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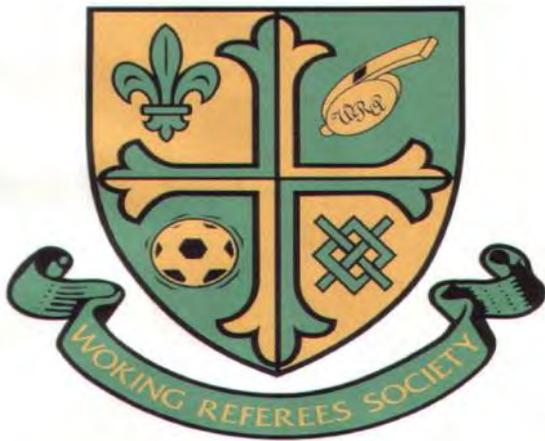
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# The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 7th November 2016

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

## AGENDA

- ♦ **7:45 Chairman's Welcome**

- ♦ **This Month's Topic**

**"DOGSO"**

- ♦ **Buffet**

- ♦ **Society Business**

- ♦ **10.00 Close**



**December meeting - Christmas Dinner  
12th December 2016**

**The deadline for the December Warbler is  
Friday 25th November 2016**

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

# From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

Well, after last month's entertaining and colorful evening with Mr. Cook, this month sees a visit, as promised, from the RA. An evening with a top FA tutor talking about 'DOGSO' Getting It Right. **There will be a free buffet**, so invite your refereeing friends and get them along for what I'm sure will be a great interactive evening.



We are one of only 18 local RA's that have been selected to host this event, so it's important to get as many local referees along, to make the evening a success so we can do more in the future.

Also we have been asked by Woking FC and Chelsea FC to help officiate their Academy and Foundation games. These are mainly on Wednesday afternoons, with Woking games taking place at the Urnfield in Guildford; and the Chelsea games at either the Cobham training ground or Merrist Wood College. I will send out the fixtures as I get them, and hopefully we can get these games covered.

Thanks and all the best,

**Pat**

## Coleman Balls



*Don't tell those coming in now the result of that fantastic match. Now let's have another look at Italy's winning goal*

*And Wilkins sends in an inch perfect pass to no one in particular*

*It's a cup final and the one that wins goes through*

*Real possession football this . And Zico's lost it*

### 2016/17 Membership

60 Full Members

8 Friends

1 Affiliate Member

24 Referees trained in 2016/2017

### 2016 Current Status

General	£2,563.07
Supplies	£153.15
Belgium	£100.00
Training Fund	£764.26
Youth Fund	£113.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,693.98</b>

# Coming To Woking RA on 7th November 2016

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# Woking Referees' Society Christmas Dinner 2016

**Hoebriidge Golf Centre,  
Old Woking Rd, Woking GU22 8JH,**

**Monday 12th December  
7.30pm for 8 pm. Dress code smart casual.**

**Jacko's Raffle, Martin's Christmas Quiz and a chance to win the cost of your meal back. Great food and excellent company.**

**Cost £25 per person. Guests welcome**

**Cheques payable to Woking RA. Either at the November Meeting , or by bank transfer to 30 94 77 a/c no. 02710897**

**Please send your menu choices to Martin Read  
([martin.read5@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.read5@btinternet.com)) no later than 30th November**

## Mac's Musings

Above and opposite are the details of this year's Christmas Dinner, once again organised by Martin Read. Last year's event was the best yet and Martin once again promises us a fun filled festive evening. Please make sure you email your choices to Martin before the end of the month.

I received a note from Tony Newman at County Office, via Dave Lawton, asking for Mentors for newly qualified referees, mainly during their first 5 games. Please see page 8 for details. Interestingly, the newbie has to request a mentor and its my understanding that this doesn't always happen. I like the idea in Sussex where new referees are appointed a mentor whether they want one or not. This was explained to us by Alex Bradley, our guest Speaker in September. The other difference is that the mentoring there is carried out by members of the RAFA Youth Council. I believe that not only has their retention rate improved but also membership of the RA.

There's always a first time ! At the end of a slightly one sided County Cup ( Saturday Junior) the skipper of the away team, who were the winners by the way, not only thanked me for a good game and shook my hand , he even gave me a hug ! - well more of handshake come pat on the back sort of hug.

G&WAL game at the Surrey Sports Park, one of the away team is starting to give me grief when his manager shouts out " get off the referee's back you idiot before he books you and get on with your game" He did as well.

**Mac**



## Christmas Menu 2016

### Starters

Scottish oak smoked salmon with horseradish cream, baby capers, red onion & soft herbs accompanied with rye bread

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Parma ham with roasted figs, goats cheese pearls, baby leaves & garlic ciabatta crostini's

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Roasted parsnip, thyme & honey soup

### Main

Oven roasted Norfolk turkey breast with sage & cranberry sausage meat stuffing, bacon wrapped sausage, garlic & rosemary infused roast potatoes, pan gravy, roasted and fresh seasonal vegetables

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Seared fillet of sea bream with a celeriac mash, fennel & chervil butter sauce & fresh vegetables

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Woodland mushroom, wilted spinach & feta cheese tart with roasted new potatoes, watercress & rocket leaves

### Dessert

Medley of desserts

Brioche bread & butter pudding infused with Christmas pudding flavours – raspberry & white chocolate cheese cake, Brandy snap cigarillo filled with a clementine Chantilly cream

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Selection of English cheeses accompanied with a pear chutney & biscuits

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Coffee & chocolate truffles



## Where in the World?

Over 140 downloads of the September edition of the Warbler were recorded on our website in the week since it was made available at the end of August. This got the committee thinking, we print and post out about 70 copies to members and others, but where else is the Warbler being read?

We know we have nearly 700 friends on Facebook from all over the globe

If you have downloaded this edition and would like to let us know, please send us your name and where you are from to

[whereintheworld@wokingreferees.co.uk](mailto:whereintheworld@wokingreferees.co.uk)

We will include these details in a future edition.

As well as seeing which country outside of the UK has the most Warbler readers, we will see which parts of the UK download as well..

Unfortunately, there are no prizes but we look forward to hearing from you.



## Mentors Wanted

Would you be interested in becoming a mentor for Surrey FA ? The FA now ask all Counties to look after all new referees for their first 5 games.

They are looking for mentors to be at the end of a phone or email to give help to a new referee when and if they have a problem and need help dealing with it. Should a new referee ask for one, their details are sent to a mentor including - Email, phone number, mobile number and age, so that the he / she can introduce themselves to the mentee and explain that he is at the end of the phone or email if the referee needs help.

If the mentor has an opportunity to go and watch their referee, they will receive travel expenses plus £5 subsistence.

Anyone who may be interested should contact either Tony Newman or Tim Lawrence at the County Office (01372 373543) or Dave Lawton our Secretary know and he will forward your name to the aforementioned.

## Coleman Balls



*We are quite lucky this year because Christmas falls on Christmas day*

*The only thing Norwich didn't get was the goal they finally got*

*He put it just where he meant it and it passed the Luxembourg goalpost by 18 inches*

*I'm not going to make it a target but its something to aim for*

## Football-style abuse of rugby officials to be targeted

Premiership Rugby has moved to stamp out early signs of football-style dissent towards officials by issuing a warning that it will not be tolerated this season. The missive from Premiership Rugby was sent to the clubs last season, pre-dating July's announcement by the Premier League that it was also launching a crackdown on player behaviour.

The issue is not nearly as widespread in rugby union as it is in football, but Premiership Rugby was aware of some incidents last season and decided to act swiftly to preserve the sport's core value of respect. They had the full support of the Rugby Players' Association and the RFU, whose referees have been encouraged to take a hard line.

It is understood that Premiership Rugby asked BT Sport to compile a video of examples of the kind of back-chat they want eradicated from the game ..... but the authorities are more concerned with the constant appealing and challenging of decisions during matches. Referees have the power to march teams back 10 yards, a measure that seems to have been used less in recent years, and they have been the backing of Premiership Rugby and the RFU to dish out yellow cards.

"One or two incidents came to light that you might question and could erode the values we have built our sport on and have been our foundation," Phil Winstanley Premiership Rugby's Director, told *The Times*. "In rugby we have created a set of values and we make no apology for promoting ourselves based on those values, Rather a crackdown it is more a reinforcement of what is accepted in our sport. You have to reach the right balance. You can't afford to create a sterile environment. It is a physical sport and emotions run high and that is fine. It is more around the questioning and challenging of authority, saying the referees that it isn't acceptable and giving them the support to deal with it."

The Premiership Rugby initiative received the support of Jason Leonard in his role as RFU president, which ended in June, because he wants the right example to be set at the top end of the game. "I applaud the Premiership and the RFU for saying it is not acceptable. "It might be in other games but not in our game. Rugby is unique in sport."

(Ed. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soccer authorities were to do a similar thing. But as Jason said, "Rugby is a unique sport". The piece was written by Alex Lowe in the Times 23.7.16)). **Spotted in The Chiltern Referee**

### Spotted in "Touchlines"



If girls watched cooking shows the way blokes watch football!!!

## Could This Be You?

Concerning a recent assessment, Intermediate Cup match with neutral assistants, I made the following comments: *You picked up the first two fouls correctly but I would have liked to see you deal immediately (loudly, no card) with the associated incidence of swearing.....* I later wrote: *....despite a positive offside signal/whistle, a forward ran on to jump at the visiting goalkeeper who had clear and clean possession of the ball. The situation could have generated retaliation and required an audible admonishment of the forward; instead, you chose to talk to a defender who complained about the challenge.*

I record my comments on a portable hand-set, and at one stage, around thirty minutes into the game with the visitors having just scored the opening goal, three consecutive remarks say: *i) If you're going to give free kicks on the edge of the penalty area I suggest it needs a far better whistle than that; ii) This whistling is getting boring now, you've got to be more decisive; iii) You need to make the whistle match the offence, especially right in front of the dug-out, and when two players have gone in to tackle one.*

In the forty-second minute the visitors scored their second goal, and I recorded it was the first time the referee had been anywhere near the goal-line, I also pointed out it was not good practise to turn the back after a goal has been scored as this was when aggravation could start. The home side scored within two minutes of the second half starting, and equalised on sixty-nine minutes from a free kick against the 'keeper for carrying the ball outside the box. The first caution of the game had been eight minutes earlier, the defaulter addressed by a beckoning finger!!

By now you may have guessed the Man in the Middle was on a downhill path and the final twenty-nine minutes of the match were a massive learning curve. Briefly, 3-2 to the home team, aggravation behind the away goal, an equaliser, a last minute home penalty taken a second time after hitting the crossbar, and nine cautions (I think) and a send-off.

After the match the referee referred to 'five minutes of madness' – I thought it lasted somewhat longer than that.

**Mike Coventry** (*Writing in The Chiltern Referee*)

## A Fair Tackle ?

Some years ago I wrote an article for the Football Referee Magazine in which I explained how I judged if a tackle for the ball was fair. If the tackler played the ball and the opponent then went over his outstretched leg, I said this was a fair tackle. If, however, the tackler caught his opponent before touching the ball then it was a foul.

Whether a coincidence or not, my wording appeared in the revised Laws of the Game for the following season. They no longer appear in the Laws, however, and to be fair it was just too simple.

The fact that a player plays the ball first, does not always make it a fair tackle. There are times when a player plays the ball first but then brings down his opponent with his trailing leg making it a foul.

**Dick Sawdon Smith** (*Reading RA website, purloined from The Chiltern Referee*)

## The Laws in a Twist

There are often discussions why rugby players accept the referees' decisions, whilst footballers constantly argue over them, sometimes belligerently. My theory is simple - the Rules of Rugby are so complicated that the players admit that they don't understand them, so don't argue. Footballers don't understand the laws of the game either, but they think they do and that's what leads to the arguments.

This was obvious on one occasion a couple of weeks ago. I gave an indirect free kick for dangerous play a little way outside the penalty area. I made it plain to everyone that it was indirect, so a goal couldn't be scored direct from the kick. Even so, the kicker blasted it straight at the goal and the goalkeeper tried to save it, but only succeeded in knocking it into his goal.

As I walked back to the centre circle, I was besieged by defending players. "You can't allow the goal", they said, "no one else touched the ball". I pointed out that the goalkeeper had punched it but they said it didn't count, it had to touch someone from the other team. Complete nonsense of course

**Dick Sawdon Smith** (Reading RA website & spotted in The Chiltern Referee)



## Lion tamer Wanted

A Circus owner runs an advertisement for a 'lion tamer wanted' and two people show up.....

One is a retired referee in his late-sixties and the other is a drop-dead, gorgeous brunette with a killer body in her mid-twenties.

The circus owner tells them, I'm not going to sugar coat it. This is one ferocious lion. He ate my last tamer, so you two had better be good or you're history."

Here's your equipment -- a chair, a whip and a gun .....

Who wants to try out first?"

The gorgeous brunette says, "I'll go first."

She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the cage.

The lion starts to snarl and pant and begins to charge her.

As he gets close, the gorgeous brunette throws open her coat revealing her beautiful, perfect naked body.

The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly crawls up to her and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick and kiss every inch of her body for several minutes, then lays down and rests his head at her feet.

The circus owner's jaw is on the floor! He says "That's amazing! I've never seen anything like that in my life!"

He then turns to the retired referee and asks, "Can you top that?"

The old ref replies, "Possibly...but you've got to get that lion out of there first."

**Thanks to Tony Murphy**

### MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was a Sunday league game in the sixties. The home team were a local side and their opponents were all Pakistanis who, unable to speak any English, did everything through a lady translator. The match was a fairly one-sided affair. The Pakistani players, whilst quick and nippy, were small, whereas the local team were much bigger and stronger and they used this to maximum advantage. They played a hard tackling, physical game and the Pakistani team had no answer to it.

However, there were no problems until the second half. All the Pakistani players wore turbans and one player's turban had started to unravel. He received the ball, knocked it past the defender, and ran past him. As he did so, his platted hair fell out of his turban and down his back. Instinctively the defender put out a hand and pulled the Pakistani player back by his hair. All hell broke loose. As one, the Pakistani players, shouting and screaming, ran towards the defender who looked scared out of his life. I was quite close to the incident and was able to put myself between the player and the Pakistani team and told the player to keep behind me.

Fortunately, the incident happened quite near to the touchline where the Pakistani translator was standing. She quickly ran onto the pitch and stood beside me. Taking over she talked to the Pakistani players and calmed them down. Eventually there was quiet and she explained to me and the player that although the player hadn't realised what he was doing he had committed massive offence and insult to the Pakistani player by touching his hair. The only way out of the problem was for the local player to firstly make a personal apology to the Pakistani player and then apologise to the other Pakistani players. He made his apologies, which were accepted, and we were able to get on with the match which ended without any further problems.

~~My mate's done it again. He rang me up on Sunday evening. "Guess what I did this morning," he said. My mind boggled but I just said, "What?" "I refereed a Sunday League football match," he replied. "But you've got heart problems and you're in your seventies," I said. "Coming seventy seven actually and it was alright the last time I refereed. I went down to the village pitch and there was no referee. As you know, we're right out in the sticks and the away team, coming from the other side of town, didn't want to make the journey again so they asked me to referee. I told them I'd do my best but if they started moaning and arguing I'd pack up and go home. It's no skin off my nose. Did you know that happened recently? A referee locally got so fed up with the continual moaning and arguing every time he made a decision he blew the whistle, said I've had enough, picked up the ball and abandoned the game. The league was not impressed. Anyway, my game went as sweet as a nut and I didn't have any problems. If this keeps up I'll have to start training," and with that he was gone.~~

**Tony Murphy**

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## **WESTWORLD, the real one that is, definitely not on TV !**

There was an article in the October "Warbler" that caused me to think back a lot of years and to reflect that "Nothing changes". The referee concerned was reflecting on 'his season so far' & mentioned some facts about his being paid his fee, even being refused on one occasion (because of one incorrect decision !) of sometimes having to wait to be paid, (whilst the 'necessary\*' was collected from the players) and so on. I hope he will not mind reading this piece and accepting the advice it contains ?

The majority of local Leagues are not so well off for men in the middle that they can afford to antagonise the ones they have got. Communication is or should be a two way thing, always. His first port of call regarding any fee-paying problems is his League's Referees' Secretary. Most Leagues have it in their Rules that the Referee shall 'At least be offered his Fee before the game, but if refused at that time it MUST be paid IMMEDIATELY after the game'. He mentions 'Managers' as being the ones who pay him, making me think he does predominantly Youth games, where the Manager usually 'does the lot' whereas at open age level the Club/team will often include one of the Club Officers, preferably Secretary, who will (often) have the cash ready and maybe even in an envelope.

It was not always so, many is the time I have waited fully dressed, ready to go home, outside the home dressing room at many local venues, waiting for just 1 player to appear, who then yells back to no-one in particular : "The ref's waiting for his money". Another head appears, to ensure one that : "They are just collecting it, ref." Which is a load of nonsense of course. If the teams for which you have just officiated a game of football want to be seen as Football Clubs they need to have some funds, and someone needs to make sure that, completely independently of players paying their subs, that the correct amount of cash for the referee is ready and available BEFORE the game. There will be times when waiting is out of the question, I have returned home unpaid when, after delaying my own emergence from the changing room a little I have been surprised to find just one home player still on the premises. He was 'without funds' of course, so one waited for either an embarrassed 'phone call or a knock on the door anytime in the following week.

The classic case then runs something like this : "You went without your fee on Saturday" "You didn't give it to me" "We couldn't find you" (?) "I was in the refs changing room" "Shall we post it or keep it until next time ?<sup>M</sup>" "NO, please bring it round, you live in Guildford don't you ?" "Yes, but where do you live ?"

I would suggest to every referee to make use of the Rules of every League on which they officiate, if you do not have a copy be sure to ask for one, it is obligatory for each League to supply you. READ THEM. Competition Rules do vary, the odds are you will be the only person at each game that has read them thoroughly, but take your copy with you to every game.

Report any and all shortcomings back to the RefSec, not in any nasty way but in a way that will cause that League to remind its Clubs what their obligations are towards all match officials.

**Cyril West**

*(This still happens. I recently had to wait outside the home team changing room whilst the players had a whip round. Needless to say I was paid predominantly in £1 coins. Mac )*

## Walking Football - FA to agree Rules

- Number of walking football clubs in UK rose from 125 to 800 in two years

The immense popularity of walking football is bringing a new meaning to 'the pace of the game', as thousands relive their days of sporting glory - albeit in a more leisurely fashion. In fact, it has become so incredibly popular over the last year that it is now to be FA regulated, as the Football Association is drawing up standardised rules to avoid disputes on the pitch.

The number of clubs has rocketed from 125 two years ago to 800 today and could soon be thousands given its surge in prominence and the rising population of elderly people in Britain.

Manchester City has become the first Premier League club to launch a walking football team and Glasgow Rangers in Scotland is also planning a new initiative for over-50s who love football but 'now find playing too demanding'.

Two British teams - Havant & Waterlooville FC and Bristol City FC - even travelled over to France for what is believed to be one of the first ever international walking football tournaments this month.

But, as the sport grows, dispute over the rules is becoming more noticeable. While all agree that at least one foot must be on the ground at all times, some disagree on other elements, such as the height the football is allowed to be kicked.

That's why the FA is now stepping in to clarify the rules, which often have to be discussed before the game currently to avoid arguments breaking out during play.

### DISPUTED RULES FOR WALKING FOOTBALLERS

- ◆ Height of the ball: Some clubs rule that the ball should not be kicked above head height, while others have no limit.
- ◆ Free kicks: There is some dispute over whether free kicks should be direct or indirect.
- ◆ Back passes: Some clubs allow the goalie to handle the ball if it is passed to him by a defender, while others are forced to kick it like the professionals.
- ◆ Touches: Some clubs set a three-touch limit before a player has to pass, while others allow as many as a player wants.
- ◆ Tackles: Most say that the amount of contact in the tackle should be minimal while others say there should be none at all.

Steve Rich, 54, a former Sunday League player from Kent who set up the national registration website for the game in 2014, said that referees need 'more certainty'. 'There are now so many festivals and tournaments around the country that a unified, standardised set of rules is really needed,' he told [The Times](#).

The new rulebook, which would put an end to the piecemeal way in which the sport has been ruled by various local FAs have set up clubs all over the country, is due in February.

The FA is currently holding focus groups to decide what the rules on contentious subjects should be.

The one agreed rule so far, that one foot must be on the ground at all times, is the most frequently broken, as players often break into a jog as the excitement heats up on the pitch.

Although there is some dispute as to whether people should be allowed to run while they are not in possession.

Other rules treated with different approaches include the level of contact in the tackle, with some FAs advising it should be minimal, while others say there should be none at all.

It was designed as an initiative to give older people the chance to get active and players are often in their 50s and 60s, but some regulars are as old as 85.

The FA is also discussing imposing a rule on an age range within teams, to make sure a team of 50-year-olds does not play a team of 80-year-olds, keeping it competitive.

In the beginning, the amateur sport won the support of professionals including Tottenham and England striker Harry Kane, Geoff Hurst, 74, and Alan Shearer, who have all taken part in promotional games.

But an FA spokesman says that as the game has got more competitive, universal rules are needed - although insisted it will not stop clubs using the rules they are accustomed to.

'We don't want to remove the fun spirit of the game, which emerged quite informally around the country, but as people start to want to play more competitively, we want to make sure standard rules are available,' he said.

*Daily Mail*

## Dates for your Diary 2016/17

<b>7th November</b>	<b>Society Meeting</b>	<b>DOGSO</b>
12th December	Christmas Dinner	Hoe Bridge Golf Centre
9th January	Society Meeting	TBA
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	

# Pages from Yesteryear

## **Continuing the A to Z of Football**

### **HALF MAST**

TECHNICAL TERM FOR A PLAYER WHO ISN'T SURE IF HIS SOCKS ARE UP OR DOWN.

### **HALF VOLLEY**

WHEN A DEFENDER ATTEMPTS A VOLLEY AND GETS IT HALF RIGHT.

### **HANG OVER**

RESULT OF AN EXCESSIVE INTAKE OF ALCOHOL THE NIGHT BEFORE, CAUSING DIZZINESS/SICKNESS AND A DEEP RELUCTANCE TO HEADBUTT ANYONE.

### **HANG OVER (PART TWO)**

RESULT OF AN EXCESSIVE INTAKE OF ALCOHOL OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, CAUSING A LARGE BELLY TO HANG OVER HIS SHORTS.

### **HAT TRICK**

WHEN A PLAYER SCORES 3 TIMES IN A MATCH AND EVERYONE WAS A DIFFERENT WOMAN.

### **HEART BREAKING**

FINDING YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE BOOT IN YOUR KIT BAG.

### **HEART BURNING**

EATING VINDALOO CURRY AT 3 IN THE MORNING.

### **'HEY VINCE BABY I'M UNMARKED'<sup>1</sup>**

SILLY CALL FOR THE BALL, AS THE CALLER WILL GET FLATTENED BY AN OPPONENT.

### **HITCH**

INTERESTING EXERCISE, WHEREBY THE TEAM LINES UP AND PRACTICES ; THUMBING A LIFT. THIS IS NOT ONLY HELPFUL SHOULD A CAR BREAK DOWN, BUT GIVES ADDED STRENGTH TO THE ELBOW, ENABLING SHAKIER PLAYERS TO LIFT PINTS FROM THE BAR WITHOUT SPILLING IT ALL OVER THEIR TROUSERS.

### **HITTING THE POST**

ABOUT AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN GET TO MISSING A PENALTY.

### **HITTING THE CORNER FLAG**

ABOUT AS FAR AS YOU CAN GET TO MISSING A PENALTY KICK.

### **HUGH JUAN CARR**

TECHNICAL TERM SHOUTED BY WHOLE TEAM OF PLAYER WHO HAS MISSED A PENALTY KICK.

### **IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO**

DELICATE SITUATION, WHERE A PLAYER ATTEMPTS TO IMPEDE AN OPPONENT BY TACKLING HIS HEAD, THEN DISCOVERS TO HIS HORROR HE'S TACKLING THE REFEREE'S FLAGRANTE.

### **INJURY**

THIS IS DAMAGE TO THE BODY ON THE FIELD OF PLAY. THERE ARE 3 CATEGORIES OF INJURY -

- 1) INJURY THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH BY A BUCKET OF COLD WATER.
- 2) INJURY THAT CANNOT BE TREATED BY A BUCKET OF COLD WATER BUT WILL BE ANYWAY.
- 3) INJURY CAUSED BY A BUCKET OF COLD WATER.

### **IT**

POPULAR TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN THE DRESSING ROOM. 'IT'<sup>1</sup> IS NEVER DEFINED BUT EVERYBODY IS CURIOUS AS TO WHOSE HAVING 'IT' GETTING 'IT' OR IF DES WHO HAD IT 7 TIMES LAST NIGHT IS FIT TO PLAY.

**JACK THE LAD**

PLAYER WHO TURNS UP STRAIGHT FROM A PARTY, WITH AN EXPENSIVE CAR AN EXPENSIVE GIRL AND NO MONEY FOR HIS MATCH FEE.

**JOCK STRAP**

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING THAT JACK THE LAD NEVER WEARS. CLAIMING HE CAN'T GET ONE BIG ENOUGH.

**JUG**

LARGE VESSEL CAPABLE OF HOLDING ANYTHING UP TO 10 PINTS OF BEER. BOUGHT BY THE HOME SKIPPER, THE AWAY SKIPPER AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO CREEP AROUND THE SKIPPER AFTER HAVING PLAYED BADLY.

**KANGAROO GOALIE**

ONE WHO BOUNCES UP AND DOWN' ON HIS TOES SHOUTING 'KEEPERS<sup>1</sup> THEN LETS THE BALL G? THROUGH HIS HANDS AND BETWEEN HIS LEGS -.AND FINDS THAT EVERYONES AFTER HIS HIDE.

**KNOCK OUT**

WHEN A PLAYER HAS 10 ROUNDS IN THE BOXERS ARMS AND CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT TIME KICK OFF IS.

**LAGER**

AMAEMIC BITTER

**LANDLORD**

STRANGE MAN WHO RINGS BELLS AND GOES ROUND LOOKING FOR DEAD GLASSES.

**LATE**

PLAYERS WHO ARE LATE ALWAYS APOLOGISE WITH 'SORRY BOSS THE ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF'. WHAT THEY NEVER SAY IS SORRY BOSS I CAME HOME TO DRUNK TO SET IT.

**LATE TACKLE**

ONE THAT POLE AXES A PLAYER AS HE SUCKS HIS HALF TIME ORANGE.

**LAWS OF THE GAME**

WHAT A PLAYER WILL CLAIM HE KNOWS BACKWARDS -.OFTEN THE WAY HE INTERPRETS THEM.

**LOOSE BALL**

ONE THAT ESCAPES OUT OF THE CORNER OF THE SHORTS .

**LUNCH**

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**MAGIC**

TECHNICAL TERM FOR WHEN THINGS GO RIGHT FOR A CHANGE.

**MAGIC SPONGE**

ICY,WET,SQUELCHY THING WITH A FAINT SMELL OF CAR SHAMPOO.

**MAGICAL NUMBER**

11 PLAYERS MEANS A FULL SIDE, 11 SUPPORTERS MEANS A CAPACITY CROWD  
11 REFEREES MEANS AN ADMINISTRATIVE COCK UP.

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*To be continued*

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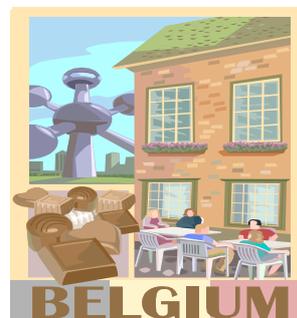
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## Belgium 2017



**BELGIUM**

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Further details regarding the weekend will be given later. If you wish to go , I anticipate the cost being between £250 and £300 per person depending on amount of persons travelling. The more that go brings the cost down. Please contact Dave Cooper at meetings or call him on his mobile. 07766758029 or <mailto:davecooper850254@yahoo.co.uk>

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

### Part 47 – Where is the technical area?

Match:                   Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers  
League:                 Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)  
Technical area:       Seemingly on the pitch!

Play had stopped as the match ball seemed to have gone a little flat and needed some air. Of course neither of the teams had a pump so we all waited for the Cockfosters Casual captain to ask if anyone had a pump on the next pitch. In an ideal world both teams are expected to bring a minimum of two match balls which are expected to meet all the requirements of Law 2. For anyone who has ever been involved with Sunday morning football it is a miracle if one ball is given to the referee before and the match and that it meets all the required standards.

As we all waited suddenly..... The flash back moment - .....

Many years ago I was fortunate enough to be appointed to referee the Sunday Park League (North) Division Three Cup Final. It was held at a local non league ground with two neutral assistants. That showed everyone what a good referee I was and when referees talk amongst themselves about 'plum' appointments this was one in my opinion that could not be beaten!

These are the appointments that we referees dream about. And what wonderful dreams I had to the build up to my big day. The weeks flew by and suddenly there I was in a stadium for the first time and the crowd had to pay to watch me. The match started and I clearly remember being called over by one of the assistants who explained to me that the players from both sides would not stay in the technical areas and this obstructed both the vision and movement of the assistants. Added to this the substitutes were kicking the ball between themselves very close to the touch line. Before the match one of the teams appeared to have about twenty people in their 'dugout'. I insisted only the named substitutes and team officials could remain which meant wives, girlfriends, mascots, children and the two dogs had to vacate.

My next job was to explain that only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions. I was prepared to be flexible because when I watch matches on television the managers appear to stand for ninety minutes at the edge of their technical area shouting instructions and the officials never seem to say anything to them.

Would you have done the same?

What would you have done differently?

These comments all lead nicely to this match....Cockfosters Casuals versus Reds Rovers with both teams consistently being told not to stand on the pitch. In a way I was fortunate that I did not have neutral officials as their vision would be severely obstructed whilst the substitutes acting as my 'assistants' today were none the wiser as to how things should be.

Early in the match I asked both managers permission to move some bags and requested the substitutes stayed behind the bags which were to give the impression of some sort of barrier and a technical area. My request lasted no longer than ten seconds.

As soon as I blew my whistle to start the match I noticed both managers stepping over the bags, shouting instructions and actually standing at least two steps onto the pitch.

So what would you do?

- ◆ Show a yellow card if the manager and substitutes continue to encroach onto the field of play?
- ◆ Abandon the match?
- ◆ Submit a report to county?
- ◆ Just ignore the fact all these people are standing on the pitch as it happens every Sunday morning?

During this match every time a goal had been scored the managers and substitutes from both sides had run onto the field of play to celebrate. A referee is expected to caution a player if a player removes their shirt after scoring but when Rovers scored their three substitutes again run onto the pitch but this time they all removed their shirts and danced a celebration move which was obviously choreographed and rehearsed.

It made me smile as it looked very good but I felt this was delaying the restart and I duly showed the three dancing substitutes a yellow card. Reds Rovers could not understand my decision as to why I had cautioned their substitutes but they insisted that the law only applied to a player removing their shirt and not a substitute but I knew that in law that I was correct .....Do you think I was correct?

Suddenly I was thinking of my cup final again. Maybe there is still one more cup final left in me.....I certainly hope so!

See you all soon,

**Willy Woodwork**

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



*He looks behind him and sees that he only has one man in front of him."*

*Brendan Foster*

*"that's an almost perfect false start."*

*BBC*

*"Is there something that sticks out that makes you an exceptional pole-vaulter?"*

*Adrian Chiles*

## Collina: "The referee's shape now is a professional footballer's shape"

*Firstly, can you reflect a little on Euro 2016? You must have been very happy with the high refereeing standards.*

- The standard of refereeing at Euro 2016 was very high. I have to say that four years ago in Poland and Ukraine, the standard was already very high, and it was not easy to improve from that level. But we were confident, because we knew how much work the referees had done, and how committed they were in preparing for the tournament. So it is not a surprise, because I am convinced that if you work hard, the results come. Nevertheless, I am very happy, and I have to thank the referees for their commitment, because we demanded a lot from them in terms of preparation for this tournament... and they were very, very committed.



*- There were only three red cards in the tournament, and only one straight red card. Does the higher standard of refereeing go hand in hand with better player behaviour?*

- Certainly the number of cards depends on the behaviour of the players. I think something that made a difference, and this was something we had already experienced in 2008 and 2012, was the programme that we ran before the competition, when we visited the national team camps and showed the coaches, staff and players the same instructions that we gave to the referees. The objective was to have everyone on the field of play speaking the same language, so they all knew what to expect.

*- High standards do not happen by accident. Can you tell us a little about the preparation that goes into achieving and maintaining these standards?*

- ◆ There are three pillars of match preparation. Certainly, referees need to know the Laws of the Game and how to interpret them, and we had several seminars before the tournament – in February, then in April, and again before the tournament kick-off. Euro 2016 was particular for this matter, because the IFAB [International Football Association Board] introduced several changes that were really important, such as the new rules on denying a goal-scoring opportunity and the new sanction for handball.

◆ Then there's fitness preparation. For some time, we have been running very accurate monitoring of all our referees through our head of fitness, Werner Helsen, and his staff. They monitor the referees throughout the season, so they know exactly how they are, what the standards are like and what they have to do. So the level of physical preparation [for Euro 2016] was high.

Once more, it was really hard or almost impossible to distinguish players from referees, because their shape now is really a professional footballer's shape. They look like the players that they are refereeing.

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The third pillar is knowledge of football – the tactical preparation. We have been working on this for some years, trying to give the referees support. For the EURO, we introduced a new role, so we had a team of match analysts: UEFA-licensed coaches who compiled reports on the 24 teams, analysing how they played in different moments of a match and highlighting the technical characteristics of the players.

They analysed the teams for six months before the Euro, and before every Euro match one of the analysts briefed the referees at our headquarters, and the team reports were updated during the competition. This gave added value to the referees' team – not only to the referees, but also the assistant referees, because information concerning offside was also given.

*How are the referees educated, how are they tested, and how important is interpretation of the laws?*

- The knowledge is crucial. The pre-season gathering started with a test on the Laws of the Game, particularly concerning the changes. There were two types of test: a written test and a video test, where we want the referees to give us their interpretations of the incidents shown. During your presentations, you reviewed video clips and offered constructive criticism, even when the referees involved were present

*- Is that something that happens throughout the season?*

- The best way to learn is to see something, and you can learn from the experience you had and this opportunity should also be given to those who did not have this experience. So if we show a clip, and there is something that did not work, this is not to blame the referee, but to offer the experience that this referee had to all the other referees, because the same thing could happen to them next time round. Normally, we do it during our seminars, but, as we cannot have seminars too often, we have implemented a web platform, so that whenever there is something important to be learned, explained or shown to the referees, we create a clip with a comment, and send it to a referee or group of referees. We do the same for assistants and observers. It is not just a matter of saying "this was wrong", and then giving the reason; for us it is actually more important to give the reason, and we might also say "this was right, and this is the reason". Positive things can also come from a mistake if you understand the reason.

*Source: UEFA (Seen in Mal Davies V & A)*

### ***In the News—The Unkindest Cut***

An article headlined "Huge fall in vasectomies as men keep their options open" highlighting the fall in the number of vasectomies performed by the NHS over the past year concludes "some parts of the NHS have also been refusing to fund the £400 procedure because of cuts, which often fall first ....."

*Spotted in The Times by Brian Reader*



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## Adie's a Lumberjack (*and he's alright!*)

We are well and truly into the season now with County Cups and League Cups as well as the League games. *Please* ensure you are familiar with the Various Rules of the Competitions. There have been some mistakes so make sure it is not you who plays extra time in the County Cup or not allowing Roll on Roll off subs in the County Junior and Lower Junior Cup. As a guide:

- ◆ Saturday Intermediate County Cup 3 from 5 NO ROLL ON ROLL OFF
- ◆ Saturday Junior County Cup 5 from 5 Roll on Roll Off
- ◆ Saturday Lower Junior County Cup 5 from 5 Roll on Roll Off  
AND NO EXTRA TIME – EXCEPT FINALS AND SEMI FINALS

For the League Cup Competitions:

- ◆ SCILW Premier Challenge Cup & Premier Reserves Cup 3 from 3 Roll on Roll off and Extra Time then Penalties
- ◆ G&WAFL Premier, Intermediate, Junior and GWA Invitation Cups 5 from 5 Roll on Roll off and Extra Time then Penalties.

◆ OK, that's cleared that bit up. I have been requested to remind all Match Officials who Referee in the SCILW that it is a Respect League and the Respect Handshake is Compulsory.

So, what has Adie been up to? I have had to curtail any ambitions of other cribbage boards as my youngest son has requested a shoe rack. After giving me some dimensions he then informed me it is for 22 pairs of shoes! I think he has Imelda Marcos living at his place – no, he didn't know who she was either!! My good lady insists that this is a priority (for her little boy) although another project loomed! A mate of mine had a large tree cut down and offered me the wood.

Eldest son Graham and I hired a large tipper truck and collected the wood – although we are informed there is more to collect this Friday. I am attaching a picture of about half the wood that is currently residing in my garden. Good job I have a large chain-saw and felling axe.

Still at least we will have plenty of logs for the wood-burner.

Enjoy your games

### Adie





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## Wait and See

How often are we reminded to 'Wait and See' when officiating? Indeed, a standard part of any referee's instructions pre-match is for his assistants not to rush with an offside flag but instead to 'wait and see' - to ensure a player is genuinely active before signalling.

A different type of 'wait and see' was sadly lacking during one incident in a Southern League game this month. I was the bench-side assistant and the situation unfolded just a few yards in front of me.

The referee, in his first season as a level 3, had been having a good game. Several of his decisions had been questioned by players throughout the game but this seemed, to me, to reflect more on their general attitude than on any shortcomings of the man in the middle. However, it did mean that any genuine error was more likely to have a detrimental effect on his match control.

The away side had probably just about been the better side as we approached the hour mark but they had had to come from behind three times to make the score 3-3. The home winger was attacking up the right hand side and, as he shaped to cross, it was obvious that the opposing left back was going to arrive too late to make a legal challenge.

Quite correctly, the referee used the trailing eye to ensure he didn't miss the resulting foul. Unfortunately, he then forgot that the challenge being late meant that the cross had been successful and his whistle was immediately followed by the sound of a home forward crashing a fabulous header into the top corner of the net!



Cue pandemonium, angry players and a home manager exiting his area and running the length of the field to add his comments to the mix (*I did think that the observer's later advice, that the manager should have been sent to the stands as a result, may have been correct in law but would probably have seen match control collapse completely*).

It took a few minutes but we eventually got things back under control (the free kick was, of course, sent sailing straight out of play) and the three of us spent the next 30 minutes hoping that the home side would find the winning goal – only for the away side to take the lead on 90+1 and rub it in by making it 5-3 on 90+5 following a home side red card for DOGSO!

It could all have been so very different if the whistle had just been delayed by a second or two! We've all done similar – and no doubt will do so again – so it's good to take the time to remember to **Wait and See**.

**Mike Coen**, writing in Touchlines (Sutton Referees' Magazine)

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## What Would You Do - Answers to October Issue

**Q1.** Reds kick the ball into the Blues penalty area where you notice the Reds trainer treating an injured player near the penalty mark. The trainer seeing the ball coming towards his injured player punches the ball into the goal. What would you do?

**A1.** Disallow the goal. Report the incident. The coach and other officials indicated on the team sheet are deemed to be team officials. If a team official enters the FoP, the referee stops play and play is restarted with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when the match was stopped.

**Q2.** A Blue player takes a throw-in correctly. He intentionally throws the ball at an opponent in order to play the ball again. It was neither in a careless nor a reckless manner nor using excessive force. He then kicks the ball back to his keeper who is not looking at play and the ball enters the goal.

**A2.** Award a goal. No disciplinary action required. Restart with kick off.

**Q3.** Just before the coin toss, the home captain - who you wrongly sent off earlier in the season - produced a red card from his pocket and waves it at you. His team mates cheer. What would you do?

**A3.** If the captain was obviously joking, laugh it off and start the game as normal. If he reacts badly or carries on then show him a yellow card. But avoid it if you can.

**Q4.** In stormy weather the Blue keeper punches the ball clear. He sees it caught by a sudden huge gust of wind. It loops upfield, where the opposition keeper misjudges the bounce. It ends in the net.

**A4.** Award a goal - the keeper has not broken any law.

**Q5.** The away side are blatantly time-wasting to hold on to a 0-0 draw, so you signal six extra minutes. But when in the first of the added minutes, the home side score, they demand you blow the final whistle immediately. They say playing the full six minutes would now unfairly reward the away side by giving them a chance to equalise. What would you do?

**A5.** Once signalled, you have to play the full six minutes. Explain the reason to the players, and tell them you have done everything to cancel the effects of time-wasting.

**Q6.** The Blue goalkeeper dives to stop a misdirected back pass bouncing into the net, deflecting it out for a corner with his hand. The Red opponents are outraged. The captain waves an imaginary card in your face and claims the goalkeeper has denied an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.

**A6.** Stop the game; award an indirect free kick to the attacking team. There is no case for a red card; a keeper is allowed to handle the ball, just not from a backpass. Caution the captain for unsporting behaviour.

**Q7.** A local hero, on his much-hyped final appearance, scores a last-minute winner. Overjoyed, he tears off his shirt and throws it to the crowd. You have already cautioned him for a serious foul.

**A7.** While it's unpopular you must show this player a second yellow card, then a red.

*(Ed. Questions 1 and 2 were taken from the 2015 National Quiz final; questions 3-5 from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion, and 6-7 from Touchlines, Sutton RS magazine)*

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## What Would You Do?

**Question 1.** In the dying seconds the home side are defending their 1-0 lead by playing the ball across their back line. You decide to blow for full time - but you drop your whistle in the mud. As you bend down to get it, the away striker steals the ball and smacks a pile-driver into the net. What would you do?

**Question 2.** Just as a corner is taken you notice a shin-pad on the ground in the penalty area. No-one is claiming it. Do you stop the game and find the person with missing mandatory equipment to avoid a possible injury?

**Question 3.** A defender already on a yellow stands in front of the ball to stop a direct free kick being taken quickly. In an attempt to get him sent off the taker hammers the ball straight at him - only to see him jump out of the way. The ball smashes into the back of the defending captain who collapses in agony. What would you do?

**Question 4.** You award a free kick. The Blue player decides to take the free kick quickly but a Red opponent who is very near the ball deliberately blocks the ball as it is kicked. The Blue player turns to you, the referee, and gives you verbal dissent over your control of the game. What would you do?

**Question 5.** To evade a Red opponent's tackle, the blue attacker kicks the ball past him. It remains in the field of play, he runs over the touchline out of the field of play. The Red opponent stretches out and holds the Blues leg outside the field of play to deter him from reaching the ball. What would you do?



**Question 6.** A named substitute enters the field of play instead of a named player. You are not informed of the change. You start the game and with the ball in play you notice what has occurred. What would you do?

**Question 7.** One of your assistants has churned up his part of the wet pitch so much that he takes to running inside the line when the ball is not nearby. The Blue defenders' captain complains that he is causing a distraction and a danger. What would you do?

**Question 8.** With snow obscuring some of the pitch makings, the home keeper uses the half time interval to mark out a line with red chalk from his goal-line to the penalty mark. He says it is the only way he can judge angles. What would you do?

*(Ed. Questions 1-3 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion, questions 4-6 from the 2015 National RA Quiz final by Colin Morris; and questions 7-8 from "Touchlines", Sutton RS magazine)*

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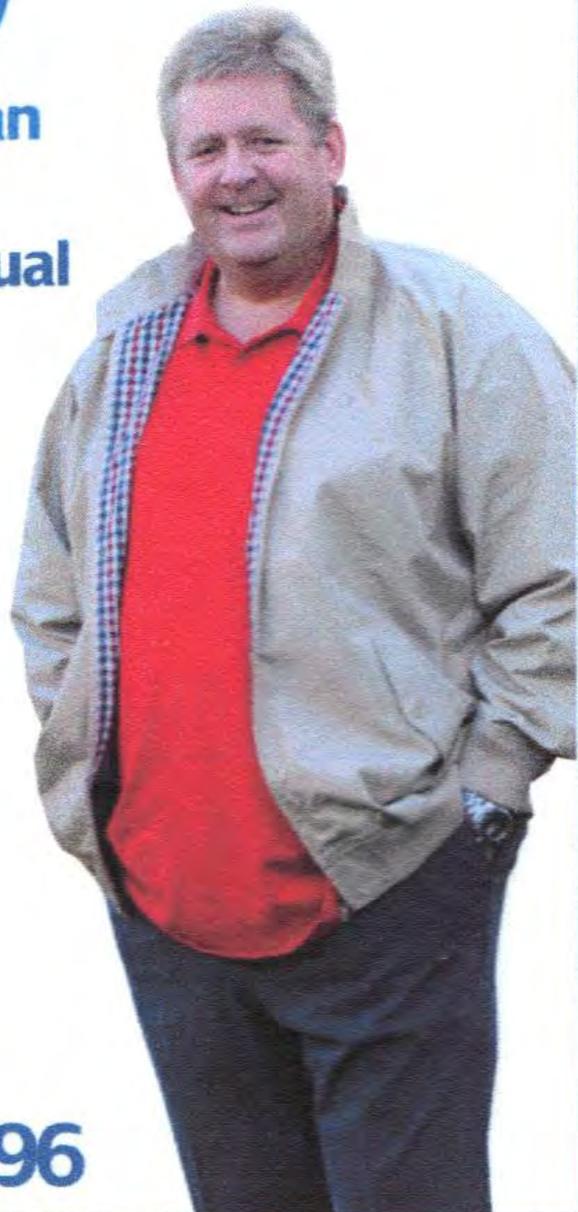
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