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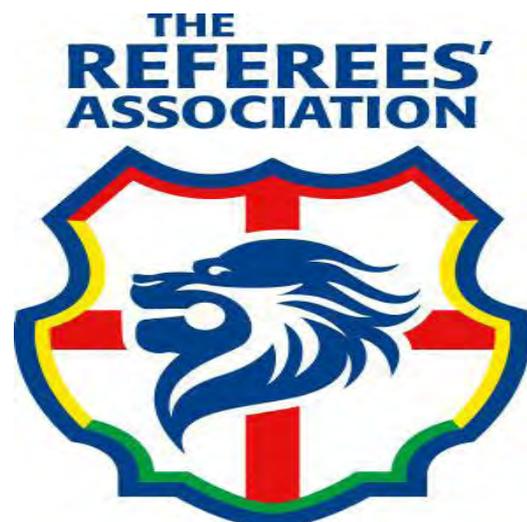
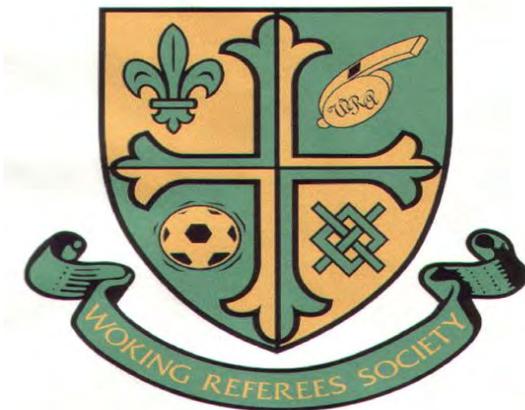
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**The next meeting of the
Woking Referees' Society
will be held on
Monday 11th May 2015**

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**



Stephen Green
“Good Cop—Bad Cop”

- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **Problem Corner**
- ◆ **10.00 Close**

Next Meeting - Monday 10th August

**The deadline for the August Warbler is
Friday 31st July 2015**

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

Chairman's Chat

Well we are nearly at the end of the season. I think we at Woking R A have had an excellent season with superb speakers and a regular good turn-out at our meetings, mainly due to a caring and dedicated committee.

As chairman I would like to thank all of our members and the committee who make our society such a good one, I would also like to thank Richard and his staff for being such a great host at Loop Road.

Last month we were honoured to have Ian Blanchard as our guest speaker. Ian's presentation was on improving performance, we looked at ourselves, why should we improve including, improve players experience, your promotion, improve personnel goals, self-belief, Learning and getting feedback, self-confidence, and the use of positive body language and many other tips and information that can help us all to improve our performance.

I contacted Ian following his visit to thank him for his time and especially for his involvement with our pre-meeting Academy session. Ian replied by email and included in his response was the following.

“ You can be well proud of your society as it offers what is needed, opportunities to learn and grow Best wishes to everyone”

The May meeting is the last for this season when our Guest Speaker is Stephen Green a Level 4 Tutor from Reading with the intriguing subject of “Good cop - Bad Cop”

I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 11th if not have a good summer and keep fit and well

Barry.



Barry presents a society tie to a rather bemused Ian Blanchard

2014/15 Membership

61 Full Members
5 Friends
2 Affiliate Members

2015/16 Membership

47 Full Members
3 Friends

Accounts May 2015

General	£3,291.17
Supplies	£146.40
Training Fund	£590.00
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£4,141.07

Mac's Musings

"Walk - don't run" is the cry. Not, as you may think to a bunch of school kids running down the corridor, but to a dozen rather more senior adults participating in a game of walking football.

When is a fast walk a run ? was the question Pat, Andy, Sam and myself had to ask ourselves as we officiated at Woking FC Community Walking Football Tournament, which took place at the Kingfield ground. With seven a side, although this was a fluid number as players of the more elderly persuasion were apt to "drop out" for a rest during the 12 minute games, the football was played with great enthusiasm and often with some skill. The rule is that one foot should always be on the ground, but this is very difficult to judge, particularly as one player's fast walk could be faster than another's slow run. We soon got the hang of it though and all our decisions were accepted without question. In fact we were told on more than one occasion how good it was to have neutral referees. One gentleman explained that they usually refereed themselves, which I'm sure must provoke much discussion.

Other laws which didn't seem to apply were jewellery and shin pads. The first game I refereed, I noticed a player wearing a watch and suggested he might like to remove it, which he immediately did. I then turned around saw another with enough bling to stock a Ratner's shop (readers of a certain age may remember them - apparently they are now called "Signet") and other with socks around their ankles, at which point I gave up and accepted the status quo.

The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak was another phrase that came to mind. One player staggered off the pitch and sat down against a side hoarding looking exhausted. Another of his team explained that he had a heart condition but would be ok in a bit! A goalkeeper made a diving save, which met with applause from both teams, unfortunately the gentleman was unable to get back to his feet without considerable assistance. "I've told you to stop doing that Jim" said one of his colleagues "On day you ain't ever gonna be able to get back up"

That afternoon we stayed on to help a six a side year 6 schools tournament. Talk about one extreme to another. These under 9's couldn't stop running. One teacher insisted on a break between 2 back to back games, but the kids spent the time running around kicking a ball. Meanwhile I think the teacher snuck off for a cup of tea, or maybe something stronger!.

The whole day was an absolute joy, with both tournaments played without a hint of dissent or rancour and very well organised by Jane, Ryan and Liam of Woking Football Club. If only all matches were played in the same spirit, a football referees life would be a much happier one, but maybe not so challenging ?

Well here we are at the end of another season and yours truly is looking forward to a few months respite from compiling The Warbler. I would once again like to thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine, including Tony Murphy, Keith Hiller aka Whistling Willy Woodwork, Adie Freeman, various Society Magazines, most notably The Chiltern Referee. Mal Davies, Cyril West, Brian Reader and any one else I may have missed - Please keep them coming
May I wish you a restful summer although no doubt you will all be catching up on those chores you've been putting off all season ! - or maybe not?

Mac



WOKING SOCIETY - THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION
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President: Vince Penfold

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2015 - 16

FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 (INCLUDES RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2015	£36.00	
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The RA 2015 Conference - "Understanding Football"

Conference Agenda

Friday 3rd July 2015 - RA-FA Youth Council Events: Mission (Im)Possible

Friday Afternoon

1.00pm - 4.30pm: Enhancing the skills required for your refereeing mission

Practical sessions, delivered by the top referees and tutors in the country, designed to enhance your refereeing skill set including judgement, decision making, precision, speed, agility and communication.

Cost: £13.00

Venue: QPR Training Ground, Sipson Lane, Harlington Hayes, UB3 5AQ

Friday Evening

7.00pm - 10.30pm: Making your refereeing mission possible

An evening of interactive learning and development with a buffet dinner.

Cost: £17.00

Venue: Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW

RA-FA Youth Council Events - Whole Day Cost (Afternoon and Evening) = £22.00

Friday 3rd July 2015 - The RA AGM

3.00pm - AGM open to Full Members & Youth Members only - Free to Members
(Please check your affiliation status. email - ra@footballreferee.org)

Saturday 4th July 2015 - The RA Conference 2015

**The RA conference is FREE to members and priority will be given to members -
£25 to non-members**

(Please check your affiliation status. email - ra@footballreferee.org)

**9.30am Entry - 10.00am Conference opening by The RA President, David Elleray
Keynote 1 - "Understanding Football"**

Interactive Workshop 1

Lunch

Interactive Workshop 2

Interactive Workshop 3

Conference Closes at 5.30pm

Saturday Workshops

- Managing the technical area
- Promising attack or DOGSO?
- When to play 'advantage'
- How to recognise simulation
- Keeping the lid on things
- How to plan your fitness training
- Assisting or insisting

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner is on Saturday evening at 7.00 pm seated for 7.30 pm
There will be presentations of RA Life Membership & Cup Finals Awards during dinner
The preferred dress is 'Black Tie', alternative Lounge Suit

Admission to Workshops is by ticket only; you must present the correct ticket (topic and sessions for each workshop)

Go to <http://www.participant.co.uk/tra/raconference2015> to book your place

but for the grace of God.

I'm sure we've all done it - made a cock-up. I wrote in our March magazine of the bizarre events at the African Cup of Nations. Now we have another farce closer to home - well in Belfast.

In the last 'league' match of the UEFA Ladies U-19 competition, England needed a draw with Norway to qualify for the final stages. In the 96 minute at 2-1 down, England were awarded a penalty. Leah Williamson scored from the spot-kick, but German referee Marija Kurtes disallowed the goal because one England player encroached into the penalty area before the ball was played.

The game was restarted with a free kick to Norway and the final minute of stoppage time was played out and Norway 'won' the game.

The FA subsequently lodged a protest against the incorrect refereeing decision - it should have been a caution for the encroaching player and a retake of the penalty. UEFA's Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body said it had "no choice but to order the final moments of the match be replayed from the point of the penalty kick". This was done at the same ground three days later, starting with the penalty kick that was [again thankfully] converted. The match was restarted and then soon terminated after a minute or so with the 2-2 result that England needed. It is the first time ever that UEFA has restarted a match due to a referee's error.

Now for the educational bit:

Extract from Law 14:

If the referee gives the signal for a penalty kick to be taken and, before the ball is in play, a team-mate of the player taking the kick infringes the Laws of the Game:

- ♦ *the referee allows the kick to be taken*
- ♦ *if the ball enters the goal, the kick is retaken*
- ♦ *if the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and the match is restarted with an indirect free kick to the defending team from the place where the infringement occurred*

Extract from Law 5:

The referee may only change a decision on realising that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of an assistant referee or the fourth official, provided that he has not restarted play or terminated the match.

I am delighted that justice was done to the England girls but does that 'justice' fly in the face of the LOTG? I suppose it could be argued that "the referee did not change any decision" - UEFA did but do they have the authority? Incidentally, rather like a police reconstruction of the crime, the match replay of the last scheduled minute was restarted at 9.45 p.m., exactly the time on the previous Saturday night the mistake was made. What a palaver!

Len Randall

Writing in the Chiltern Referee

This Month's Referee

Jonathon Moss



- ◆ **MATCHES**
87
- **RED CARDS**
14
- **YELLOW CARDS**
286
- **JOINED**
2011

Personal information

Year of birth	1970
County FA	West Riding FA
First Premier League Match	4 January 2011: Blackpool v Birmingham City

Profile

Jon Moss qualified as a referee in 1988 and made his first big strides as an official 11 years later, working his way up the Football League pyramid to the Select Group of referees in 2011.

Moss was an official in the Northern Counties and Northern Premier League between 1999 and 2005. He was subsequently promoted to the Football League as an assistant referee. He was in that role for two years before coming a Football League referee in 2005.

He was a regular official from then on and was appointed for his first Premier League match in December 2010. The clash between Wigan Athletic and Aston Villa was postponed, but he did make his top flight debut in January 2011, when he oversaw Birmingham City's 2-1 victory over Blackpool.

The following season, he was promoted to the list of Select Group referees, along with fellow Premier League official Neil Swarbrick..

Ed. Jon has been awarded Referee for the 2015 FA Cup Final on 30th May Arsenal v Aston Villa . We wish him the best of luck and congratulations on his appointment (As a Spurs supporter no guesses who I'll be supporting!! Mac)

Handball offences - has the media now determined referees' interpretations?

Are referees ignoring the letter of the law?

Law 12 says: A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area).

Guidance on applying law 12 quotes:

Handling the ball involves a deliberate act of a player making contact with the ball with his hand or arm. The referee must take the following into consideration:

- the movement of the hand towards the ball (not the ball towards the hand)
- the distance between the opponent and the ball (unexpected ball)
- the position of the hand does not necessarily mean that there is an infringement
- touching the ball with an object held in the hand (clothing, shin-guard, etc) counts as an infringement
- ♦ hitting the ball

The law contains a crucial key word that I suggest is now given scant regard. Most significantly little heed is paid to the word "deliberate". For a handball infringement to arise, the offender must be judged by the referee to have intended to play the ball with his arm/hand, usually to the inconvenience of his opponents. A clear arm movement to bring the limb into contact with the ball is a strong tell-tale sign. The old adage "hand-to-ball" not "ball to hand" is as good a guide today as when it was first coined. Sefior Maradona's wonder goal against England is the classic example of using the arm to deflect the ball deliberately.



The chicanery (see above) practiced by M. Henry to Ireland's disadvantage looked deliberate. Many players have been obviously guilty of using an arm illegally; look at the picture a United v City game [below]. Both of these acts could be deemed 'deliberate'. This does



show the arm in an unnatural position and deliberately so; nobody really jumps up like that except to celebrate a goal being scored or to try to score or prevent one.

Continuing my rant against ignorant pundits, my latest episode concerns the widely used phrase "the hand was in an unnatural position so it was a definite handball". I have looked again at a number of these alleged offences and what is almost universally common was that the arm was static and often the player was obviously intending to play the ball with another part of the anatomy.

But increasingly I am seeing offences given for the ball striking an arm that was not really where it was for the purpose of playing the ball. This ball in the picture, below, was deflected by a Stoke player on to Paul Scholes' arm. I would say that Paul's arm was not even in an unnatural position considering the dynamics of the situation and that the arm wasn't where it was for the purpose of deflecting the ball.



It was stretched out to the left to counterbalance his body with the right leg similarly outstretched.

I think referees are getting too ready to punish handballs, egged on by such talk of the "arm being in an unnatural position". The key to the handball offence remains with the consideration of "intent".

That is the sole consideration the referee considers in the split second available to make a judgement..

Len Randall

Writing in the Chiltern Referee

Editors Comment

As well as trying to determine whether or not a hand ball was deliberate, there is also what I would call "players expectation"

How often do you spot the ball striking a hand/arm ; instantly decide its "ball to hand" only for the said player to stop, along with a cry of "handball" from the opposition, presuming that he is about to be penalised

If you shout "No - Play On" the opposition will give you grief and the said players team breath a sigh of relief assuming they've got away with one.

If however you blow up for the infringement, the opposition are obviously happy, and the "offending" player's team mates invariably accept the decision, knowing full well that should the position be reversed they would expect the same outcome.

It's almost the old adage - "No surprises"

What do you dear readers think?

Mac

DOPE

By Jack Clough (World famous referee)

There have been, in recent months, reports from abroad of dope being given to players in an attempt to secure better performances from the individuals.

Italy particularly has been in the news and from tests the Italian authorities have taken it has been proved that certain players have been "treated" prior to taking part in a game.

I remember some years ago going to Rome to referee an Inter-Cities Fair Cup-tie and for this game two Italian linesmen had been appointed.

On our way to the stadium I was asked by one of the linesmen if I would care for a drink prior to the game. Anticipating a pot of tea I readily accepted the invitation. Imagine my surprise to find a large bottle of brandy together with the necessary glasses being brought into the dressing room. Quite naturally I declined—but both linesmen said it made them strong, and each had a couple of healthy tots before taking to the field. No question of dope, but quite obviously an attempt to infuse false courage.

Prior to leading the teams out, it was necessary for me to visit the respective dressing rooms for boot examination. Upon entering the Italian room I noticed a player on the treatment table, and the needle of a hypodermic syringe was being extracted from his thigh. Shades of drama? Automatically my thoughts turned to the doping problem and through my interpreter I asked for an explanation. One was readily available—this player had received an injury to a thigh muscle in the Sunday game (three days previously) and this was a pain killing injection.

Had I been taken for a "ride"? I don't think so. After the match various press reports were read to me indicating how this player had limped around in the later stages of the Sunday league game.

Seeds of suspicion? I think we are all guilty, at times of being blessed with a vivid imagination. But I am afraid that a few of our sports journalists have taken it to extremes when they ask if doping goes on in England?

We are fortunate that our temperament, and probably also our long association with football, has made us relatively immune from the highly excitable and uncontrolled approach to the game which is so characteristic of our Latin friends.

I have chatted with quite a number of managers and players over this question of dope, and most of them treat the issue with the amusement and contempt which the subject deserves.

One well known manager whose team reached the Cup Final some years ago told me that he did have trouble with a young player during their Cup run.

On the days when League games were being played the lad was quite placid, but on the day of a Cup round he was a nervous wreck and they had great difficulty in getting him to settle to his game. On the eve of the semi-final the manager sent for the player and told him that on "medical advice" they were giving him a tablet at 8 a.m. on the Saturday morning and a further one at 2 p.m.—just to steady his nerves for the match. This was done, and again the same treatment was given on Cup Final day.

In both matches the young player had excellent games and it was said of the Final that he was the most composed player on the field. The power of the pep-pill? No, just two aspirin tablets! I think Bill Ridding still treasures that aspirin bot-

Doping in this country may have been practised on horses, but I am thoroughly convinced that footballers have never been the subjects.

Butterflies in the tummy we may have, and most of us welcome them on the big occasion as a sign of our interest in the game and our eagerness to participate. But we have sufficient confidence in our ability and strength of character to know that these "pre-match delights" will quickly subside when the game is ready to start.

*Taken from the Arsenal and Nottingham Forest Programme 6th April 1962
– courtesy of Tony Murphy*

PAGES FROM YESTERYEAR THE WARBLER NOVEMBER 1994

. Whilst acting as an official linesman in a game, just after the beginning of the season, both the other linesman and myself were receiving the Referee's instruction with regard to the "new" offside directives. Believe me, he took longer on this part of his instruction than all the rest put together. The instructions were explicit and very precise.

Obviously, I tried to follow these instructions to the letter, i.e. judge whether the player in an offside position is interfering, whether he is directly involved in play etc. Imagine my disbelief at half time when the Referee proceeded to berate me loudly for not getting my flag up quickly enough, not supporting him, making him look an idiot to the benches (my side of course).

In the second half, he got the lot. No allowance for forwards not interfering with play, no "thinking" time on marginal decisions; in fact, almost following the old method, if any player is nearer to the goal than the second rear most defender, he IS offside. I thought that the Referee would give me some severe stick for my "hasty" decisions after the game, but no, he thanked me for an excellent second half performance, why wasn't my first half effort as good as my second half?

Funnily enough, I did not take umbrage at the half time lecture, neither did I take any perverse pleasure in the pat on the back at full time. I just tried to give the Referee what he wanted, which seemed to have been lost in the pre-match instructions, perhaps they were TOO explicit?

. In a Suburban League game, I was acting as linesman, running left wings. Late in the game, a forward was being closely chased by a defender, near to the edge of the penalty area.

Suddenly, the defender is falling over, bringing down the attacker. The Referee blows his whistle for a foul, he approaches the two players, reaching in his pocket. I believe he is going to caution the defender for bringing down the attacker, or even send him off for a tackle from behind, or denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

Wrong! He cautions the attacker for pushing the defender over, which he could clearly see from his position.

We were discussing the relative angles and line of sight in the changing room after the game, when an Assessor walked in. At the incident, as he had a head-on view from where he was standing mid-way between the corner flag and the goal, he stated that the attacker should have been sent off for violent conduct as he had PUNCHED the defender, not pushed him!



Three "Officials", none more than 20 yards away from the incident, and we all saw something different!

What chance has the poor old Premier League Referee, with all those Cameras and "experts" got?

HE LOST CONTROL!

I watched an Intermediate match recently along with a good sized crowd of about 50. It was a local derby and most of the players have known one another for years. It was a good competitive match played on a somewhat heavy and uneven pitch.

Nil nil at half time and the match evenly poised, a possible penalty for each side waved away by the referee who was having a good game I thought.

Mid-way through the second half an attacker broke through and was bearing down on goal when he was tripped from behind. The crowd were up in arms, what would the ref do? Opinions varied throughout the crowd, "He's got to go", "He won't send him off at this level" and "The Ref will bottle it" were the comments that stuck with me. Much to my relief the player was duly despatched and the game restarted.

This sending off seem to inspire the home side who now made the extra player count and raced into a two goal lead. The away side became predictably petulant and started to question decisions beyond the normal moans we often hear. Eventually a player was cautioned for going too far, well done Ref I thought, you gave him fair warning.

A goal from nowhere changed the face of the game again and with the score now 2-1 it was the home sides turn to start the moaning. A wild challenge and a deserved caution for a home defender, they were now just holding on to the end.

With Just 2 minutes left and the sting taken out of the away sides attacks the match was drifting to a close, the player previously cautioned for dissent losses the ball and precedes to chop down the tackling player long after the ball had gone. Had the Ref followed the ball and missed it I wondered, no he was spot on again and sent the player off for a second caution. The player left the pitch shouting at the Ref who I hoped would be noting the content which I couldn't pick up.

Match over and the Home manager pleads with the Ref for leniency for all those concerned, a noble but misguided effort I thought.

Outside the pavilion the Ref had to walk through the teams as they removed their boots and the atmosphere was hostile to say tin1 least. The Wife of the second dismissed player was the only person to be heard talking to the official as she told him he was a disgrace. After he was safe inside the banter outside was unbelievable, "He lost it". He had no control", "Whistle happy" and the best of all came from the away-sides manager, "it's nright for him, I haven't got any players left at the end of the year as they're all suspended".

From an independent view I thought the official had done everything right perhaps his positioning could have been better, maybe he shouldn't turn his back on free kicks but he upheld the laws and carried out his function with dignity. He made me feel proud to be a referee.

Pete Guest *writing in Warbler November 1994*

When, how & why can an F.A. Rule apparently be ignored?

There is a 'heavy'¹ annual publication titled the F.A. Handbook, the current edition runs to 637 pages. I dip into it on those nights when Morpheus is absent. This week's newspapers have included the news that Surrey Rugby (one of these titles you have to think about, a bit like 'SPORT GUILDFORD') is trying hard to equalise youngsters' teams so that no-one has to get used to being beaten. In other words, if one youngsters' team is way ahead of their opponents on ability you are supposed to take one or two better players and move them to the losing team, and vice versa. Before you 'explode' and declare that to be absolutely stupid, on the grounds that 'life is never fair, and that "we all have to lose sometimes'¹ please read on and then have a rethink. The F.A., knowing that those who need to 'refer'¹ to its Handbook will need as much help as possible, kindly colour codes many of the pages. In the light blue section, on page 118, your researcher found the following RULES, under 'Rules relating to players'. *Children over 6 years old : Organisation of, Foot&aU, Under 1 & Under 8 Mini-Soccer (a) From the. Beginning of season 2073/74 Leagues may organise, a maximum of three, trophy events per season, each to te played over a maximum period of 2 weeks. The, remainder of the season may consist of organised development fixtures only. Leagues and cluis may coUect the results of their {yixtures and may puMish the result of the. final ftatute of any trophy event. Leagues and ciut>s may not publish the result of any other ftatttts, and may not puMish any League taMes in respect of their fixtures. (b) Under 9 Mini-Soccer. From the Beginning of season 2073-74 the season must i>e split into a minimum of 2 periods of competition. Leagues may organise a maximum of 3 trophy events per season, each to 1>e played over a maximum of 4 weeks. The text that then follows is identical to the previous age groups. 3 'events' over 4 weeks. Under 10 Mini-Soccer will experience thd very same limitations form the start of season 2014-15 whilst for season 2015-16 the Under 11's will similarly be restricted to 3 trophy events but each over 6 weeks, but only the final result can be published, otherwise it is NO PUBLISHED RESULTS and NO PUBLISHED League tables.(Can you see this happening?)*

If you are still one of the few(er) people that purchases the Surrey Advertiser each week you may be familiar with the Youth Sports page, for which the Sports Department is always seeking 'copy', even offering help and advice to get in your reports on Youth football



. Plenty of youth football clubs still send in their reports all the way from under 7 to Under 18, and they ALL name their own team's scorer(s), and never bother to ascertain the name(s) of any scorer(s) for the opposing team. They send in team photos plus details of shirt sponsors, etc. There is never any mention of the game they report as being any part of a 'trophy' played over 2 or 4 weeks, it all reads as though they all play in proper Leagues. Triumphalism doesn't just creep in either, it is spouted blatantly. It can be seen that the F.A. has recognised a need to simply let the lower age groups play games simply for the love of playing. I know that most of the larger Youth Leagues are well able to have several divisions all playing in the same age group, they are better off for teams than pertains at adult level ! The F.A. is also making sure that by August 2015 everything at Youth level up to and including Under 11 playing 9 v 9 will have its restrictions in force, i.e. two separate halves to the season, 3 trophy events maximum, each over a stated maximum period, one trophy result ONLY to be published, the final one of a trophy competition, and NO League tables published at all. WOW ! How then are we able to read about games, results, goals and their scorers, week in and week out for the same Under 7 and Under 8 teams in the Surrey Ad. Who is at fault ? Who is breaking these Rules ? A check on the team names and the Leagues they claim to compete in proves that they are all properly affiliated, so they must also be properly sanctioned, so could it be that someone is pulling wool over a few eyes, are the Leagues pretending that their clubs are not playing League games, are the Clubs doing their own thing, have they been told about NOT publishing results, and is it that they just don't care, it is quite noticeable that even the League tables for the upper age groups rarely make the Press, but it may well be that though the F.A. says one thing, someone else is ignoring all that and allowing Leagues (and Clubs ?) some slack, some leeway, or perhaps, as one County official said when the cessation of a match was proposed IF one team at a young age level was ten goals in front : "WE all have to lose sometime, so we all have to learn HOW to lose." I would really like to read the Minutes of whichever Conference took place at Wembley or elsewhere that decided to restrict these lower age groups from what most people would regard as the natural progression once a lad starts to play our game, that is : matches, results, tables, Cups, glory !!! I have a completely open mind on both what the F.A. says should happen and on what Surrey Rugby is trying to do, all I need is to be convinced, one way or the other, by some reasoned argument, the facts of any discussion, plus proof that the new 'restrictions' are of benefit in the long run.

On the wider subject of needing to learn how to lose : Taking what I see as the main object of the F.A. : To involve as many people in playing the game as possible : It is a fact that some youngsters will be pleased to play football no matter what the result of each game but for most people, of any age, getting beaten week after week takes some getting used to, and if we want to introduce as many tads and lasses to our game as possible then some sort of 'grading' is inevitable, such as many Clubs are doing already where they have several teams in the same age group and, I suspect, stream individual players thereof according to observed and/or proven skill and ability. For sure, at youth level, there MUST be provision for every level of playing ability to get a regular 'kick at the ball', plenty of time later for some to progress, others to change sports or positions, and some to 'drop out'¹ completely. On the subject of 'having to get used to losing'¹ it is now much more than used to be the case that the resignation from a League of an adult Club is simply because they are not winning enough games. RESULTS MATTER !
CIW.

Football Managers !!!!!

If, in one thousand years' time, historians want to investigate the standard of 21st century refereeing in this country, with only the written word as evidence, there -is one group of observers whose testimony that should be disregarded straightaway—managers.

In post-match press conferences over the Christmas and New Year period, there were 27 instances reported of Barclays Premier League managers asserting that a refereeing mistakes had been made in that game. Of those 27 cases, the teams led by those managers were deemed to have suffered on 24 occasions, with only three claims that the manager's own side had benefited. Furthermore, there were perhaps special reasons for two of those three "admissions". After Carlton Cole, of West Ham United, and Darron Gibson, of Everton, were sent off for high tackles in the same match, their respective managers—Sam Allardyce and David Moyes—both said neither red card was deserved.

Given the similarities between those tackles, it would have been hard for the managers to claim their own player was harshly treated while also insisting the opposition player deserved his punishment.

But even disregarding that latter point, what are the chances that at least 24 of 27 refereeing mistakes happen to have adversely affected the managers making the claims, if those managers are unbiased? Roughly one in 40,000.

The above was sent to me by Cyril West some while go but nothing changes

Ban bosses until they lay off referees

How on earth was it a penalty? That's some question. How on earth was it a foul? There's another. How on earth did the referee miss that tackle, offside or handball? Allow me to answer all of these queries. They just did, I'm afraid, Sometimes people make mistakes - and that, dear people, is the end of it.

There may be something more tedious than the endless parade of managers stretching from Stamford Bridge to Swansea and Stoke blaming officials for their fate, but for the life of me I cannot think of what it might be. The premise seems to be there was a 'golden age' of refereeing when refs were utterly faultless. Whereas now, the bloke with the whistle is useless.

It's nonsense. Referees are as right or wrong as they've ever been. The difference is you can see for yourself.

Back in the 'good old days' the game was slower, brutal tackles were the norm and there weren't two dozen TV cameras allowing you to analyse an ankle tap in slow motion that the official had to judge in real time. Besides, we can hardly slate today's officials when players attempt to trick and con the ref through an entire 90 minutes.

So I have a request. Unless someone has proof that an official is corrupt, or provide concrete evidence of a worldwide conspiracy to deny a particular club or manager, then could the bosses kindly do the world an enormous favour and just shut the reffing hell up about the officials? Any manager defying this edict should be fined and banned again until silenced for once and for all.

Spotted in the Chiltern Referee

Basketball Backlash

IN ENGLAND, we have almost become inured to a football manager's practice of blaming defeat on the referee or his assistants. It is a matter of routine. We might not like it but we have begun to adopt the attitude that trying to stop it is about as much use as trying to turn back the tide.

It's different in America. When Wisconsin men's basketball head coach Bo Ryan whined about the officiating after his team lost to Duke 68-63 in the 2015 NCAA national championship game in Indianapolis on Monday night, the backlash was something to behold.

Ryan was eviscerated by public and media alike. He was destroyed for lacking class and left in little doubt that his reputation had been badly damaged. Perhaps it's time for us to shake off our defeatism and adopt the same zero tolerance policy in English football.

Sunday Mail

WANTED

Martin Etheridge is desperately looking for help appointing referees in the Surrey Primary League. If anyone is willing to take over the Referees Secretary role completely or even just help out with some of the age groups then please contact Martin at etheridgemartin@aol.com

By PRO Training & Development Manager Paul Rejer

In this week's POTW we discuss playing advantage from a DOGSO (denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity) situation.

The incident happened at 74th minute of the Houston Dynamo versus Sporting Kansas City game.

The play starts when Dynamo's Giles Barnes attempts to play the ball back to his goalkeeper, Tyler Deric. Sporting KC's Dom Dwyer, who is in an offside position, is played onside by Barnes' deliberate back pass and assistant referee [Apolinar Mariscal](#) is alert to this, correctly keeping his flag down.

Dwyer intercepts the ball and is presented with an obvious goal scoring opportunity with only the goalkeeper to beat. As he takes the ball around Deric, the keeper brings down Dwyer in a clear act of DOGSO. However, the referee [Kevin Stott](#) can see Dwyer getting up from the ground and decides to play advantage. The striker then scores Sporting's second goal.

We have been asked the question: Should the referee still send off Tyler Deric or issue him with a yellow card? The Laws of the Game say:

'If the referee applies advantage during an obvious goal scoring opportunity and a goal is scored directly, despite the opponent's handling of the ball or fouling an opponent, the player cannot be sent off but he may still be cautioned.'

Therefore, Kevin Stott correctly does not send off Deric but has the option to caution him - this would be based on the seriousness of the challenge and if the referee deemed it to be a reckless challenge. In this case Stott decides that it is a careless challenge and so he does not issue the yellow card.

The Laws of the Game also cover playing advantage when a red card offense has occurred.

'If the infringement warrants an expulsion, the referee must stop play and send off the player unless there is a subsequent opportunity to score a goal.'

This play above is exactly how the Law should be applied in these circumstances.

The actions of Dom Dwyer and Kevin Stott in this play actually save keeper Tyler Deric from being sent off. If Dwyer had stayed on the ground Deric would have been sent off in a clear act of DOGSO but his honesty and goal scorer's instinct in continuing to play, together with Stott not stopping the game too quickly by allowing the advantage to proceed, jointly allowed a good goal and prevented an unnecessary red card.

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Adie's Wheelie Good Barrow

For many of us this weekend sees the end of the 2014/15 football season. There are those who will have amounted personal achievements, whether they be promotion, awarded Cup Finals or perhaps have officiated more games than the previous seasons. No matter what it is I would like to congratulate you all and pass on my sincere thanks for all your hard work and dedication. Not just for me in the SCILW and the G&WAFL but for all the Leagues. Some of us may have a tournament or two to officiate on but for many it will be a case of ironing the kit and putting it away until late August.

Summer is fast approaching with all the trees suddenly coming into life and the blossom on the fruit and ornamental trees is something to behold, particularly if you are fortunate enough to have passed by some of the magnificent orchards we have in England. We had a drive down through the Weald of Kent recently (almost a tradition for us as Diane ails from that part of the world), truly spectacular!

A good tip here for the frustrated gardener (or builder for that matter). I discovered my wheelbarrow had a puncture. It is a good quality one my sons bought for me a couple of years ago and I set aside Saturday morning to repair the leak. Best laid plans etc, I could not remove the tyre from the rim and I figured it needed much heavier duty tyre leavers than I have in my possession. A replacement barrow is £50 and I thought that excessive.

A search on the internet revealed that 'Screwfix' have replacement wheels for under £13 – much better deal so I purchased one. A slight bit of 'engineering' which entailed making two spacers from a bit of copper tubing I had lying around and it is working fine.

I have to admit that I am suspicious as to how it got a puncture and I suspect my eldest son but Diane says I am just paranoid even if there are small deposits of concrete under the rim and I have never used it for that!

I have noticed that the Jackdaws are nesting again locally. It is rather comical to see what happens when the Buzzards come over. First the northern squadron of around 16 birds fly up to meet them and chase them towards the southern squadron. The poor old buzzards are then mobbed by around 30 – 40 Jackdaws and decide that discretion really is the better part of valour and beat a hasty retreat!

Have a really good summer and a well-deserved rest. You will be hearing from me in the not too distant future with the applications for joining the SCILW and the G&WAFL. Obviously you will not be able to give me your dates at this early stage but *please* complete the form and send it back – you can add your dates later.

Adie

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

Part 40 – Ball to hand to ball

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165
Weather: Not looking too good

The Rovers goal keeper had performed reasonably well during the game but after he had collected the ball he stood still and looked around. He moved his arm back and we could all see he was about to launch a long throw to one of his team mates. With an almighty effort the goal keeper went to throw the ball to no doubt hopefully be received by one of his team mates. What happened next was that the ball spun out of the goalies hands and moved upwards towards the sky. The opposing forward was the first to react and he run forward to meet the ball. The forward reached to ball first and headed the ball into the empty net. I instinctively blew my whistle and pointed to the centre mark to signify that a goal had been scored. Why would I do anything else as my initial reaction was that a perfectly good goal had been scored and that no infringements had been incurred.

The Reds Rovers players were not happy with my decision. One of their player claimed their goal keeper still had the ball under their control and gave the example that when the ball is with the goal keeper he is permitted to bounce the ball. I of course agreed. He was obviously quoting me from something that I had said previously in the match. It made me smile inwardly that players do sometimes actually listen to the referee. Anyhow the player went on to say the ball was still under the goal keepers control as he went to release it which is exactly the same when the goal keeper bounces the ball. This had restored my faith in players and I agreed with the player.

I had awarded a goal initially but since play had not restarted I knew that I could change my decision. After all it is better to award the correct decision rather than an incorrect decision. I did my best to explain what was happening and told the players that an indirect free kick in favour of Rovers was the restart and the goal had now been disallowed.

What actions would you have taken?

Can a referee change his decision?

Should the goal have been allowed?

Was the ball still under the goalie's control when it slipped from his hand?

I had made my decision. I saw a few bewildered looks as I looked around but I knew that if a decision is awarded in a calm and confident manner then that will assist the players hopefully that the referee is correct. And as all our readers know on most occasions I am correct.

Barely thirty seconds had elapsed when the Rovers goal keeper again seemed to be the centre of attention. From Rovers having just taken a corner the ball was cleared up field. With all the Rovers being in the opponents half the Rovers goal keeper decided to run out of his goal and kick the ball over the touch line. He had run so quickly his momentum had carried him over the touch line and off the field of play. Before he could even get his breathe back the Casuals had taken the throw on and the ball landed at the feet of the Casuals forward who kicked the ball into the unguarded and empty goal. What else could a referee do but to point to the centre spot and award a goal. But alas if every thing went according to plan there would be no point in writing about my exploits every month.

The Rovers players questioned the validity of the goal. One minute the players all want to be the referee and now they are all solicitors questioning my law making.

One of the Rovers players insisted that every team play with a goal keeper and that player must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the referee. I agreed word for word and whole heartedly. What a fine referee this player would be. He literally took the words right out of my mouth. What more could I say. This player had said it all for me.

I had no other option but to disallow the goal and restart play with a throw on to Casuals. Naturally I had to now explain my change of decision to the Casuals players. I told them Rovers had no goal keeper on the pitch at the time of the goal and that is an offence as all teams must play with a goal keeper. They had no argument as the facts are the facts. They were not happy but they accepted my decision. This could have all been avoided if they had waited for the Rovers goal keeper to return to the field of play.

Best wishes

Willy Woodwork

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

Well, did our referee make the right decision?

- a) *Should the goal have been disallowed?*
- b) *Should the goal have been allowed?*
- c) *Should the goalie have been cautioned for re-entering the field of play without permission?*



This Month's Speaker

Stephen Green

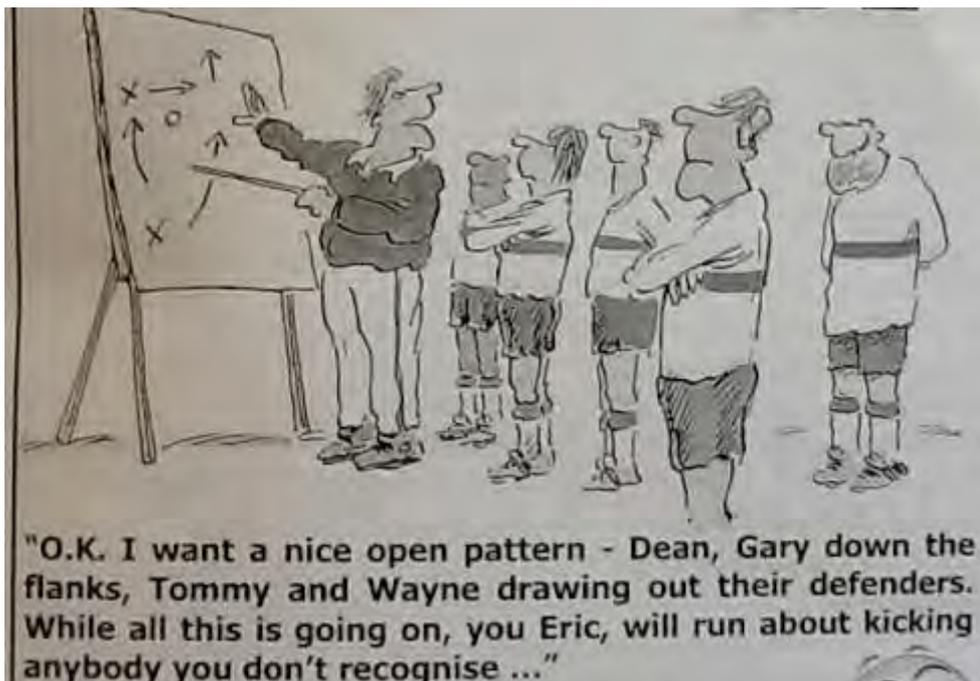


Stephen qualified as a referee in March 1985 at the age of 26 and quickly progressed up the pyramid to Panel line and Contributory Middle - Level 3 in today's money. Having taken a short break from refereeing between 1996-99 he returned to local football where he still officiates regularly as a Level 5 on the Thames Valley Premier League. Stephen is passionate about the

RA, having been a member of Reading RA throughout his refereeing career. He also became an Instructor very early in his career, gaining his Licensed Instructor status in 1994. He is now a Level 4 Tutor with The FA and has twice worked as a Group Instructor on the National Course. He is married to Alison and has three children. Stephen runs a design consultancy and was responsible for the updated National RA logo. Southampton FC is his team.



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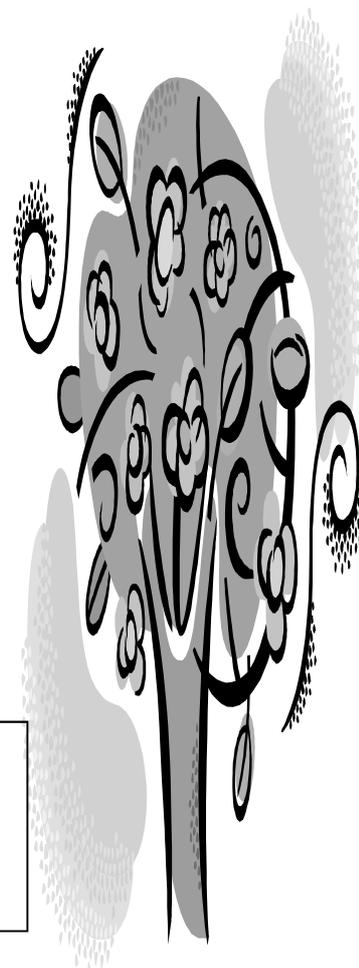
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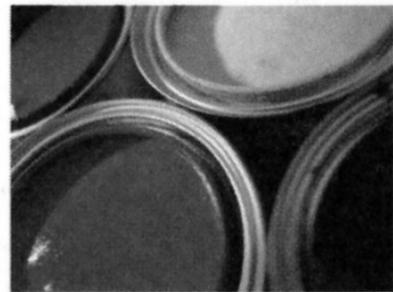
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What Would You Do?

(answers to ~~March~~ issue)

April

Q1 In the first ten minutes a blue defender on the goal line instinctively sticks out a hand to block a goal-bound shot. But before you blow, he quickly knocks the ball into his own net - keen to avoid an early red card. What would you do?

A1. He has not denied a goal so there is no red card. Award a goal, caution the defender for deliberate hand ball.

Q2. Five minutes into the game one of the captains complains that his side are having trouble distinguishing between their strip and that of their opponents. Both have orange sleeves. What would you do?

A2. Teams should not play with the same coloured sleeves due to potential problems when judging hand balls. Have a word with the away side's bench, ask them to prepare an alternative strip urgently. Then suspend play at the first opportunity to allow a change. If there is a problem with providing a speedy change carry on to half-time and then make the change.

Q3 A player steps up and fires a penalty in off the post to win a shootout. But as his team mates race away to celebrate, the keeper dashes up and shows you the ball: it's flat, and seems to have burst as it hit the post. What do you do?

A3. Award a goal. The flight of the ball was not altered by the puncture from hitting the post. Only if the ball had clearly burst after being kicked but before it hit the post, would you award a retake.

Q4 In boiling conditions in a pre-season tournament the teams are level at 3-3 and shattered after 90 minutes. For safety

reasons, the managers agree to go straight to a penalty shootout. What would you do?

A4. Adhere strictly to the competition rules. If the rules state that extra time must be played, then so be it. But you can allow water-breaks.

Q5. A defender flies in for a last-gasp goal-line clearance - but his two-footed dive also takes out a nearby colleague. Opponents are angry and want him sent off for dangerous play. What would you do?

A5. Play on. You would only stop the game if the defender had been guilty of violent conduct, which is a deliberate act. Fouls are penalised only if committed on opponents, and dangerous play is no longer defined in the laws.

Q6. In a challenge for the ball two players from the away team collide accidentally with each other. Both need treatment, though the injuries are not serious. The ball stays in play. What would you do?

A6. There is no need to stop the game. But when the ball is next out of play, call the physio on, then restart in the usual way with both players on the FoP - they don't need to go off before the restart. The Laws make clear that this requirement is void "when players from the same team have collided and need immediate attention".

Q7. A fashion-conscious attacking winger is wearing one blue and one white boot with matching official club socks. In the first few minutes, defenders start to complain that it gives their opponents an advantage. What would you do?

A7. There is nothing in the Laws about boot colour - but socks have to comply with team colours, and he can't mix and match from home and away strips. If there is a mismatch ask him to leave the FoP and replace the one that doesn't comply.

(Ed. All the Questions were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion.)

Courtesy of the Chiltern Referee

What Would You Do?

Question 1.

In a dreary game the losing team make three substitutions at half-time, and within 15 minutes have made a stunning comeback. But soon after their goal you realise to your horror that they have conned you. They have actually made four changes - one of them an identical twin. What would you do?



Question 2

In the dying seconds of a vigorous game your assistant thinks he has seen you blowing for full time, and steps onto the field of play to pick the ball up, which has bounced in front of him. Realising his error, he drops it again, allowing a nearby striker to collect it, shoot and score. What would you do?

Question 3

In a fierce wind, the home team manager's notes blow onto the field of play and land next to an opposing midfield player who was cautioned ten minutes earlier. The opponent reacts by tearing up the notes and laughingly throwing the pieces into the

air. The wind distributes the pieces over a large area. What would you do?

Question 4

You award a penalty kick to reds for a sliding tackle foul. Reds are winning 3-0. Two red players try a clever penalty - one tapping the ball forward for the other to run on to from outside the penalty area. Before the team mate can reach the ball, however, a blue defender brings him down - but the ball runs free and another team mate smacks it into the net. What would you do?

Question 5

A player's boot is damaged in a fair challenge for the ball. It is unusable so with your permission he goes off to get it replaced. When you wave him back on, he sprints into the penalty box and lashes a brilliant volley into the net. But as you award the goal, you notice that his replacement boot is completely different to the other one in colour, brand and stud type. What would you do?

Question 6

A blue defender handles the ball in the penalty area, and then rages against your decision to award a penalty kick. He responds to your blowing the whistle for the kick to be taken, by running in and blasting the ball into the net. Everyone is startled. What would you do?

Question 7

Play is progressing down the right wing. A red striker, onside in the penalty area, is pushed by a defender into an offside position just as the ball is played towards the goal area. The striker collects the ball and scores. Some players claim a goal, others offside or a penalty kick. What would you do?

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