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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 9th January 2017

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

AGENDA

- ◆ **7.30 Academy Meeting**
- ◆ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ◆ **RA FA Event**
" Crime & Punishment"
Guest Speaker - Louis Marks
- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10.00 Close**



The February Meeting will be on 6th February 2017

**The deadline for February Warbler is
Friday 27th January 2017**

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

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a good a peaceful Christmas and now all set for the New Year.

We start this New Year with another visit from the RA-FA training team, our Guest Speaker is Louis Marks of Bedfordshire FA and the subject is Crime and Punishment 'does the sentence fit the crime?'

We are hosting this event and representing all the LRA's in Surrey, so I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it, also invite your Refereeing friends

See you on the 9th and all the best for 2017.



*I'd have to be superman to do some of the things I'm supposed to have done . . .
I've been in six different places at six different times.*
GEORGE BEST

*DICKIE DAVIES: What's he going to be telling his team at half-time, Denis?
DENIS LAW: He'll be telling them that there are 45 minutes left to play . . .*

Well, as for Ian Rush - he's perfectly fit - apart, that is, from his physical fitness .
MIKE ENGLAND
I'm not going to make it a target but it's something to aim for.
STEVE COPPELL

2016/17 Membership		Accounts 2016 Current Status	
108	Full Members	General	£2,521.79
10	Friends	Supplies	£153.15
1	Affiliate Member	Belgium	£200.00
44	Referees trained in 2016/2017	Training Fund	£784.26
		Youth Fund	£113.50
		Total	£3,772.70

Mac's Musings

A letter was recently sent by David Ellery to all County FA's and also County FA Referees Committees questioning whether it would be feasible for all referees (and assistants) to be able to wear coloured refs shirts. We as a Society were in turn asked for our feedback which the Committee has duly done. The questions to which we were asked to respond are as follows

1. Should referees (and assistant referees) be permitted to wear coloured referee shirts in all competitions?
2. Should referees (and assistant referees) be permitted to wear coloured referee shirts only in competitions which permit teams to play in dark blue and/or black shirts?
3. If coloured shirts are limited to those competitions where the CFA allows dark blue/black playing kits, how should the coloured referee shirts be provided:
 - a. The competition provides each referee (and assistant where appropriate) with the shirts?
 - b. The competition adds a small sum (e.g. £1) to the match fee as a contribution towards the cost of the shirts which will be then be purchased by referee (and assistant where appropriate)?

As with many surveys, the answers can only as good as the questions asked and what was clear to us was that the ones above were too specific and that the 2nd and 3rd questions actually refer to the first one being answered in the affirmative. If one answers "No" to Q1 then where do we go from there? There should have been appropriate follow up questions such as -

- *If No, what competitions or leagues should be allowed to wear coloured shirts?*

We discussed this at some length at Committee and basically came to the conclusion that given the number of colours available, (judging by the variety of hues worn by the Premier League guys) it would be impractical for Refs and A/Rs operating in the those leagues where neutral A/Rs are appointed to be expected to purchase 4 or 5 different shirts. Imagine in the Suburban or Combined Counties leagues, on which many of our Society members officiate, trying to arrange for all 3 officials to be wearing the same colours. Logistical and expensive nightmare I suggest.

However, for those blowing the whistle in the lower leagues, where Club Linesmen are the order of the day, then it becomes a much more feasible option. There was a suggestion that the younger refs today would very much like to get away from being the "man in black" and would be happy to spend a few bob on a couple of alternative shirts, which they could then choose to wear providing of course there wasn't a colour clash with the players.

The latter was in essence what we fed back to the FA.

I'd be interested to hear from our younger members if they have any views on the matter.

Last month's meeting was our annual Christmas Dinner at the Hoe Bridge Golf Centre. Just over 40 of us had great evening, with excellent food (the best yet I reckon) an entertaining quiz and the mega Christmas raffle—well squares actually. As usual Richard A won a good majority of the prizes, probably because he bought most of the squares, but again he then generously handed most of them out to other less lucky guests. It was a fabulous evening and much credit and appreciation must go to Martin Read for once again organising a terrific event. **Mac**

Secretary Wanted

Our current Secretary , Dave Lawton, is standing down at the end of the year so the Society is looking for a willing member to step into his shoes.

This important role is vital to the continued success of our Society, the role and responsibilities of which are listed below. If you feel you have the time and commitment to fulfil this position then please contact ?

Andy Bennett has agreed to continue as Assistant Secretary.

Secretary

- ◆ Principal administration officer – the main link between members, committees and outside agencies
- ◆ Good all round communication skills
- ◆ Computer literate with access to emails
- ◆ First point of contact for all outside agencies
- ◆ Sets agendas in association with the chairperson
- ◆ At the forefront of the society
- ◆ Writes agendas for meetings and ensures minutes are distributed
- ◆ Contacts guests on behalf of the society / organise society meetings
- ◆ Plans the years events with input from all officers of the committee
- ◆ Retains correspondence and minutes for review
- ◆ Carries out a handover to an incoming secretary

Assistant Secretary

- ◆ Aids the secretary with the administration of his role
- ◆ Takes minutes at all appropriate occasions
- ◆ Makes minutes available to the secretary for distribution

Clattenburg Voted the World's Best Referee



Daily Mail 28th Dec 2016

Mark Clattenburg was yesterday named the Best Referee of the Year at the Globe Soccer Awards in Dubai. The Premier League official, 41, who collected his trophy in person, took charge of the FA Cup Final the Champions League final and the final of Euro 2016 this year.

Ranking 2016

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 – Mark Clattenburg (England) | 141 points |
| 2 – Nicola Rizzoli (Italy) | 65 points |
| 3 – Viktor Kassai (Hungary) | 55 points |
| 4 – Jonas Eriksson (Sweden) | 43 points |
| 5 – Cuneyt Cakir (Turkey) | 28 points |
| 5 – Björn Kuipers (Netherlands) | 28 points |
| 7 – Felix Brych (Germany) | 26 points |
| 8 – Martin Atkinson (England) | 20 points |
| 9 – Damir Skomina (Slovenia) | 19 points |
| 10 – Nestor Pitana (Argentina) | 14 points |

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ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

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PUNISHMENT**

DOES THE
SENTENCE FIT
THE CRIME?

Woking Society
Kings Meadow, Loop Road,
Woking, GU22 9BQ
9th January 2017 at 7:45pm
Guest Speaker Louis Marks
Something for everyone!

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across all areas of refereeing throughout the game.

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The FA

On Consulting Your Assistants

I saw something recently that got me thinking about the merits or otherwise of a referee consulting his assistant[s]. Broadly there are two occasions when assistants need to be [seen to be] consulted:

- To get information on things not seen by the referee in the interests of justice
- To help sell a decision.

There is, of course, a big difference between seeking help from neutral and club assistants. Let us get that out of the way; what might a referee reasonably do if he only has unqualified help?

It is an unwise referee who asks for help, even takes uncalled for advice, from club assistants on matters on the FoP other than for indications of alleged offside. Unqualified assistants rarely have the knowledge or judgement – not to mention reliability – for providing help on foul play or matters that might lead to disciplinary action. The referee is on his/her own there and ‘can only give what is actually seen’.

So, club assistants rarely need consulting – perhaps only to get explained why an offside flag was raised to clarify who was being flagged offside.

By contrast, when there is a fully qualified team of officials, there is sometimes merit in going to speak to an assistant for the reasons stated above. Most essential is sharing information on serious ‘off-the-ball’ incidents that did not come under the referee’s notice and on getting full information on who was significantly involved in a mass confrontation. In the first case it will likely have been the assistant calling the referee over at the first opportunity. With multiple misconduct, the assistants would have initially moved closer ‘triangulating’ with the referee three different viewpoints and then talk to the referee when order has returned.

The assistants need to report which players etc. were involved to a degree where disciplinary action is merited e.g. “I saw Red 4 push Blue 6, that needs a caution” and “Red 2 hit Blue 11, that needs a send-off”. That’s all the referee needs to know; the reporting assistant will be writing a disciplinary report and the referee might only have to record action he took on the assistant’s advice. The same applies to an assistant reporting an ‘off-the-ball’ incident.

Consulting assistants nowadays takes different forms. At the top it has become rarer for referees to have to go over to the line for information as conversations can be held by encrypted radio links. Prior to that there was often unspoken, signalled communication. For instance, if a referee wanted to know how serious an assistant thought a foul was the latter was closer to there was a convention for the assistant to pat the shirt badge if it was a caution and to pat the shorts pocket if it was a send-off. The reasons – simple, we kept our yellow card in the shirt pocket and our red card in our shorts.

So that covers penal offences that the referee didn’t see and those for which the assistant has a better view.

There might be offside flags that the referee needs to check on. Assistants and referees almost always have different perspectives on these incidents and one might have seen something unseen by the other.

However Law 11 gets interpreted and re-interpreted, the question of a potential offender's actual involvement in the activity may be seen differently by the referee and the assistant. The question of a potential offender 'being involved in active play' by being or not being in the goalkeeper's line of sight can never be judged from the line. If it is probable that an attacking player was so positioned and offside, a flag [in case] is needed, which might then lead to a conversation. The same might hold in other forms of interfering with an opponent. I remember being told "better a dodgy offside than a dodgy goal". Such conversations both help justice being served as well selling a decision. After consultation an emphatic decision can be signalled one way or the other.

There are times when consultation doesn't help. If an assistant of apparent competence flags confidently and disallows a 'goal' that you, as the referee, have no reason to doubt, don't go to the assistant just to appease protesting defenders. Doing this appears to be a show of no confidence in your assistant and demeans him/her – just as bad as a rude waving-down of an assistant's flag. Be bold and support your assistant.

If any consultation is needed KEEP IT BRIEF. I remember a Conference game where a 3-minute discussion took place after the referee was called over. It ended with no action taken whatsoever by the referee. Everybody was mystified and a four-figure crowd even started a slow hand-clap. Assistants should make a concise report and we should get on with the game ASAP.

Len Randall



Writing in The Chiltern Referee

Team Colours

A nightmare that most assistant referees fear is the player or players warming up on the far side of the field not wearing any distinctive colours from that of their team-mates and thereafter worrying about giving a mistaken offside.

Well similar problems can happen to players since Peterboro's Michael Bostwick's accurate pass to what he thought was a teammate on the flank turned out to be one of the security guards who wear the same colour as the players.

If that's the case I fear for the assistant referees when they appear at that ground.

Video Replay?

..... Dunga might still be coach of Brazil if video replay technology had been used at the Copa America in June. The goal which gave Peru a 1-0 win over Brazil and eliminated the five-times world champions was a clear example of where the technology could avoid a glaring mistake, according to former international referee David Elleray. In a replay of the incident, Elleray pointed out that it was clear Raul Ruidiaz controlled Andy Polo's cross with his hand before turning the ball into the net.

Spotted in The Normidian

Where did I go wrong?

I changed with the players, nothing unusual in junior football, but as a referee I do prefer to have separate changing facilities. I looked around me trying to sum them up. I like to do this as sometimes you can tell by their attitude what sort of a game you are going to have. This bunch looked an aggressive uncompromising lot, jovial but rowdy. No one spoke to me, I might just have not been there.

The time came for the kick-off; we were out there on time for a change. I looked around for someone I might persuade to run the line for me. In this league they do not get fined for not providing a linesman. The manager of the home side approached me, a middle-aged man. "I'll run the line for you, Ref!" I mumbled my thanks and started to give him my instructions, but before I could open my mouth, "Yes, I know when you take no notice of my signals I will put the flag down," he said unsmiling. I was a little taken aback by this remark but hastened to explain that I would acknowledge all his signals should I wish to let play go on, either because I considered the player was not interfering with play or that I wanted to play the advantage.

The game commenced and a stiff cold breeze swept down the pitch. The away side scored and the home side soon equalised. The game was running quite smoothly and I began to think that my pre-match fears were unwarranted. Then it happened! For once I was in the correct position, in line with the last one of the home defenders and on the right diagonal facing the home club's linesman. The ball was in the possession of the away side's attackers about mid-way into the home side's half. Two of the away team attackers, however, were standing in an offside position. Up went the linesman's flag but as yet the ball had not been played. I put up my hand and acknowledged the linesman's signal. "Wait a minute, wait until the ball is played", I said quietly, knowing full well that the linesman could not hear me.

Then before the ball could be played the tackle came, and the ball was played back to the halfway line. Now, in no way were the two attackers interfering with play, but the flag stayed up. The defence screamed for offside, the two attackers seeing their position ran back so they were now on-side. At that moment the ball was played over the home defence, one of the attackers ran forward, met the ball with his head and the ball was in the back of the neck. I awarded a goal and ran towards the centre, leaving angry voices behind me complaining that the goal was offside. The captain of the home side tried valiantly to rally his side. "It was not offside because the referee didn't give it", he cried. "Ha! Ha! a hollow laugh rang out from one of the defenders; which one I could not tell. The game continued and soon, thankfully, it was half-time.

The home side trooped off, still grumbling amongst themselves about the offside goal that the referee had allowed. Their manager followed after them and as he passed me I said, "I'm sorry but you put your flag up before the ball was played." "Yes, I know" he replied "The ball was played back. That's all right, don't worry about it." He walked away and I heard him trying to convince his side that I was right. He did not appear to be having much success. "Want a piece of orange, Ref?" ,

One of the home side players ran across to me with a piece in his hand. "It's got arsenic in it", said another. I forced a smile trying to show that I considered the remark a joke but putting to memory the face of the player responsible for the remark.

The second half started and it was at this stage that I discovered that there were about twelve referees on the pitch. It did not matter what decision I made, someone thought it was wrong. It was never the same player and they were careful that they did not go too far so that it could be construed as dissent.

The game continued and the home team were building up an attack. I was well up with play and the winger had the ball. From several directions came shouts from his team mates insisting that he should pass the ball to them. He hesitated, appearing bewildered. "Give the ball to the Ref, he's done nothing all afternoon", came a voice from behind me. I swung round annoyed, to be met by a wall of blank faces. I had my suspicions it was the centre forward, but I was not sure. I marked his card in my mind. "The next time you step out of line mate," I thought. He never did, but you certainly need a sense of humour in this game.

The game continued and I began to wish that either the home side would equalise or the attacking away side would score again to put the result beyond doubt. I hate results of games ending on controversial decisions, although I felt my decision was right at the time. I quickly dismissed this from my mind, realising that whatever happened now would not make any difference. As far as the home side were concerned I had made a wrong one.

How long to go? I looked at my watch, wishing time away hoping that nothing else controversial would happen. It did not and I blew the whistle for full time. There were no further remarks from the home side as I changed afterwards, much to my surprise. A couple of players came up to me and shook hands. "Good game, Ref", they said. At least I have some fans I thought. Though needless to say they were from the winning side. I shuddered to think what marks the home side would give me. It only went to show that one controversial decision can affect a whole game. If I had booked someone for dissent at the beginning of the game would it have made much difference? Please, someone! Where did I go wrong?

(Thanks to The Chiltern Referee. It originated in the Basingstoke BLEEP. It surely reflects what we have all experienced quite a few times).



Nottingham Forest are having a bad run . . . they've lost six matches now without winning.

DAVID COLEMAN

£5.3 million is a large loaf to be throwing away before a ball's been kicked.

JIMMY GREAVES

Players win games and players lose games - it's all about players really.

BOBBY FERGUSON

West's Witterings

The DECLINE ! (In open-age 11 v 11 Football, that is.)

Sitting down to type some words about 'THE DECLINE' in an article likely to be published in a local Referee Society magazine and therefore probably only to be read by members of the whistling fraternity set me wondering just how many referees are interested in the supply of players for teams and clubs at the lowest levels of the football pyramid ? And it is about the supply of players/teams/clubs that causes the word DECLINE to be used.

This particular decline has been going on for around twenty seasons as I type this, with Sunday football 'suffering'¹ slightly or considerably more than the Saturday game, a fact that may be because Saturday was/is the long-time 'usual' day for local games. A former colleague clearly failed to 'read all about it'¹ until the early summer of this year - whereupon he immediately attributed 'sole cause' to one of his fellow League Officers, thereby ignoring the fact that the League in question has been holding its own on Club and team numbers for at least the last 5 seasons, any leavers' have been because of that infectious disease labelled either 'player apathy' or 'lack of administrators' and have mostly been replaced. SCFA addressed the matter as far back as 2010 by forming what was to become the PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE, but it may well be that it has aimed at the wrong target(s).

Surrey is so well off for Youth Leagues, with each such League overflowing with teams, so much so that most Leagues have varying strata divisions of the same age groups, and Clubs frequently have more than one team at each age group, labelling them with the Club name and a team name to distinguish levels of skill.

All goes well in such Leagues until the Under 15 age group and the three age levels above, when the number of teams diminishes annually, the Dad in charge of a team may lose his enthusiasm (after say ten years getting a full team plus subs from 'A' to 'B' up to 25 times a season) and the players themselves have discovered other things to do.

One of the more common 'reasons' offered for the Under 18 players not progressing to adult football is that they have all gone off to University, facts suggest otherwise. But getting any changes made to what is at best a hit & miss situation with these 4 age levels has proved impossible.

Youth Leagues, per se, effectively wash their hands of any responsibility to either 'pass on their maturing players' upwards, or even to co-operate by making known to each team (as it nears 'graduation') of the several local adult Leagues waiting to recruit complete teams directly from Youth football, or any amalgam of a few players from each of several Youth teams in the same neighbourhood to form a new Club.

There are few exceptions, the Border League benefited from the enthusiasm of a number of adults who were determined to turn a Worplesdon Rangers Youth side into an adult team, and succeeded. Meadow Sports were intending to do the same for their older team for the current season, but pulled out almost at the last minute after finding there were simply not enough players committed.

It remains almost a must that the average maturing 16, 17 & 18 year old still needs his football to be organised for him by one or two 'older people'¹ and one looks mostly in vain for a youth player ready, able and willing to try to keep his Youth team together as an entity, or to set about finding the right number of ex-youth players like himself to make that move into open-age Leagues.

I am aware that any really good youth players will have already moved on to the Academy of a really Senior Club, and just as aware that the next strata of players with skill may have attracted the next level of 'Senior Clubs' to come calling, but that will still leave a majority of 18 year olds somewhat adrift when their team pops out of the top of their Youth League.

Open age Leagues have very little organised access to groups of such players, and recent experience displays the need for either or both the County F.A. and each Youth League to provide not only information but to actually try to ensure that each and every maturing player intends to stay in and with the game in some capacity, but clearly and preferably as a player.

Is that not what Football Development Officers should be concentrating on ?

ACTION needs to be planned just after Christmas each year to ascertain how many Under 16, 17 and 18 teams are likely to be "packing up" as they reach the following April or May and just how many of their players haven't even thought about their 'football life' thereafter. Advice, help & guidance are needed.

It used to be a noticeable fact of life that many of the redundant youth players began to get 'itchy feet' between ages 21 and 23, hence the fact that Sunday Leagues were mostly self regenerating, with enough new clubs being formed to replace the inevitable losses, just as Referees' Training Courses used to be able to rely on the right number of 'retiring' players deciding to "put something back" and so reinforcing the stock of active referees on an annual basis. Sadly, both of these 'habits' have fallen into disuse.

The F.A. and/or our top Leagues may not be helping too much either, the latest plan to extend the English Football League to 80 teams in 4 Divisions of 20 will take 8 Clubs from the Vanarama National League, and every layer and level below will need to have 'forced' promotions simply because the F.A. sets the standards as to how many teams there shall be in each Division of each League, thereby forcing more and more Clubs to be 'enrolled'¹ (or possibly rolled-out !) as being of "Senior Status"

Question ? Why insist on sizes of Divisions amongst Leagues with a majority of players still logically designated as "local players" to the extent that teams in that League need to fulfil Bank Holiday fixtures as well as having a plethora of mid-week games ? The more such Leagues and teams you have the more the DECLINE will influence the lower orders. The more you artificially increase the number of real or pseudo Senior teams the more clubs you will 'drag upwards'¹ to a level they will struggle to maintain, through either or both shortage of competent players or the everlasting financial struggle present at most levels.

Cyril West

'In The Middle' with referee Dick Sawdon-Smith: Where Free Kicks Are Taken

AT the Reading v Sheffield Wednesday match there was a little unsavoury incident between an assistant referee and a couple of members of the Wednesday staff.

It happened after an offside decision but it wasn't the decision that created the acrimony, but where the free kick was taken.

The Reading player was in an offside position only a little way inside the Wednesday half, but he chased after a ball that was played down close to the Wednesday goal line.

The assistant referee, one of the excellent women officials in the professional game today, sprinted alongside him and when he finally played the ball, she raised her flag.

Wednesday wanted to take the free kick back where the Reading player started his run, but she was adamant it had to be taken where he played the ball. Two disgruntled Wednesday staff came out of their technical area to harangue the assistant referee.

This only displayed their ignorance of the law.

The law clearly states that a player should not be penalised for being in an offside position, but only when the player who was offside touches the ball or interferes with the play or opponents.

The two things, being offside and interfering with the game, might happen in two different places, as was the case here.

The laws have accentuated in this season's rewrite, that the kick must be where the interference, the offence, took place. It refers especially to where a player is offside in his opponents' half, but runs back to play the ball inside his own half after it had been played by a team mate.

Normally the assistant referee remained where the player had been but now he, or she, must follow the player into the other half and, if he interferes with play, flag for offside there.

The kick will be taken at that point despite the law saying players can't be offside in their own half.

Dick Sawdon—Smith writing in the Reading Chronicle. Spotted in Mal Davis Weekly Newsletter

Further to the above, I've just been watching Liverpool v Manchester City and once again the commentator, the pundit and a player have shown their ignorance of the Offside Law.

City had pumped a long ball towards Aguero, who realising he was offside made no attempt to play the ball, which went out of play near the Liverpool corner flag. Peter Kirkup, probably one of the most experienced Assistants on the Premier, quite rightly signalled for a throw in. James Milner the Liverpool left back could be seen "asking" Peter why he couldn't have a free kick for offside, which would have been much further up the pitch. Both commentator and pundit were also asking the same question. !! Its no wonder that spectators and players get confused when so called "experts" get it so wrong **Mac**

PlumTree

Surrey FA Saturday Lower Junior County Cup
 Normandy First -v- Burpham Reserves
 Referee : **Will Siegmund**

F.A. Premier Academy,
 Chelsea u-16 v Norwich City u-16
 Asst Referee : **Paul Gorringe**



Widdle Wabbits



A nice little girl walks into a Pet Smart store and asks, in the sweetest little lisp, between two missing teeth, "Excute me, mithter, do you keep widdle wabbits?"

As the shopkeeper's heart melts, he gets down on his knees so that he's on her level and asks, "Do you want a widdle white wabbit, or a thoft and fu-wwy, bwack wabbit, or maybe one like dat cute widdle bwown wabbit over der?"

She, in turn, blushes, rocks on her heels, puts her hands on her knees, leans forward and says, in a tiny quiet voice,

"I don't think my python weally gives a thytit."

Thanks to Martin Read

Dates for your Diary 2016/17

9th January	Society Meeting	RA FA Event
6th February	Society Meeting	TBA
6th March	Society Meeting	TBA
3rd April	Society Meeting	TBA
8th May	Society Meeting	TBA
2nd June—5th June	Belgium Trip	



Pages from Yesteryear

Continuing the A to Z of Football

PHYSIOTHERAPY

PLAYERS EXCUSE FOR GETTING CAUGHT IN A MASSAGE PARLOUR.

PICASSO'S EUNUCH

TECHNICAL TERM FOR A PLAYER WHO KEEPS GETTING TACKLED BY GAZZA.

PLAYING THE ADVANTAGE

REFEREES EXCUSE FOR DROPPING HIS WHISTLE.

PRIMA DONNA

FIRST RATE KEBAB.

PROVOKING THE REF

TELLING HIM YOU'VE SEEN HIS PARENTS AND THEY'RE STILL NOT MARRIED.

PUBLIC HOUSE

MEETING PLACE FOR TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC DRINKING.

PUNK

PLAYER WITH GREEN & RED STRIPED SHIRT AND HAIR TO MATCH.

PUZZLING

WHY DOES THE COUNTY KEEP FINING US, WE DON'T START THE FIGHTS ?

QUART

TWO PINTS OF BITTER.

QUEASY

TWO QUARTS OF BITTER AND JELLIED EELS.

RAFFLE

POPULAR FUND RAISING EVENT, SIMILAR TO A WHIP ROUND FOR AS WEDDING PRESENT, EXCEPT EVERYONE STANDS THE CHANCE OF A PRIZE WITHOUT GETTING STUCK WITH A WIFE

REFEREE

IT WILL PROBABLY COME AS SOME SURPRISE TO SOME PLAYERS THAT REFEREES ARE ONLY HUMAN. THEY HAVE GOOD GAMES AND BAD GAMES, BUT VERY RARELY DO THEY HAVE NO GAME AT ALL. AS THE MAN SAID, WHILST TWIDDLING HIS THUMBS IN A BROTHEL, "THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH OF THEM TO GO ROUND"

RIDDLE

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU DRINK EIGHT PINTS OF BITTER. ANSWER -SEVEN JIMMY RIDDLES.

RIOT

WHERE THE REFEREE ABANDONS THE GAME OR THE GAME ABANDONS THE REFEREE.

ROBBED

THE REFEREE IS LOOKING AT HIS WATCH, JUST WAITING TO BLOW THE FINAL WHISTLE, THEN IN THE DYING SECONDS, SOME LITTLE BASTARD RUNS OF WITH THE VALUABLES BAG.

RUNNING

POPULAR METHOD OF GETTING ROUND THE PITCH , ALTHOUGH NOT AS POPULAR AS WALKING.

RUNNING OFF THE BALL

TACTICAL MOVE WHERE A PLAYER HOPES TO CHANGE THE BALANCE OF PLAY BY DISTRACTING DEFENDERS OR BY PROVIDING ANOTHER OPTION TO 'THE PLAYER WITH BALL.

RUNNING OFF WITH THE BALL

TACTICAL MOVE WHEREBY A PLAYER HOPES TO CHANGE THE CAPTAINS MIND ABOUT DROPPING HIM, BY RUNNING OFF WITH THE BALL.

SALUTE

IN RECOGNITION OF A MUTUAL DIFFERENCE OF OPINION PLAYERS WILL OFTEN SALUTE EACH OTHER WITH EITHER ONE OR TWO FINGERS.

SAMMY KARZIE

ORIENTAL PLAYER, WHO LACKS BOTTLE, WHILE THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE RUNNING TOWARDS THE FIGHT, SAMMY IS RUNNING TOWARDS THE KARZIE.

SATSUMAS

BOXING DAY HALF TIME ORANGES.

SCAPEGOAT

PERSON EVERY PLAYER BLAMES FOR THEIR RUN OF BAD LUCK - USUALLY THE REFEREE.

SELLING A DUMMY

TECHNICAL TERM FOR WHEN A PLAYER FEINTS. HIS TEAM MATES SELL THE BODY TO MEDICAL SCIENCE.

SHACK

OLDE WORLDE CHANGING ROOM. BUILT AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTUARY- AND CONDEMED YEARS AGO. IT WILL HAVE RUNNING WATER- BUT ONLY DOWN THE WALLS. IT WILL HAVE SEATS AND CLOTHES HOOKS- BUT ONLY FOR THE FIRST 6 ARRIVALS. IT WILL HAVE AN OVERPOWERING SMELL OF HORSE LINIMENT- BUT ONLY IF THE POLO MATCH IS AT HOME AND THE HORSES ARE IN THERE WITH YOU.

SHIELDING THE BALL

TACTIC WHERBY A PLAYER PLACES HIMSELF BETWEEN THE BALL AND AN OPPONENT. THIS DENIES THE OPPONENT ACCESS TO THE BALL, BUT GIVES HIM AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PUNCH HIM IN THE KIDNEYS UNSEEN.

SITTER

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY WHERE A PLAYER ONLY HAS TO RUN 10 INCHES WITH THE BALL TO SCORE.

SLAG

UNCOMPLIMENTARY TERM OFTEN DIRECTED AT PLAYERS WHO MISS A SITTEER.

SQUAD

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Adie Girds His Loins

I write this article between Christmas and the New Year and am girding my loins in preparation for the second-half of the season. I have announced to the Match Officials the appointments in the SCILW and the G&WAFL for the 7th of January 2017 and to avoid disappointment in future please let me have your availability (if you have not already done so) for 2017.

We have, sadly, during the course of the season lost a couple of teams from both the Leagues, obviously this will lead to having a couple of games less per week but I will endeavour to give everybody a game and try to rotate the 'spares'. There are quite a few ideas on the League Committee tables which will be given careful consideration. We are all aware of the demise of the 11v11 Football leagues at Grass roots level and the League Committees will be doing their utmost for both clubs and match officials.

The locality with all the money currently seems to be China. I had read the predictions of Oscar not being able to get into the Chelsea 1st team and has now been sold to Shanghai SIPG for a something in the region of £60m. I read today that Carlos Tevez has moved to Shanghai Shenhua for an estimated £310,000 per week. It does make you wonder where this so called 'super money' deals will end. I can still remember Trevor Francis being bought for £1m in 1979 by Forest and it make you think back then that now the threshold had been broken how much higher will it go. The answer I guess is as much as clubs are prepared to pay!

Christmas this year was our turn to have the Mother-in –Law and Diane decided that we should fetch her on Christmas Eve. As some of you are aware this entails a trek to Ashford in Kent – a round trip of some 160 miles. I put my foot down and insisted that we left at 06:30am, the correct decision as it turned out as I was at Ashford at 08:10 and left there at 08:25. We manage to avoid the traffic by using the Southern route of the A281 and M23 to connect with the M25 and our return trip was 90 minutes.



I will put my hand up and say yes, I did behave and was not tempted to react to her barbs. I did hide the sharp knives from Diane by Boxing Day and we (Diane) took her to her other daughter's on the Tuesday. It was made easier by the fact that youngest son Jamie was around and eldest son Graham sans fiancé were with us for Christmas dinner and Boxing Day.

May I wish you all a very Peaceful New Year.

Adie



MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

I refereed my first cup final on the common at Peckham Rye. I had become a referee two months earlier and, as the venue indicates, it was a pretty low key affair. I was sitting at home when I received a telephone call from a Father O'Reilly, a priest of a catholic church in the area. It surprised me as I did not know Father O'Reilly nor the church and I wasn't a catholic. He said his church boys' team were in the final of the local Catholic church's cup competition held over from the previous season and it was to be held on Peckham Rye the following Saturday morning, could I referee it? Without thinking I agreed and he gave me details. Before he went, however, I asked him where he got my name from. "I had help," he said, "I closed my eyes and opened the London Football Association handbook on the referee's section. I then went down the page on which it had opened until I found the first Irish name and that was yours."

The game was played in front of few people and I only had the luxury of club linesmen. The game went well and afterwards a trophy was presented to the winning team but there were no medals. Father O'Reilly thanked me for refereeing the game and I asked if there was a fee or expenses. "No", he said, "You've refereed in the name of the Lord." With that, along with everybody else, he disappeared leaving me standing on my own by the pitch getting changed. Still I was able to say I had refereed a cup final.

When I took my referee's examination in the sixties the examiner sat behind a card table and moved Subbuteo figures around on a board in front of him to create match situations. There were several trick questions the examiners liked to use. For instance, they would put out eleven red players including one in goal and ask if it was okay to start the game. Another question was to put all eleven players in a line across the middle of their half of the pitch, five either side of the goalkeeper, at the start of a game and ask if it was okay. One of my colleagues from the South of the Thames RA was given the following situation. The ball goes into a garden running alongside the pitch. A player jumps over the fence and takes the throw in from the garden. Would you allow it? "Yes," replied my colleague. "But how could you see whether both his feet were on the ground," asked the examiner. "I'd have sent the linesman over the fence with him to check," said my colleague.

The following article appeared in a 1975 referee's magazine following complaints by clubs of referees charging excessive expenses on Hampshire County league games.

"GENTLEMEN, may I remind you that you are only able to charge 4 pence a mile IF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS UNAVAILABLE. Convenience does not come into it. If you want the convenience of your own car, then find out the public transport rate and add up all the bus fares and train fares and charge the total. If you don't there are plenty of referees who will comply with the rules."

Tony Murphy

Penalty Kick Changes

Although changes to the kick-off in this season's rewrite of the Laws are well known now, this is not the case with changes to the taking of a penalty kick.

Not changed is that with the exception of the nominated kicker and the goalkeeper, all players must be on the pitch, behind the penalty mark and at least 10 yards from the ball before the kick can be taken. They must remain there until the kick is taken.

But now here is the first change. The Law previously said that the ball was in play when kicked forward and moves. If therefore the ball was kicked backwards, it wasn't in play so no foul could be given and the kick was retaken. But now it says that the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. But it also says it must be kicked forward. So if a player kicks the ball backwards, it is an offence and an indirect free kick is awarded to the defending team.

There is a classic video of Lionel Messi stopping at the end of his run up at a penalty and pretending to kick the ball, which sent the goalkeeper diving one way. Messi then kicked it in the other corner of the goal. The goal was disallowed and the kick was re-taken. Now the kick would not be retaken but the kicker would be cautioned and the defending side awarded an indirect free kick. This would also be the punishment if a player other than the nominated kicker took the kick. I saw this happen in a televised game last season, where a player ran past the nominated kicker and scored.

If the goalkeeper comes off his line before the kick is taken and saves the ball, the kick will still be retaken but now the goalkeeper would also receive a yellow card. All other infringements such as encroachment are treated as previously so there's plenty for the referee to think about.

Can you Spot a Foul Tackle from the Terraces?

Running the line at a game recently, I succumbed to a distraction that assistant referees are advised to avoid – chatting with spectators. Of course at bigger grounds this isn't a problem, the spectators being further away. In this case there was a lull in the game whilst a player received attention for an injury following a tackle. The referee had waived away calls for a penalty. A spectator leaned over the barrier and asked, 'Would you have given a penalty lino?' My answer was very simple and genuine, 'I couldn't possibly tell from this distance'. Another spectator however joined in 'That was a clear penalty; you could see it from here'. My reply to that was, 'You have obviously never been out there or you wouldn't make such a statement.'

It's worth reflecting on what makes a tackle a fair one or a foul. Take two players going for the ball. The defender coming in from the side stretches out his leg and plays the ball. The attacker then falls over the outstretched leg. That's a perfectly fair tackle. But if, the defender catches the opponent's leg, bringing him down before playing the ball, that's a foul tackle. A defender coming from behind can also make a fair tackle but it is more difficult to play the ball in such a way without first making contact with the opponent.

A player can play the ball first and still commit a foul. This is when the defender brings down his opponent afterwards with his other trailing leg, which can often be the case with tackles from behind. On top of this the referee has to judge whether the tackle was made in a reckless manner, without thought of the opponent's safety or endangers his safety by using excessive force.

The referee has to sum all this up, immediately, from a closer position and different angle, when all you see from the sideline, is a player falling to the ground.

Dick Sawden Smith, writing on The Reading RA website

IN THE BEGINNING.....

The following are general tips and advice to assist newly qualified referees for their first few matches.

We start by the preparation that is required for the beginning of the week prior to the forthcoming week-end match.

Availability

Ensure that you keep a record i.e. a diary of all the dates that you have notified to the league with your availability. You will know in advance if you are going on holiday or have work, university or school exams or any other commitments. The same for birthdays, parties, weddings, anniversaries and so on. Going out on a Saturday night with friends and knowing perhaps the consumption of alcohol may be involved in the evening activities is fine but not if you have a match the following Sunday morning. For this example maybe best not to have a match planned for the following day!

The Referees Secretary of your local league will attempt to plan ahead maybe for the forthcoming month and appoint you on the dates that you have confirmed that you are available. Trust me, they have a thankless task and the last thing they want is a referee 'crying off' a match because they have just remembered they have made plans to be some where else. This is also not often helped if you only realise on the Thursday night before the Sunday that you are going to a party and the date was not closed. All newly qualified referees should 'start as they mean to go on' which means making a good first impression. You may in time eventually be a very good referee on the pitch but if you are not organised 'off' the pitch you may find yourself not being appointed to the 'big' games towards the end of the season. The Referees Secretary will appoint officials they know will not let them down and are reliable both on and off the pitch. It is important to make a good impression with the Referees Secretaries and likewise on match days with the teams.

Closed Dates

It is you and you only who controls your availability. Inform the leagues if you are not available for any dates as soon as possible. Good administration with hopefully good performances can in time put you in contention for the plum appointments towards the end of the season. The officials for the title deciders and cup semi finals and of course finals are the appointments that all match officials strive for. In time if you work hard the cup finals will come your way.

Likewise it is also imperative that your county Football Association are also informed of closed dates. Throughout the season cup competitions are played and if you have made yourself available there is a good possibility that you could be appointed to a county cup tie. These matches are good experience for you as teams from many local leagues compete against one another and like all cup matches this will produce teams of different standards. The teams would not have played each other before and this will also mean new teams for you. Again it does you no favours if you inform county late that you have a prior arrangement and that you have to have to withdraw from the fixture. It is important to note that 'closed dates' are identical for your leagues and the county. You cannot tell your league you are available and tell county that you are not available.

It is possible you have a league match but if you are also appointed to a county cup tie then the county tie must take preference. You cannot decide which one to choose. This generally happens at the start of the season for the early rounds of the cups.

The ultimate appointment is a county cup final. Good administration with good performances consistently throughout the seasons can eventually make you one of the candidates for selection.

Handbook

Many leagues have their own web sites but in addition your local league will send you a hand book which will give you the details of all the teams in the league plus where they play, club colours and contact details.

Competition rules normally ask the home team to contact you by for example the Tuesday prior to your week end match. They should inform you of the venue and how to find it plus the time of kick-off. The hand book gives you the opportunity to plan ahead in advance for your journey and check that both teams do not play in the same colour kit.

Enquire if the match is a league or cup fixture and make sure you check the rules for extra time and penalty shoot-outs. How many substitutes can be used? What is the match fee? How long do I wait if one of the teams have not turned up at the ground? The hand book from the league should give you all the answers to your questions.

The Journey

Don't wait until the day to plan your journey. Find out exactly where the venue is and what buses, trains or underground are closest to the venue. Check if there are any underground lines suspended on the match day. Is engineering work planned that day? If you are driving are there any road works planned? It is always useful to have an A-Z of London with you regardless of your method of transport. Don't always trust the sat-nav.

Make sure you know exactly where you are going and also plan an alternative route just in case. Is there enough petrol in the car, is your oyster card topped up with enough money? One of the best examples of planning ahead is the day of the London Marathon when many roads are closed and bus routes are diverted.

The kit

Pack your bag mid week for the week end fixture. Yes, mid week! That may sound ridiculous but to wait until the morning of the match to find the socks have not been washed from last week and the boots are still muddy.....not a good idea. Carry five or six pencils with you, spare whistles and spare boot laces. Nothing worse in the changing room prior to the match and the boot lace snaps as they are being tied in your hand. An additional whistle in case the referee on the next pitch has the same tone as yours. At the start and end of the season also have trainers with you as the surface may be hard with very little 'give'. Check the red and yellow cards are packed along with your note book. The weather is always unpredictable so it is useful to have the option of a long and short sleeved shirt. This is not essential in your early days. Ensure your boots and kit are pristine.

You only get one chance of a first impression and this will assist.

History

Always useful to know the history of the teams. How are they doing in the league? Is the match a top of the table clash or two teams at the bottom fighting relegation? Have they played each other during the season?

Arrival Give yourself enough time to allow for any possible delays to your journey. Better to arrive an hour early than be late. If you are very early always good to read the hand book or even better to read the laws of the game which you should always have a copy of in your kit bag.

Please note these are only suggestions but better to

BE PREPARED and PLAN AHEAD.

Enjoy your next match!

Keith Hiller FA Licensed Tutor

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

Part 52 – In the post

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Local park.....they all look the same!
Corner flag post: Is it compulsory to have a flag on the corner post?

The Rovers player kicked the ball towards the opponents' goal and the Casuals goal keeper produced a wonderful one handed save to prevent the ball entering the goal. I immediately pointed to the corner flag post and shouted '*Corner*'.

I always feel communication from the referee to the players is important. In this instance if they did not see my arm signal then they would have heard my decision. By using two forms of communication, in this case one visually and one verbally this only enforces my decision. For once everyone accepted my decision and even the observer who was watching me did not make any notes in his note book. I wondered if he had any pages left as he had written so much. It is good to realise that the assessor or should I say observer as they are now called, is writing good and positive comments about my performance and not just development points.

I took up my starting position on the edge of the penalty area and was nicely placed near the centre of the penalty arc. This would enable me to adjust my position as the ball was kicked as I could then move forward, backward, left or right accordingly.

I then noticed several of the Casuals players were not the required distance from the corner flag post. In a loud but polite manner I requested the players to retreat another three steps from the ball. This was to no avail as the players concerned totally ignored me. This really came as no surprise to me at all despite the fact I had produced a fair number of cards so far. I walked towards the offending players and repeated my request. This time they listened and moved back three steps.....pigeon steps. In fact by comparison a pigeon would have had a longer stride than these players! I was not happy with their actions and wanted the game to continue as quickly as possible. I walked over to the touch line by the corner flag post and took eleven steps towards the penalty area. At last this produced a verbal reaction. '*But Ref, that was ELEVEN steps not ten*'. I explained it was eleven as the players must be ten yards from the corner quadrant. The first step was from the touch line to the edge of the quadrant and then the other ten. I suppose I did have a smirk on my face as this had confused and puzzled the players. With the players now retreating the correct distance the corner kick could now be taken.

One minute later I awarded a throw on to Reds Rovers just on the edge of the Casuals penalty area. Number four went to take the throw but then beckoned to his goal keeper. '*You've got a long throw, you take it*' he shouted to his goalie.

The goalie came sprinting out of his penalty area and run over to the touch line. He took the ball and prepared to take the throw.

'*Hang on a moment*' said one of the Casuals players. '*He can't take a throw in, he's wearing gloves. They gives him extra grip. That's an advantage and it's not fair.*' That made me think.....was it an advantage.....possibly yes. Would the gloves give the goal keeper extra grip.....most probably. I had never seen a goal keeper take a throw in before and certainly never seen any player taking a throw in wearing gloves or in this case the gloved goal keeper. What was I to do?

All referees should have a good knowledge of the laws and as you all know I know all the laws and apply all the laws. There is nothing in law that says a player can or cannot wear gloves so on that basis I allowed the goal keeper to take the throw on wearing his gloves. Of course we could all guess what happened next.....the goal keeper produced a powerful and massive throw which landed right on the head of the Rovers centre forward who made perfect contact with the ball and scored. Casuals were not happy but I was satisfied that I was correct in law.

- ◆ *Can a goal keeper take a throw on?*
- ◆ *Should the referee ask the player to remove the gloves?*
- ◆ *Would you have allowed the goal keeper to take the throw on wearing gloves?*

As I awarded a corner kick to Casuals the player removed the corner post and throw it to the floor. I immediately blew my whistle and shouted '*You can't do that. Put the post back please. It must be in place*'. The player responded to my request but then said '*But we only have three corner flag posts. Does this mean every time there is a corner on the other side that we have to bring this one over?*' I explained that corner flag posts are compulsory. The player smiled and asked '*If we only have three corner post will we only be playing three quarters of the match?*' He had a fair point as Casuals did only bring three corner flag posts to the match as the other had broken the previous week apparently. But what about the games I referee when the home teams have produced no corner flag posts.....am I not supposed to play the match?

What would you do?

Best wishes

Willy Woodwork

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

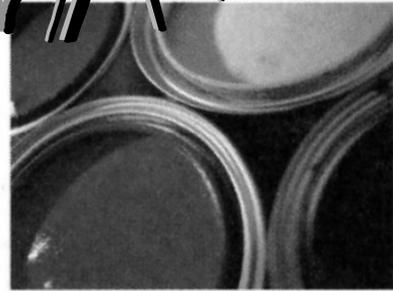




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What Would You Do (answers to December issue)

Q1. A veteran cult hero, who pledged to strip to his pants for charity if he scored in his farewell match, finds the net seconds before half-time. As you prepare to blow for the break, he dashes off down the tunnel, stripping as he goes. He's already on a yellow card. What would you do?

A1. He must be cautioned - you will have to advise him in the dressing-room area that you have issued a second yellow, and that in the second half his team will play with only ten men. You may also need to report him for leaving the FoP without your permission.

Q2. During a downpour a Blue defender slides in recklessly to intercept a pass. The Red striker nearest the ball has time to get out of the way - but, knowing the defender is already on a yellow, he chooses not to. As he tumbles, he waves an imaginary card at you. What would you do?

A2. The Blue player was out of control so you have to show him a second yellow followed by a red. No other action is required - perhaps a strong word with the Red striker, or a yellow card for mimicking a caution.

Q3. After a melee in the muddy six-yard box your wrist buzzes you a signal that the ball has gone in the goal. You've no idea how, or who scored it - but you award a goal. As you do so, though, the keeper rushes over screaming. He says the scorer slapped it in, and shows you a man-sized handprint on the otherwise filthy ball. What would you do?

A3. Calm the players down. Check with your assistant in case he saw anything you missed. If he didn't, the goal stands. You can only work on the confirmed information available to you - you can't base your decisions on mysterious mud patterns on the ball.

Q4. The ball is in play in the United penalty area when the United defender very dangerously pushes the Rovers attacker very near the penalty mark. The Rovers attacker aware of what will happen kicks the defender with excessive force. The two actions were simultaneous. What would you do?

A4. Stop play. Dismiss the United defender for serious foul play. Dismiss the Rovers attacker for violent conduct. The referee might consider that the violent conduct is more serious than the dangerous challenge and so restart with a free kick to the defenders [page 112 LotG].

Q5. An indirect free kick is awarded to Blues in the 8th minute of the game just outside the Reds penalty area. You signal for the kick to be taken. The kicker strikes the ball, but a defender standing alongside his goalkeeper punches the ball - but it still enters the goal. You then realise the defender was a named substitute who without your permission, took the place of a named player before the start of the match? What would you do?

A5. Award a goal. Caution the defender for punching the ball into the goal. No disciplinary action is required against the named substitute; submit a report of all the incidents.

Q6. You award a direct free kick. The Blue player decides to take the free kick quickly but a Red opponent who is 6 metres from the ball intercepts it, turns away and heads towards goal. He shoots and the goalkeeper catches the ball. What would you do?

A6. No action is required - play on. The Blue payer chose to take the quick free kick.

Q7. A Red forward pulls up in front of goal feigning injury. The Blue keeper, concerned and distracted, is put off guard. The attacker jumps to his feet, collects the ball and scores. What do you do?

A7. Award a goal. The keeper should be alert although it wasn't honest behaviour by the attacker.

(Ed. Questions 1-3 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion, questions 4-6 were taken from the 2015 National Quiz final, and question 7 was taken from The Eccles Informer April 2016).

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What Would You Do?

Question 1. The ball is punted out of the FoP in stoppage time. But just as it goes over the line the home manager, who is standing on the pitch, leaps to catch it. He tosses it to one of his players for a quick throw. What would you do?

Question 2. At the coin toss before a local derby the two captains refuse to shake hands, and aim insults at each other instead. Before you can react they start throwing punches. What would you do?

Question 3. A Red striker volleys a loose clearance towards the empty net. But before the ball crosses the line a desperate ball-boy races on, dives across the goal and manages to tip the ball onto the post. Then the alert striker collects the rebound and slams the ball home. What would you do?

Question 4. You award a corner to Blues. Before the kick is taken you notice the Blue 9 and Red 5 are holding each other. You carry out your duty as specified in the LotG. Then you signal for the corner to be taken, this time before the kick is taken the Red 5 holds the Blue 9. Again you carry out your duty as specified in the LotG. You signal for the kick to be taken, with the ball in play in the air the Ref 5 and Blue 9 are holding each other, the Red 5 heads the ball into his own goal. What would you do?



Question 5. It is midway through the first half. Blues are attacking and shoot at goal. The Red keeper makes a flying save punching the ball out of play. You realise that the keeper was the centre half who you cautioned earlier in the game and has changed places with a colleague without your permission. What would you do?

Question 6. A Blue player already cautioned, commits a second cautionable offence as he tackles an opponent. You play a good advantage to the Red opposition but their shot is cleared and goes to the player who committed the foul, who then goes on to score. What would you do?

Question 7. You are officiating a local cup semi-final. When the home team go 6-0 up near the end the second half, the scorer takes off his shirt and deliberately stands right in front of you, celebrating. You realise what he is up to ... he wants to be cautioned now by you as it will trigger a suspension for his next league game, removing any risk of his being suspended for the final? What would you do?

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