August. Any queries please contact Bill Dann for the SCILW and Bob Dick for the G&WAFL.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that after 4 years my peach tree has produced fruit. Only a couple as the late frost destroyed a lot of the blossom. No doubt my better half will claim them – c'est la vie! Plenty of damsons on the tree down further with a good amount of plums so the orchard has been a success – again.

Last weekend, by fair means of foul, Diane procured a load of logs for me that were dumped at 5pm on Saturday evening in a poxy great truck. Thankfully both my sons were around and we shifted the lot – half down the garden the rest in the back yard (I am not posh enough to have a patio). That should keep me occupied with the chain saw and splitting maul but will ensure plenty of fuel for the wood burner. The way the weather has been the past week or so it is difficult to visualise cold weather but it will be with us sooner than we think. No doubt, when we are out on the various facilities, in cold wind and rain, we will look back in fondness at this past week!

Earlier this month I received an invitation to the Surrey FA Grass Roots presentation evening. A really great event and it gave Diane the opportunity to meet some of the Referees I talk about whom she has never met. It is very pleasing to see the amount of people receiving awards for the hard work they put in on their own time for local football. Without these dedicated individuals there would not be such excellent Local Football Leagues.

It will be beneficial for everybody to try to attend at least one workshop, either from their local RA or League, concerning the Law changes. It will stand you in good stead for the coming season as most players will not be aware of them or have a different interpretation. We all need to be 'singing from the same hymn-sheet' or the 'fertiliser will be hitting the windmill' in the shape of phone calls on the Saturday evenings!!



Adie

Willy The 'Red Card' Referee

New season, new reason

The Minor Shield Trophy - Raiders of the Lost Park -v- Sin Bin City

What an honour! The league committee members had selected me to referee the Minor Shield Trophy which was the official start for the Sunday Park League North. This comprised of last season's Division Three champions against the Division Three Challenge cup winners.

This was possibly not as attractive as the other fixture which was between the league champions and the cup winners. Fortunately there were two neutral assistants also being appointed to this fixture. Usually I am alone each week so it will be great to have some company. I was so excited and could not wait for the big day.

The time went by quickly and the big day finally arrived. I arrived early for the match and as I walked around the pitch I gave my team talk and pre match expectations to the assistants as any good referee would do.

A short sleeve top for me and sun cream in preparation for a hot afternoon and a crowd of thirty plus people which is far more than the normal two or three!

I blew my whistle and summoned both the captains to the centre for the coin toss. I asked if they were aware of the new law changes and they both confirmed 'Yes'. Was there a need for me to explain them all there and then? No, of course not, but did they really know the new law changes?

The home captain won the coin toss and asked to change ends. I asked if he knew that the law has reverted back to the '*old*' law when the coin toss winner can either kick off or choose ends.

'No ref, I was not aware of that so in that case we will kick off.'

Well that was my first experience of the '*new*' law.

It was the fifth minute and I awarded a goal kick to the Raiders of the Lost Park. As soon as their goalkeeper kicked the ball the opposing Sin Bin City forward run into the penalty area and with one kick the ball went into the Lost Park goal.

City's players wildly celebrated the goal but the Lost Park players remonstrated with me. *'You can't award the goal. The ball never left the goal area!'*

I felt then this was going to be a long afternoon ahead for me as I explained this is another of the new laws. Lost Park were not happy but they eventually accepted my decision.

Unfortunately as I walked passed the half way line the Lost Park manager told me in no uncertain terms what he thought of my decision. He did not swear but continued to argue with me. I produced a yellow card. He told me he was the manager and did I not know that only the players can receive yellow or red cards. I explained the law has changed and now they can and unless he wanted to see another colour that he should keep his thoughts to himself for the remainder of the game.

It was the tenth minute when I awarded a free kick to Lost Park. City formed a defensive wall with five players but Lost Park also had two of their players in the wall. I told them they cannot do that anymore. I explained if there are three defensive players or more in the wall and they must be one yard or one metre from the wall and no nearer.

Despite my words they ignored me so I awarded an indirect free kick to Sin Bin City instead.

The Lost Park captain said *'This is ridiculous. You have no idea what you are doing. You award a direct free kick to our team and now award an indirect free kick to our opponents. This is absolute rubbish'*. I asked the player if he remembered one of the laws from last year.

I told him *'Here's a yellow card for dissent. Please leave the field of play and stand over there in the sin bin for the next ten minutes'*. Off he went and I felt rather pleased with myself.

Sin Bin City asked to make a substitution. I was very close to the half way line but the player being substituted was in the goal area.

The defender started to walk towards the half way line but I shouted to him and intimated with my arm *'Leave the field of play by the goal line'*. He eventually understood what I meant and I was delighted I had now experienced another of the new laws.

On awarding Lost Park a penalty I made a point of informing the goal keeper he must have at least one part on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken. Most goal keepers seem to dive a second before the kick is taken to give them an advantage. The kick was taken and went into the goal.....the goal keeper had thankfully listened to me.

A few minutes later the City forward took a powerful shot at the Lost Park goal. It hit a defenders leg then hit the hand of a City player and entered the goal. A complete accident but I could not award the goal as the new law clearly states that if the ball hits a players arm even if accidental will be a free kick to the opponents.

When the ball initially entered the goal the goal scorer removed his shirt as he celebrated. Despite not awarding the goal I still cautioned the player. He argued if the goal did not exist neither should his caution for removing his shirt. I again had to confirm another of the new laws.

Just like me make sure you know the new laws and how they are to be applied.

Special thanks to that wonderful match official and tutor Keith Hiller for explaining the law changes to me.

Enjoy your season

Willy the 'Red Card' Ref



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What Would You Do ? - Answers to May Issue

Question 1. The Red number 5 and the Blue number 9 are chasing a long ball. With the ball some 8 metres away, Blue number 5 changes direction to block the progress of Red number 9. No contact is made, but you decide to stop play. What would you do?

Answer 1 Award an indirect free kick (page 107)

Question 2. It's a Sunday morning park game. A spectator walks on to the pitch and gets in the way of a Red player, who kicks the spectator. What would you do?

Answer 2. Award a dropped ball. (page 109)

Question 3. The ball is in play, in the Red penalty area. You see a Red player, who you have sent off earlier in the game, enter the Blue Technical Area and spit at the Blue manager. What would you do?

Answer 3. Award a direct free kick - at the point nearest the offence (page 109)



Question 4. It is a Blue kick-off. The ball is played back to their goal-keeper, but in attempting to fly-kick the ball he misses it completely and the ball rolls into the Blue goal. What would you do?

Answer 4. Award a corner kick (page 85).

Question 5. The ball has left the field of play for a Blue throw-in. Before the game restarts, you see a Blue defender, in his own penalty area, spit at a Red forward. What do you do?

Answer 5. Stop play, issue a red card (page 107), award a throw in (ball out of play page 109)

Question 6. The ball is in play, around the centre circle, with Blue in possession. You see a Blue substitute recklessly push one of his own team officials, outside the field of play. What would you do?

Answer 6. Stop play, (Blues in possession so no advantage), issue yellow card (reckless), indirect free kick on the boundary line nearest the incident (page 110).

*(Ed. These questions were set by **PETER JONES** for the County RA Quiz on Jan 16 2019) Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee*

What Would You Do ?



Question 1

During normal time, you have awarded a penalty kick to Blues. You confirm that number 10 is the kicker, but number 11 runs past him and kicks the ball into the goal. What would you do?

Question 2.

You have asked a Blue player to leave the field of play to remove an earring. Without your permission, he runs back on to the pitch and recklessly fouls a Red player near the half-way line. What would you do?

Question 3.

You are refereeing on a park pitch on a Sunday morning. The ball is in play in the Blue penalty area. An old man and his dog walk on to the pitch and accidentally interfere with play. The Blue captain kicks the old man, using excessive force. What would you do?

Question 4.

The ball is in play. A Red defender is in his own penalty area. He picks up a lump of mud and throws it recklessly at a Blue substitute who is standing off the pitch next to the goal. What would you do?

Question 5.

You have already shown a yellow card to Blue number 10. A few minutes later, Blue number 10 is guilty of a reckless challenge on Red number 9, but number 9 stays on his feet and is in a good position so you decide to play advantage. However, Red number 9's shot is caught by the goalkeeper so play continues. The goalkeeper kicks the ball a long way, and Blue number 10 kicks the ball into the Red goal. What would you do?

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Question 6.

Blue number 9 and Red number 5 are chasing a through-ball down the centre of the pitch. Number Blue 9 is winning the race but 25 yds from the goal the Red defender starts to hold the Blue striker. The Red defender is still holding the Blue striker until 15 yards from the goal, so that striker number Blue 9 is unable to shoot at goal. What would you do?

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