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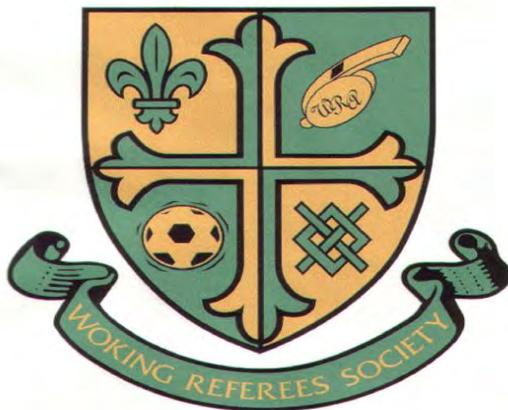
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**The next meeting of the
Woking Referees' Society
will be held on
Monday 2nd February 2015**

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

AGENDA

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



Lee Cable

“The Role of Referee's Coach / Body Language”

- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10am Close**

**The deadline for the March edition is
Friday 6th February 2015**

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

Chairman's Chat

A belated Happy new year to you all! I am sorry that I was unable to attend the January meeting, this was due to a Chest infection. I hope you all enjoyed the evening, and that all of you had a good Christmas, it seems a long while since the Christmas meal, there are already Easter eggs in the shops.

I am looking forward to the February meeting and to meeting Lee Cable once again I am sure that Lee will give us an interesting and informative talk he has a wealth of experience at all levels.

Looking at the last few months of the season, at present the weather is holding out, however, some bad weather, snow etc is forecast, we will have to wait and see. All of you that are in the promotion system I wish you all the best, and of course Cup Final appointments will soon be upon us, I sincerely hope that some of those appointments come Woking's way.



Regards
Barry

Accounts and Membership February 2014

Membership			£2,378.74
		General	
		Supplies	£166.40
60	Full Members	Belgium	£0.00
5	Friends	Training Fund	£470.00
2	Affiliate	Youth Fund	£113.50
		Total	£3,128.64

Referee one liners - Courtesy Tony Murphy



- ◆ *Never postpone a caution until the next time*
 - ◆ *Do not be familiar with players - justice never steps down from its pedestal*
 - ◆ *Justice without wisdom is impossible*
 - ◆ *Conscience : An inner voice warns us an Assessor is watching*
 - ◆ *Jealousy : the friendship one referee has for another.*
 - ◆ *You start with 22 players - try and finish with 22 players*
 - ◆ *A caution is half a sending off.*
- One for Bankers?*
- ◆ *Doing the job right gets the job done. Doing the job wrong fourteen times give you job security*

Annual General Meeting of Woking Referees' Society

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Woking Society, The Referees Association will take place on Monday 2nd March 2014 at Meadow Sports FC, Loop Road, Woking, Surrey, commencing at 8pm.

Any rules changes and nominations for officers and committee need to be submitted in writing, and in accordance with the rules, to the Secretary, Pat Bakhuizen, by the close of the February meeting (2nd February).

A copy of the Society Rules as amended at the 2014 AGM will be sent in due course for your records.

There are a couple of vacant places on the committee and the committee would like to invite members to consider joining, to help with the running of the society and assist with keeping our society the best in Surrey and amongst the top societies in the country. There are 4 or 5 committee meetings each year to attend.

Patric Bakhuizen
Secretary Woking Referees' Society

The following was sent to all referees on the Surrey Youth League, but the sentiments apply to all of us on whatever league we officiate . Ed

Dear Referee

Just a few words to thank you all for your efforts during the season to date. As your all aware with more and more matches it is a real challenge for Alan to get games covered every week, but thanks to your flexibility we are not doing too bad a job, from u7 – u18 we have around 350 matches a week.

On a separate note can I please ask of you to help the league, your colleagues and yourselves by completing all of your admin task's. It has become clear that not all task's are being completed by some of you.

Last night the League held a Sportsmanship marks evening where we talk to a few clubs about how they are going to address some reported poor behaviours.

I had one request from one team to ensure that all Cautions and Sending's Off are sent in to county FA's. His point was that he struggles to manage players behaviors if the county's are not sending him suspension and fines notice for players that have been dealt with in a game. He expressed that if players have no suspension or fine, firstly they think they have got away with it and there is no sanction, and secondly all of the team members also believe there is no suspension or fine, I must fully support this club secretaries view in that we are failing to help him.

He gave me two examples of sendings off and cautions that were not received at his club as a sanction from county, he can only guess that the referee couldn't be bothered to send in the reports.

Mostly I know that you send these in, but perhaps for newer referees and as a reminder to everyone, that it is your responsibility to ensure that you report misconduct and report the results of the matches, this is partly why you receive a fee for every game. Failure to report misconduct is setting all other referees up for a problem, as the players believe they can get away with poor behaviour, making your tasks more difficult on a Sunday morning

.Graham Ekins
Chairman Surrey Youth League

Mac's Musings

May I first correct the names of the training team I mentioned in last month's "Musings". It should have read Vince (Penfold) Barry (Rowland), Gareth (Heighes) Pat (Bakhuizen) Andy (Bennett) and Dave (Lawton) - apologies Dave.

It was a shame that only about 15 or so members attended last month's meeting. Those of you who couldn't make it missed an excellent presentation by our own Eamonn, delivered in Smithy's inimitable and entertaining style. Rather like his refereeing some might say. Unfortunately Eamonn has decided to hang up his boots, all 6 pairs of them (something a gobby women spectator suggested I should do after a particularly difficult game a few years ago) which is I feel a loss to refereeing and football.

In support of Eamonn's "Charity Christmas Light Show", the Society donated £100 to Woking Hospice, the committee having decided to make it this year's charity of choice. (£50 from general funds and £50 from the training fund)

I was watching MOD the other week. which I always record it so I can skip over the banal punditry, when in one game, (I forget which teams - I should really write these things down when I'm watching) the referee blew for what appeared to be a back pass to the keeper. The commentator also seemed to be of the same opinion. I was surprised to see therefore that the referee did not signal for an indirect free kick. A goal was then scored directly from the kick. I fully expected the commentator or the "expert" co-presenter to pick up on this. I even listened to the studio pundits afterwards, but nary a word was spoken of the incident other than a goal was scored. Did any one else pick up on this? Or was the free kick given for some other reason that I completely missed ?

On the previous page I have included a message sent from Graham Ekins to the referees on the Surrey Youth League regarding the submitting or to be precise the non submitting of Cautions and Sending Offs to Surrey FA. I'm having trouble comprehending why? Having already gone through the hard part ie established that the offence was cautionable, or send-offable (if there is such a word) gone through the stress of taking the name, making sure you've spelt it right, shown the appropriate card etc. taken the usual stick from player(s), managers, spectators, spectator's dog etc. that once back in the safety of their own home they don't just pour out a stiff one, jump on the computer, fill out the appropriate form and press send—simples!

No longer do we have to fill out a form by hand, one for each offender and / or offence, make duplicate copies, find an envelope, pay for a stamp (that used to really bug me) then remember to post it and tramp out to find a post box.

One reason of course as I mentioned in last month's musings may be the use of unregistered referees, who are not likely to send in reports to County. Speaking with Derek Stovold, the Disciplinary Officer at SCFA, as well as the issue of refs not submitting reports, which in itself could end up with said ref getting suspended, is the one of late reports. This is particularly important with red cards as players who receives one are automatically suspended for 3 games, 14 days after the card has been issued. Similarly, a player who receives 5 yellows in a season is also automatically suspended for 1 game. (more yellows more games suspended) The affected Club therefore needs to know where they stand asap.

So get those reports in on time chaps & chapesses

Mac

RA Board Updates

Dear Colleagues:

We very much regret having to advise you that, due to serious health issues, and based on clear medical advice, **Ian Davies** has unfortunately been obliged to step down with immediate effect as RA Chairman and also to relinquish his position as a member of the RA Board of Management.

His contribution to the Association since being elected to the Board back in April of last year has been immense, but the main priority for everybody must be Ian's long-term health. We all wish him a full and speedy recovery.

It must be stressed that, should Ian's personal situation improve sufficiently at any time in the future, the opportunity would still exist for him to return in some way to active participation in RA matters on behalf of the Board and all our members.

At the same time, **Len Randall** has also decided to step down now from the RA Board for reasons personal to him. Len was due to retire from the Board anyway in 2015, but his energy, expertise and drive will be sorely missed. His excellent work on behalf of the RA over the last eighteen months or so has been greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to announce that, by a unanimous vote of the remaining Board of Management members, **Laura Ritchie** has now been elected as the new RA Chair with immediate effect, and we all congratulate her on this prestigious appointment. No other Board changes have been made.

Therefore the current RA Board line-up for the remainder of 2014/15 now consists of:

Laura Ritchie (Chair);

Ian Campbell (Vice-Chairman and Chair of ICC);

Paul Field (Treasurer, Acting General Manager and Chair of F&GP);

Albert Astbury (Chair of EAC);

Bill Darby;

Eddie McGrath;

John Wilson.

We take the opportunity to again encourage RA members to stand in the 2015 RA Board elections, nominations for which have to be submitted to Head Office in writing by the end of January. For the long-term good of the Association, we are particularly keen to see some younger blood coming on to the Board, plus as wide a range as possible of expertise and experience.

If you are at all interested, please contact Head Office for a Nomination Form. Alternatively, please feel free to contact me at any time and I will be delighted to talk through with you in greater detail about what is involved and what your commitment expectations should be. You know you can do it!

Your Board remains fully confident that the future of the Referees' Association remains robust and bright, and that we can continue to move progressively forward with the support of our membership.

Best Regards,

Ian .

**Ian Campbell - RA Board Vice-Chairman
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Pull Your Socks Up, Lino! (or How to Drop your Referee right in it!)

Mike Coen writing in Touchlines (Sutton Referees Society Magazine)

As anyone who has run any number of lines will know, there are many things that can happen that are out of your control. But when it comes to management of substitutions, the assistant referee is the man in charge and there can be no excuse for error.

When it comes to running the line, I certainly cannot put myself in the 'novice' category. In fact, with the lack of available middles on the Combined Counties this season, I have more often than not been found on a Saturday afternoon with a flag in my hand instead of a whistle.

So just how I found myself in the middle of a hugely embarrassing, and potentially disastrous, situation just a few weeks ago certainly deserves careful examination to ensure it never occurs again and is worth sharing (despite my red face) as a warning to others.

T'was a regular game. Ryman Div 1. Two fairly evenly matched sides had battled their way to a 1-1 scoreline with 20 minutes remaining. The referee had had a good game – certainly nothing for the assessor to jump on – and both benches were quiet which augured well for his club marks. With the home side starting to press, the away side decided to strengthen their defence and signalled for a substitution. Play stopped for a throw near the corner flag and I sprinted to halfway to manage the change. All went smoothly and I was about to make my way back up the line when the home side shouted that they too were ready to make a change.

Was I caught on the hop? Was I distracted? Or had I simply become complacent and forgotten the importance of always getting the basics right?

Anyway, I signalled to the referee that another substitution was happening, made the basic checks, monitored the changeover and sprinted back to my position...only to turn and find the referee ordering the home substitute back off the pitch. It took a few seconds of incomprehension before I spotted what I had failed to note earlier – a pair of white ankle socks covering a good portion of the players otherwise red socks!

Play restarted amidst pandemonium on the bench. A roll of red tape was found, which they proceeded to wrap around and over the white socks. I spotted what they were doing on my next run past the bench and advised that it was not going to work. The socks needed to come off.

Trying to convince an excited manager that there was going to be a further delay before his team were back to full strength, whilst at the same time doing my job on a game where the away side were now attempting to make full use of their extra man (and three officials were fervently praying that they wouldn't!) – and knowing at the same time that, had I performed the checks properly, none of this would have happened – is not the most fun I have ever had on the side of a football pitch!



...Finally the tape and the white socks were off – at which point it was realised that the player had also cut the feet out of the regular socks, which meant an additional pair needed to be found, eventually coming off one of the other substitutes still on the bench. But now, of course, the ball was stubbornly refusing to go out of play and we had a bench who did not understand why the sub could not simply be waved on, as would happen if he had come off following treatment for an injury.

“But he’s already been on”, they cried when I told them to keep him where he was until the next stoppage. Their keeper then gained possession of the ball.

“Put it out”, screamed the manager. The keeper looked over, nodded, gave the thumbs-up...then punted the ball straight back down the middle. I began to wonder if the physio had access to a set of cardio-paddles because the manager’s face was almost matching the colour of his team’s socks!

At last, a stoppage occurred. I was able to make a (proper) check of the substitute’s kit and get him onto the field of play. The score was still 1-1 and there was just enough time before the end of the match for everyone to have calmed down before the final whistle blew.

In the changing room, I apologised to the referee (he was very gracious about it) and braced myself for the assessor’s scathing comments. Incredibly, he didn’t seem to realise that my error had contributed and instead simply questioned the credibility of the home team not realising that the oversocks were not allowed. The referee ended up with a bonus point on Application of Law for the fact that he had correctly not allowed the substitute to re-enter until the next stoppage. So all ended well.

But there is no doubt that we got lucky! Imagine if the away team had scored with substitute still off the pitch but ready to come back on.

With emotions running high, comments may have been made that could have resulted in club officials being sent from the bench. Points would have been dropped by the home club and the referee’s club marks would almost inevitably suffered as a result – regardless of how unfair that would have been.

And all because I had failed to complete the rudimentary checks of the substitute’s kit, with the ball dead and no pressure being applied.

I’ve taken that incident as a wake-up call. I advise that you don’t wait for a similar thing to happen on one of your lines but take my lesson on board as well.



An American visitor to England watched his very first football match and was struck by the differences between English and American football.

After the match he fell into conversation with one of the English players and remarked, 'You know, over in the States, our players wear thick protective clothing. You guys must be frozen stiff in those light clothes.'

'It's not so bad,' said the Englishman. 'Sometimes the ground is covered in snow.'

'You don't say!' exclaimed the American. 'What do you do about the balls? Paint them red?'

'Oh, no,' said the player. 'We just wear an extra pair of shorts'

Also Courtesy of Touchlines

***PAGES FROM YESTERYEAR
THE WARBLER MARCH 1983***

Sec's Spot

This Society held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, 23rd August, 1927 at the Albion Hotel, Woking (since, but not as a direct result, demolished and re-built on the same site). As custodian of the Society Minutes, which are remarkably complete, I have been reviewing our history. It makes fascinating reading and as time passes I hope to provide you with what I anticipate will be intriguing glimpses of the various topics which have been discussed, and the Speakers who have addressed our predecessors.

For example, the Meeting on 7th January 1930 was addressed by Mr. A.V. Shaw who was, it appears, a journalist of some standing at the time. He had left his native Edinburgh in 1890 and was keen on league football but met strong opposition from the Surrey F.A. to his idea of forming a league in the Kingston area. After pulling a few strings with such people as A.R. Burke, founder of the London R.A. and Sir Frederick Wall of the F.A., sanction for the formation of the Kingston and District Football League had been granted in 1895.

Mr. Shaw continued his address by saying that he had been a referee for some 33 years and made the familiar point that referees were different as people, but do all strive to act conscientiously and interpret the Laws to the best of their ability. He made the point that referees are not hot-headed, which was no doubt due to the fact that they no longer wore caps, although there had been a time in his early days when it was infra dig. for a referee not to take the field without a small skull cap, which had a silver tassle dangling from it ! (Our Supplies Officer tells me he is out of stock of these at the moment, but would be pleased to order them if required I Mind you, good luck to anyone who takes the field next Saturday or Sunday sporting one).

Mr. Shaw then cited an incident of one referee who threatened to send a player off if that player persisted in going after the ball after it had been kicked out of play, on the grounds that this constituted leaving the Field of Play without the referee's permission.

To conclude Mr. Shaw quoted the following amazing verse :

"Ten little referees, how their fame did shine,
One forgot to wind his watch, then there were nine.
Nine little referees took their "exes." from the gate,
One charged five bob too much, then there were eight.
Eight little referees, to each a match was given,
One got jumped on by the crowd, then there were seven.
Seven little referees, out amongst the kicks,
One gave a goal offside, then there were six.
Six little referees, with cup-ties hard did strive,
One forgot the extra time, then there were five.
Five little referees spats and knickers wore,
One sent off a home team man, then there were four.

Four little referees, giving fouls they see,
One enforced a penalty, then there were three.
Three little referees, up and down they flew,
One forgot to call half-time, then there were two.
Two little referees, having all the fun,
One let a free kick score a goal, then there was one.
One little referee from nothing ever flinched,
They said he knew the Laws too well, and so he was lynched."

Bob Langford

Football referees need respect – and new technology

Kevin Garside writing in The Independent 2nd Jan 2015

New year, old story. The referee's still a wanker. Football's inability to grasp the point regarding the treatment of officials is as depressing as the abuse of referees itself.

Yes, it was a bad New Year's Day for Premier League referees who made some poor errors but as long as the default position of managers, players and supporters is to blame and harangue, there is no hope of progress.

It has been said many times but bears repetition. In an atmosphere where respect for office and dignity are central to the enterprise it is perfectly possible to administer a game from the middle in front of 80,000-plus partisan fans and get decisions right.

It is significant that rugby union pursues an enlightened course regarding technology, which helps no end in determining the accuracy of decisions. The camera is not fool-proof but it removes the doubt in most cases.

Even before match officials had recourse to a set of electronic eyes in the stands, rugby adhered to a code of conduct that made refereeing not only possible but a pleasure. In this environment outcomes are correct by definition, rectitude conferred by the authority invested in the role. What chance does the man with the whistle have of reaching the best decision in football when he is surrounded by a posse of baying boneheads either pleading innocence or demanding blood?

Not only is this bear-pit culture a bar to effective refereeing in the immediacy of the moment, but in the wider context too since it pollutes the atmosphere in which officials work. Over on the touchline the behaviour of the players is widely endorsed by a manager or coach spewing invective.

Since the authorities are either unwilling or unable to change the culture of the game, then the widespread introduction of technology is the obvious route to take, including the miking-up of referees to help facilitate our understanding of the decisions taken.

While they are at it, the governing bodies might dish out a few deterrents, such as the docking of points for repeat dissenters. Clubs might be less inclined to indulge in puerile bias were it to cost them a title or their status in the division.

It's 2015,

Fellas, time to take a stand against the kind of behaviour we would not tolerate in a child.

Courtesy of Mal Davies

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IS TIME WASTING A WASTE OF TIME? - By Ken Goldman

It is obvious that referees now add on time for stoppages since we have seen that they do this in senior football by the boards they hold up. These tend to be for such occurrences as injuries, substitutions, cautions, dismissals and hopefully for time wasting. In the last named case it should be a rule of thumb that substitutions in stoppage time (usually made to either stop or break up the other side's momentum or simply to waste time in the hope that the referee will ignore it) should always result in further such stoppage time. Quite often a team, especially in the Premier League, which most of us watch on television on at least some occasions, will consider it necessary to play for a draw against a side they consider superior. Not only do they "park the bus" but they make sure that the bus breaks down and needs attention from the sidelines. How often have we seen goalkeepers persistently delay over taking a goal-kick without the referee warning the 'keeper or even cautioning him/her and only sometimes adding on time for it at the end, although frequently not enough.

.Sometimes though we have seen, with more clubs being even fitter, that time wasting has come back to punish and possibly haunt the wastrels by the close when the other side score in time added on. This season more than ever in the Premier League teams are getting an important goal for a draw or a win in added time which averages between 3 and 5 minutes.

Time wasting is of course very much not a new phenomenon and FIFA in order to try to eliminate it has changed a number of Laws to combat it with several of these related to goalkeepers. However one of their attempts which has gone entirely wrong was to allow a defending side to take a goal-kick from anywhere in the goal area rather than from the side of the field that the ball exited. Aimed at trying to speed up the game it has had exactly the opposite effect. Teams have frequently used it to slow down play and have been given a legitimate excuse for and manner of wasting time. I have on several occasions been a spectator at a match where fans have ranted and raved at the referee when this has happened and I have had to try to explain to them that the referee has no power to stop or take any action over it under the Laws of the Game. Surely when it has been seen to be done over several years and indeed globally at World Cups it is high time to reverse the process going back to the original Law as it currently is on corners. There are other time wasting tactics which teams apply such as taking the ball to the corner flag which often gives rise to conflagrations or departing the field slowly when a player is substituted or worse still feigning injury.

So to get back to the question as indicated in the heading to this article as to whether time wasting is a waste of time, whilst everyone will have a view on this managers should be the ones asking themselves the question more than anyone else .Whether we as referees can help them to understand the point is also a matter of conjecture, but as with a lot of aspects of football these days "things ain't what they used to be". In the good old days of yesteryear it was not uncommon for managers at all levels of the game to attend referees' meetings where such questions as the one in issue could be addressed and discussed at length, so that there might be some measure of influence exerted or at least offered. Unfortunately nowadays not only do managers not attend our type of monthly meeting but speakers in general including referees seem reluctant to turn out which in turn leads to lesser attendances at what used to be very important meetings.

It seems in the end that whether teams benefit or ironically suffer from time wasting all that referees can do is to be vigilant, add on the appropriate time, warn players where they can, caution where necessary and hope that the offending team gets caught out in stoppage time".

Courtesy of The Normidian

The Cancer That Can Kill

DISSENT is a cancer that can Kill a referee's career just as quickly as it can kill a single game of football. The referee who consciously makes the decision to simply ignore dissent in his games should be ready to say goodbye to any real prospects of career advancement.

As a referee, you can never afford to simply turn a deaf ear to dissent. If you do, there is a strong likelihood of trouble later in the game. What is more, if you are a referee in the early stages of your career and thus officiating mainly in your local area, it is wise to remember that reputations don't just follow you around ... they go ahead of you. You turn up to referee, and as sure as eggs are eggs, somebody will know about you. It will be known whether you are a weak-minded referee who never challenges the use of dissent. It will be known, that you might just be the person who is intolerant of dissent. So here's a simple question: which of these reputations would you prefer to have?

The more you think deeply about dissent and all that it implies, the better referee you will become. The Laws of the Game tell you what powers and duties come under this remit, and presumably you will be aware of them. But there is nowhere in the Laws where it specifically tells you that you should ignore dissent. Sensibly, therefore, you will try to prepare yourself early in your career to try to cope effectively with those players who show dissent.

One particular game that caused problems for the referee

Let me digress for a moment and tell you about a game I watched earlier this season. It was a Contributory Level referee of many years standing who created a few problems for himself by his inconsistent approach to comments of disagreement with his decisions. In the later stages of the game he took exception to a fairly quiet comment from a player who had just been denied a goal for what most experienced viewers would have described as a dubious infringement. The player who made the comment probably overstepped the mark and used the wrong type of language, and he was dismissed from the field. Several of his colleagues were not slow to point out to the referee that he had spent three-quarters of the game doing absolutely nothing about the opposing team's manager who had wandered around, often well outside his technical area, shouting loud dissenting comments filled with obscene language. Is there any surprise that the referee had a rough ride for the remainder of the game? I think not'

Adopt a positive approach

Taking decisive action about dissenting comments does not, for every good referee, imply that every incident of dissent must be officially cautioned. Such an approach would ruin the game. But, taking effective action means that you are not only likely to maintain proper control; it also means that you will probably earn the respect that you need from the players. There are many occasions when a firm word will have the desired effect. It does not always turn out to be the public word of advice; it can often be a fairly discreet one in the ear of the offender. Note, however, that it needs to be a firm word of advice, not a wishy-washy, meaningless one. Some dissent, of course, needs absolutely firm, no-nonsense treatment, with the offender being properly cautioned.

As you gain experience in refereeing you will come to gauge fairly well when you need to be tough and when you can get by with effective man-management. One of the best ways to learn is to find a mentor -a referee of mature experience and who has a reputation for common-sense refereeing - and to discuss dissent with him so that you learn something useful every time you speak with him.

Another way to learn how to cope with dissent is to join your local referees' association, attend its meetings and perhaps ask the chairman or training officer if a session on controlling dissent can be included in the next meeting's agenda. It is for such things as this that The Referees' Association exists, and it is for such reasons that every referee needs to be an active member.

Different kinds of players who might show dissent

Every game of football accommodates players who come onto the field in a different frame of mind and with different recent life-experiences from colleagues.

Think about the young player lining up for his first game in a senior team. He might just indulge in a little dissent as he tries hard to establish himself in the team

Think about the older player who is coming to the end of his playing days. Will he want to go out with a reputation for good behaviour, or might he decide to go out 'with a bang'? He could be a problem for you.

What about the player who is playing his first game after a period of suspension? Might he have learned his lesson, or has he a chip on his shoulder and wants to seek revenge on the referee in today's game? You have to be ready for him, and you'll need to choose carefully just how you approach him if he starts to show dissent.

What happens if a player has arrived at the ground for the game after just being involved in a furious argument with his wife or girlfriend? Is he likely to be the essence of good behaviour and courtesy if you give a decision he doesn't appreciate? How might he best be approached by the referee?

And it could be that the first player to voice his disagreement has just been caught speeding on his way to the game. Is he likely to be the player who loses his calm.

Every player on the field could be the one whose dissent, if not dealt with sensibly, is the beginning of trouble later in the game.

As referee, you need to be prepared for all sorts of dissent when you are on the field. This is all part of the challenge of being the person with the whistle.

Types of dissent.

There are an infinite number of ways in which players show dissent. Some are very public, such as deliberately kicking the ball many yards away after conceding a free-kick, or shouting loudly in derogatory terms about your latest decision. Whether it is dissent by action or word, you must decide quickly what you are going to do about it. Just ignoring it is not a sensible option.

You need to assess the kind of dissenting comment that has been made, for it is comments rather than the actions that are the harder situations to control. Ask yourself if the comment was a spur-of-the-moment one, made in frustration, or was it a very calculated one, made after a few seconds delay and perhaps decorated with a little sarcasm? Be alert to comments directed towards a player's colleagues but clearly meant to be about you or for your ears.

An example of this is something like the player who shouts to his colleagues, "Come on, lads. This referee isn't giving off-sides today." Would you be able to get out of that kind of situation without using your yellow card? Dare you try to control it with a touch of humour? What effect will your response have on the other players?

Are you prepared to make use of the team captain who has so far in the game shown qualities of leadership among his colleagues? Is it worthwhile asking him to control his dissenting team mate before you have to adopt a strong approach? Is that weakness on your part, or could it be good management?

What about your own attitude to dissent?

Ask yourself to what extent you can afford to be flexible in your approach to players who dissent, without running the risk of being accused of adopting an inconsistent approach. What will the players' reactions

be if you start early in the game with a caution for dissent? Before you use that kind of approach, are you fully aware of how difficult it might be to justify later on in the game not cautioning an action or comment of dissent?

Concluding comments

The referee who never had a few problems with dissent has not yet been born, and his potential parents have not yet met each other! There is nothing wrong with admitting that sometimes you have not dealt with dissent in the best manner. Refereeing is a wonderful activity of person-person relations over the period of a couple of hours or so. You will certainly make mistakes, but if you work consistently on thinking about all aspects of dissent, you will certainly improve this aspect of your work with every game that comes along.

A few words of advice apply to all aspects of refereeing, including dissent - Fail to prepare Prepare to fail.

(Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee , originally written for BENCHMARK, the magazine of Sheffield & Hallamshire RA, issued in November 2014)



A woman in her forties went to a plastic surgeon for a face-lift.

The surgeon told her about a new procedure called "The KEY", where a small key is placed on the back of a woman's head and can be turned to tighten up her skin to produce the effect of a brand new face lift.

Of course, the woman wanted "The Key".

Over the course of the years, the woman tightened the key and the effects were wonderful -- the woman remained young looking and vibrant.

After fifteen years, the woman returned to the surgeon with two problems. "All these years, everything has been working just fine. I've had to turn the key and I've always loved the results. But now I've developed two annoying problems. First, I have these terrible bags under my eyes and the key won't get rid of them."

The doctor looked at her closely and said, "Those aren't bags, those are your breasts."

She said, "No point asking about the beard then....."

My referees are better than ever

REF CHIEF RILEY BURIES HEAD IN SAND.

REFEREEING chiefs have hit back at criticism sparked by Sportsmail columnist Graham Poll by publishing statistics that claim standards have never been higher.

Despite a number of horrendous mistakes which blighted Barclays Premier League matches over the Christmas period, Professional Game Match Officials Ltd tried to make a case that 95 per cent of major decisions are correct.

Last week Poll highlighted several game-changing gaffes and called for referees' chief Mike Riley to be sacked. Poll was supported by former PGMOL head Keith Hackett, who branded the current officials the 'worst we have ever seen' and named four top-flight referees he thought should be axed.

On a day when Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho was charged by the PA for comments made after Cesc Fabregas was wrongly shown a yellow card for diving against Southampton, the PGMOL tried to hide their officials' poor performances behind statistics.

And in a bid to undermine their critics, PGMOL argued standards had improved since Hackett left five years ago.

As well as showing referees' fitness has got better, the figures claimed accuracy on major decisions was up to 95 per cent from 94.1 per cent, penalty-box calls were 98 per cent right and offsides had increased in accuracy to 99 per cent compared to 92 per cent when Riley took charge in 2010. Premier League managers,

Players and fans will find it hard to believe these figures.

Mike Jones awarding Liverpool their first penalty in the 2-2 draw at Anfield, when Raheem Sterling's cross struck Wes Morgan in the face, left Leicester manager Nigel Pearson dumbfounded and calling for the use of video replays.

Also on New Year's Day, Swansea boss Garry Monk said officials should suffer for bad performances following the 1-1 draw at QPR.

Rangers keeper Rob Green somehow escaped dismissal despite clearly handling the ball outside his area, while Wayne Routledge was sent off for his reaction to Karl Henry's late tackle. Taylor was the official once more and Swansea's Routledge had his red card rescinded. Gabriel Agbonlahor and Paul Konchesky had red card decisions overturned in December, after confusing calls by Lee Mason and Craig Pawson respectively.

In light of this, Poll said standards had 'sunk to their worst level that I can remember' and Hackett cited 'over 20 major errors' during the Christmas period. He called for Jones, Mason, Andre Marriner, and Chris Poy to be stood down.

Poll added last night: 'These stats will provide little succour for the millions who have watched games scarred by poor decisions. It's typical of Mike Riley, an accountant by profession, to hide behind statistics. People would think more of him if he came out from behind his statistical smokescreen and faced his critics. I believe these stats to be flawed as they don't record non-decisions. For example, Rob Green's handball won't be included as the referee played on instead of giving a free-kick.'

Laurie Whitwell writing in Daily Mail 9th January

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

Part 37 – The yellow card sending off

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165

When a player is sent off during a match the referee duly proceeds to administer through the sending off procedure and the player leaves the field of play and normally sits with the other substitutes on the bench. Funny how we still refer to the 'subs bench' as nowadays the benches are comfortable armchairs some of which are heated....really heated! (It is interesting to note that Arsenal only provide this for the home side and not the away team!)

Other times we see the players storming off the pitch for an early shower and at least they always have hot water.

So what do us 'Sunday morning football referees' do? We go through the motions for a sending off.....we isolate the player and make sure we are still facing the field of play. We calmly inform the player of the offence that they have just committed and request the player's name. A red card is duly produced in a non confrontational way meaning one does not stick the card in the player's face and hopefully the player will leave the field of play. Of course we also need to ensure the player puts on a track suit top to cover their shirt and most important keeps quiet and behaves.

I certainly know the process on how to caution or send off a player as I am sure the readers of this wonderful column know from this one match alone the number of red and yellow cards that I have produced. (How many have I sent off for this match because off the top of my head I have lost count! But if the law is applied correctly then I am correct in my actions).

The manager for the Casuals had continually disapproved of my decisions during the match and his comments were getting louder and louder and certainly more frequent. I had already spoken to him about accepting my decisions and not be so loud with his comments. He had not sworn at me and his comments were neither insulting, abusive or offensive but there were loud and becoming more frequent.

At the next break in play I again had a quiet word with him but within thirty seconds he again showed dissent. I knew I had to take the appropriate action.

As all referees should know a yellow or red card cannot be shown to one of the team officials but they are told that they will be reported to the relevant FA county. I requested the manager stand away from the touch line and refrain from making any further comments.

Two minutes later Casuals asked to make a substitution and to my amazement it was the manager who I had just asked to stand back from the touch line. Here he was waiting to enter the field as a named substitute.

A fair comment and that made me think. I did not actually produce a red card or in fact a yellow card. The manager showed dissent to me and had he been a player on the pitch I would have produced a yellow card for dissent. As far as I was concerned the manager or should I say player /manager was to be reported for dissent, that is a yellow card offence and he can play. I then informed the player/manager he was already on one caution and another yellow card offence would result in a sending off.

He nodded to accept my comments but questioned if a card is not shown does the yellow card not count. In a one word answer I said 'No'.

The very first touch from the newly arrived substitute and he kicked the ball as hard as he could against the opponent who was running in to make a challenge for the ball. The opponent just seemed to collapse on the floor when the full force hit him in the face.

This caused an instant reaction as the Rovers players run to me to demand this player who had only been on the field of play for a mere two minutes to be sent off. Unfortunately other Rovers run over to the offending Casuals player to tell him what they thought of his actions. I knew I had to react and restore calm very quickly before things escalated.

A few loud blasts of my whistle and I managed to isolate the player who had kicked the ball against the opponent.

My initial reaction was to produce a straight red card but then I thought for what? Then I thought it had to be a yellow card but again I thought for what offence?

The offending player asked what he had done wrong. I told him he had kicked the ball at an opponent. He replied 'Yes, I did kick the ball and I kicked the ball at him on purpose but what law has been infringed'? That was a great answer or should I say question but either way I could not think of any offence that this player had actually committed. A player is permitted to kick the ball. There is no law that states the ball cannot be kicked against an opponent. Had there been a challenge either reckless or excessive force then the appropriate action would have been taken, but simply to kick the ball even with excessive force is not actually an offence.

I did take the opportunity to speak to the player and asked him to calm down and also reminded him he was already on one yellow card.

This then left me to deal with the restart which I deemed to be a drop ball. This was not popular with the Rovers players but with no offence being committed I knew I was correct in law and this was confirmed, I thought, with the assessor by the corner flag also making a few notes.

See you all soon,

Willy Woodwork

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

Well, was our referee correct?

- a) Should the player /manager be made to stand away from the touch line after a caution?
- b) Should the player/manager have been showed a red or yellow card?
- c) Should the player/manager have been allowed to play?

With regard to the second incident.....

- a) Can a player kick the ball on purpose against an opponent?
- b) Should the referee have shown a yellow or red card to the player?
- c) Was a drop ball the correct restart?



Remember this could happen to you next week!

ADVANTAGE OR MINEFIELD

By Keith Goulding, Secretary of Worksop Referees Association

"To play or not to play, that is the question", words first uttered by William Shakespeare who played in goal for Brentford!

Whenever you apply advantage in a game you have to consider the football skills needed to fashion a goal-scoring opportunity from your shout of *"Advantage, Play on"*, coupled with the double-arm signal which, when given on the run, makes you sound like a neutered tomcat.

You also have to consider in which part of the field play is operating, and for an advantage to have any chance it needs to be the attacking third of the field. Consider also whether it would affect your control for the rest of the game. So there is plenty to think about.

Let us consider this scenario. Play is in the final third of the field, and a defender makes a reckless challenge on an opponent for which a yellow card would be shown. If you apply advantage do you need to mentally note the perpetrator's number so that you can return in the ensuing dead-ball time to administer it?

And secondly, you ask yourself if it is a gold-plated advantage with a goal the likely outcome. If your answer is no to either of those questions, then I would strongly suggest that you do not apply advantage and that you award the free kick. Players would forgive you if a goal were not scored, but would not forgive you if the reckless challenge went unpunished. This could seriously affect your control.

You must consider where you are on the field of play. If a central defender is fouled twenty yards from his own goal but retains the ball, is that an advantage? I would suggest that it is merely possession, and should you choose to apply advantage and another tackle comes flying in and fells the defender, then match control would be lost and a mass confrontation may ensue with several cards being the outcome of dubious practice.

I have already stated that in my opinion you should not apply advantage unless you are in the final third of the field, but consider this. One team is attacking and the whole team except their goalkeeper is in their opponents' half of the field. A defender intercepts a pass, then punts the ball into his opponents' half where a team mate, in his own half when the ball was played, runs onto the ball and has a clear run to his opponents' goal. I would suggest that this is an excellent time to apply advantage, even though the play was nowhere near the last third. This, though, is the exception to the general rule.

We now move on to the 'unspoken' advantage where a petty foul was committed and you do not want to spoil the flow of play. The Premier League boys seem to have their own unofficial signal, which is to point at the ball for a couple of seconds to show everyone that they have seen it. This unspoken advantage could be a precursor to a real advantage at the next stage of play. I am sure we have all done it, but the time lapse is so short. At this point you can only think, "Petty foul, he still has possession, I can bring it back for the initial foul and give the free kick if I need to".

Having said that, there is always a danger that a second more robust tackler may come flying in that could seriously affect your control. The players would then accuse you that it was your fault as the referee, you caused that situation because you should have given a free kick earlier, and so on. Are you being brave or foolhardy in that situation?

I would say that early in the game you might 'test the water' for about fifteen minutes and give the free kick until the players have confidence in your decisions. For things like throw-ins, be pedantic and insist they are taken from the right place. Then when the petty foul happens which is not an advantage but you want to maintain the flow, shout, "Seen it, fella, seen it", and I think the players will accept it and realise what you are trying to do to benefit the game for all of them. You may go through a whole game without a sniff of a real advantage, but always be looking for it. Do not penalise a team by not applying the law on advantage.

- ◆ Be aware of the difference between possession and advantage.
- ◆ Be aware of the individual ability of players to capitalise on your decision.
- ◆ Be aware of where you apply it on the field.

Courtesy of Sheffield and Hallamshire County FA



Spotted by Brian Reader

Adie on “Whose Fault is it Anyway?”

Last month I delivered a short talk to the Guildford Referees Association. This was, in reality, an update on what has been going on in the SCILW and the G&WAFL however it did create some good talking points. Promotion candidates are getting good opportunities to officiate in both Leagues as I can appoint them readily. Match Officials who have opted for that respective Saturday on one League can be rapidly deployed to a suitable game on the other League without any communication with another officer. This ensures a smooth running of both Leagues and also enables me to keep County updated with availability of Referees for County Cup games.

Last Saturday Diane and I had our optician appointments. I am compelled to have an annual test as I hold an Inspection Stamp at my company and this is part of the British Standards requirements. We had both got early appointments so that I could get back home to ensure there were no late problems with the Leagues. According to the optician my eyes have not changed over the past year so my driving and reading glasses are fine. I only had the test to pay for so I duly parted with my £20. My Company reimburses the charge so no worries. Diane then asked if I could pay for hers as she had just sent some money to our youngest at Uni. Stupidly I agreed and guess what! I had to part with £358!! On top of that Diane's iron flex is looking a bit frayed so we went into Robert Dyas to purchase a new one and she also found a ceramic frying pan that took her fancy. My wallet took another blow. Now you know why I hate going into town!!

I had to pick up some medical supplies for my leg the other day and duly parked in the village Car Park. I obtained my goods and wandered back – I still don't move that quickly and approached the Car Park. A chap was reversing his car out and this random woman just blatantly walked behind his car. Fortunately he saw her in time and braked. He had his window open and told her to watch where she was going. She retorted that she felt he could have driven forward rather than reversing, to which he replied that he could not drive over a sleeper an through a tree! He retort was that he should watch where he was going. I can draw some pretty good parallels with this not only on the football field but also with life in general. It does seem to me that people nowadays do not accept responsibility for their own actions. How many times do we hear 'it's not my fault' whether on the field of play or in our workplace? To be honest I don't know where this will end or what the solution is. The only conclusion I can draw is that if persons do not accept that they have made a mistake then we will end up against a brick wall! A fine example of this is any football match. No matter whether it is Premier League or Park Football, deniability seems to be the norm. Leg wise, things are improving. I am now back to working four days a week with only weekly one visits to see the nurse. Unfortunately I developed seasonal eczema which has given me excruciating itching on my leg but the wound is getting much smaller so I am thinking positively on a comeback towards the end of the season.

Enjoy your games

Adie

Referees don't have to say heads or tails at toss up

At the beginning of last season, my wife and I spent a holiday in Turkey to celebrate a significant wedding anniversary.

The season having already started meant that I was going to miss a couple of Match of the Days but I discovered a football match on the television in the hotel room. Not only that, it was a EURO 2012 qualifying match, Turkey v Azerbaijan and it settled a little query that had been bugging me for a couple of years.

I had refereed a game in which one of the teams consisted of Greek Cypriots. Although they spoke Greek amongst themselves they could all speak English to varying degrees but I got a surprise when we went to the toss up before the game, I asked the Greek Cypriot skipper to call heads or tails. 'What is this,' he asked, 'heads or tails?' I thought at first that he was joking but then I realised that he was genuine, he didn't understand the term 'heads or tails'. Obviously, I pointed out the head on one side of the coin and explained that the other side was known as tails. The toss up then went forward without any problem but I had to ask myself the question, the Law says the kick off is decided by the toss of a coin, so if they don't have heads and tails in the rest of the world, what do they have? It was now that I found my answer.

As the television cameras panned in for a close up of the tossing up ceremony, the Turkish commentator, although I was unable to understand what he was saying, was obviously giving a run down on the career of the referee, Peter Rasmussen of Denmark.. Then it was the referee's turn and the microphone picked up what he was saying. To my surprise he spoke to the captains in English. I should have remembered that for FIFA referees, English is the official language, but it did seem a little surreal, a Danish referee talking to the captains from Turkey and Azerbaijan in English. Did they understand him was my initial thought but his message was very simple. He pointed to one side of the coin and said 'red' and to the other side he said 'yellow'.

It was as simple as that but it was a lesson in itself, show the captains which is heads and which is tails.

Dick Sawdon Smith — Courtesy of Reading Referee



..It was the Annual Charity match between a team made up of doctors and one chosen from the rest of the hospital staff.

When one of the doctor defenders bundled over an opponent in the box, the (neutral) referee had no hesitation in indicating the penalty.

"Hold on ref", shouted a defender colleague, "you must be bloody blind".

The experienced official, hoping to keep things low-key as it was a charity match, kept his card in his pocket and retorted::

"When I want your opinion no 3, I'll ask for it"

"And I'll charge you 50 quid", was the instant reply from the ophthalmic consultant.

Spotted by Brian Reader in Ken Aston .org

This Month's Speaker

Lee Cable

AGE: 47

OCCUPATIONS: Construction Manager
& FA Referees Development Coach

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Becky for 17 years
Children - Lauren 18 & Charlie 14

- ◆ Commenced refereeing in November 1982 aged 14.
- ◆ Progressed through local leagues gaining class 2 in 1986 and class 1 in 1988
- ◆ Progression to the National Referee's list was via the Southern League in 1989
- ◆ National list of linesman 1991 -1998
- ◆ Referees list of the Panel competitions 1993 - 1998
- ◆ Assistant referees list of the FA Premiership 1994 - 1998
- ◆ National list of Referees for the Football League 1998 – 2004 Resigned.
- ◆ National list of Assessors for the PGMOL 2005 - current
- ◆ Registered FA Assessor 2006 - current
- ◆ Registered Mentor 2007 – current
- ◆ FA Regional Referees Coach 2009 - current
- ◆ South East Regional Development Group Coach 2012 -13
- ◆ SCFA Development Group co-ordinator 2005 – 2009 & 2012 to 2014

Honours:

- 1995-96 Friendly International at Wembley England vs. Switzerland - 4th official
- 1995-96 UEFA Cup matches as an Assistant referee
 - ◆ Bulgaria – Slavia Sofia vs. Olympiakos
 - ◆ Norway – Viking Stavanger vs. Auxerre
- ◆ 1995-96 FA Youth Cup Final 2nd Leg - Assistant Referee
- ◆ 1997-98 FA Vase Final at Wembley - Assistant Referee
- ◆ 1997-98 The Surrey Senior Cup Final - Referee
- ◆ 1999-00 Women's UEFA Cup Qualifier England vs. Switzerland - 4th official
- ◆ 2003-04 England U21 vs. Croatia U21 Friendly International - 4th official

Interests & Hobbies

Developing referees at all levels,
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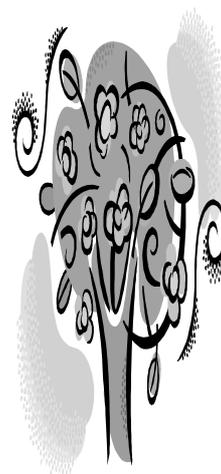
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Dates for your Diary 2014/15

2nd February	Society Meeting - Lee Cable
2nd March	Society Meeting - Martin Atkinson
13th April	Society Meeting - Ian Blanchard
11th May	Society Meeting - Stephen Green



A shipwrecked sailor found himself on a remote island in the Pacific. The only other inhabitant appeared to be a very beautiful native girl. On the first day she fed him with delicious native foods. On the second day she gave him lovely cooling drinks. On the third day, to the sailor's surprise, she produced a carton of cigarettes. By this time the sailor was beginning to enjoy life on the island. On the fourth day the girl smiled at him seductively and asked, "Would you like to play a game?" "Blimey!" said the sailor. "Don't tell me you've got a football pitch on the island as well!"

Over breakfast one morning, a little boy kept staring intently at his grandfather. "Is anything the matter, son?" "No, Gramps. I was just wondering what position you play in the football team." "What are you talking about?" laughed Gramps. "I'm far too old to play football." "Oh," said the little boy. "It's just that Dad said that when you kicked off, we'd be able to afford a new car."

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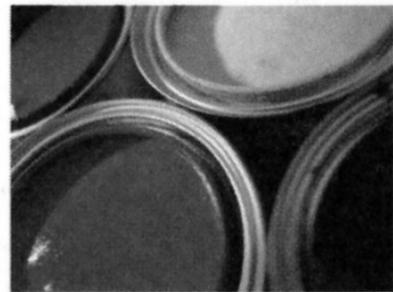
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What Would You Do?

(answers to ~~December~~ issue)

January

Q1. You award a penalty to Reds - only to discover that the torrential rain has wiped out the penalty mark. You pace out 12 yards but both teams demand that the mark is properly measured and repainted before they will continue. What do you do?

A1. If you are satisfied that you have established the correct spot, the game continues. Punish any unnecessary delays.

Q2. In a European tie the away team's star striker says he has been racially abused by home fans - so he walks off in disgust. You did not hear the abuse, and his manager wants to bring on a substitute to replace him. What would you do?

A2 Had you heard the racist abuse you would take both teams off and ask the stadium authorities to inform the crowd that you will abandon the match if the abuse continues. Common sense - allow the player to be replaced assuming the side have not made all their changes already. Include the details in your match report.

Q3. A striker already on a yellow card, scores his 100th goal for his club. To celebrate he sprints over to his bench, collects a special spare shirt with the No. 100 on the back, and puts it on over his normal top. What would you do?

A3. If he unnecessarily delays the restart he should be shown a second yellow card. Ensure the new shirt is removed before the restart.

Q4. In the middle of a match a player's mobile phone rings in his pocket. He takes it out and starts talking into it in the centre circle as play goes on around him. What would you do?

A4. Unless you are playing advantage, stop play and caution for unsporting behaviour. Taking a phone on to the FoP could present a danger. Order the player from the field, restart with an indirect free kick, and allow him to return, minus the phone, when the ball is next out of play.

Q5. A Red attacker runs into the penalty area from the wing. He taps the ball inside a defender and runs outside him off the pitch. The frustrated defender follows him off the pitch and deliberately kicks him. The ball is still in play. What would you do?

A5. Dismiss the defender; restart with an indirect free kick from the position of the ball (Law 12 "Violent Conduct" restart of play - bullet 2 para 2)

Q6. At the end of extra time in a cup tie, Reds have only 10 players on the pitch, and you indicate that the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. So, Blues exclude their number 5. During the kicks, Blue's goalkeeper is dismissed for using foul language, so they ask you for the return of their "reduced" number 5, who apparently is useful in goal. How many players can now take part?

A6. 19 ("Kicks from the penalty mark" bullet 16)

Q7. In a tightly contested and even game kicks from the penalty mark are required to decide the outcome. Each team has taken 4 kicks. Blues missed 1 and Reds missed 2. Blues' fifth kick is pushed against the inside of a post by the goalkeeper and the ball is rolling along the line when the keeper tries to grab it, but only succeeds in knocking it into the net. How many kicks have been successful?

A7. 6 (Kicks from the penalty mark, bullet 15 AND Law 14 "Procedure")

(Ed. Questions 1-4 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion. Questions 5-7 were set by Sid Harrison for the National RA Quiz, 2013)

Courtesy of the Chiltern Referee

What Would You Do?

Question 1

You spot a player shouting at your assistant, so you show him a yellow card. Later in the game, the pair clash again. But nearby opponents say it was your colleague who started it. What would you do?



Question 2.

During a penalty shoot-out the home captain comes over to complain that the away keeper has put on unusually long boots, apparently padded out with newspaper meaning he can stand ahead of the goal line with his heels still touching it. What would you do?

Question 3.

Just before kick off a striker approaches you. He says he went to school with one of your assistants and they've been feuding for years. He says the assistant always picks on him and wants him replaced. What would you do?

Question 4.

The game is three minutes before the half-time break of a bleak mid-winter match, when the floodlights fail. The stadium manager says it will take 10 minutes to fix them, and suggests you blow for half-time now. What would you do?

Question 5.

A maverick winger known for his juggling skills flicks the ball up and balances it between his jaw and his shoulder. He then manages to run 30 yards before letting it drop whereupon he volleys it into the net. What would you do?

Question 6.

It's 1-1 in added time of an important cup tie. The minnows' goalkeeper, who has been a hero throughout, catches a harmless ball - then bizarrely fumbles it into his net before collapsing. After treatment, he says he has no memory of what happened - and the medics say he had some sort of seizure. What would you do? Would you award the goal?

Question 7.

At a corner kick during a fair challenge for the ball, there is a clash of heads and an attacker drops to the ground. You stop play while the goalkeeper has the ball. At the subsequent dropped ball the Red attacker says he wants to contest the dropped ball. But you tell him to retreat, but he persists in wanting to challenge for the ball. What would you do?

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