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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 1st October

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

AGENDA

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



Tim Lawrence
"Temporary Dismissals"
(are coming to a League near you!)

- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10pm Close**

**The next meeting will be on
5th November**
**The deadline for November Warbler is
Friday 26th October**

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

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

How do we make this society 'better' than any other? How do we attract new members and encourage old members to stay? Some would say this starts with the local society and others would say it needs to come from the County RA, or indeed the National RA! The true answer is that it starts at all levels of the organization. Here at Woking we have a very good member structure, an amazing committee and a strong Surrey FA tutor group who run at least 3 referees courses each year.

However it's important that all the societies in Surrey are able to improve their membership and retain the members they have. To look at how we can do this in more detail, I will be attending the County RA meeting in Dorking on 1st October. This is no mean task and I would welcome your suggestions as to what you think the County RA needs to do for you, and also how we can improve and move forward as a Society ourselves.

Unfortunately, attending this county meeting does mean I won't be able to join you our October meeting.

The committee are here to work on your behalf and we can only make the society better if we know what you want so please take the time to email me patric.bakhuizen@gmail.com.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the November meeting, but in the meantime, wrap up warm enjoy your football and keep smiling.

Pat



Membership and Accounts

2017/18 Membership	2018 Current Status	
58 Full Members	General	£2,335.04
7 Friends	Supplies	£214.35
1 Affiliate Member	Belgium	£200
92 Referees trained in 2017/2018	Training Fund	£851.97
20 Referees trained in 2018/2019	Youth Fund	£113.50
	Total	£3,714.86

Academy News

For any recently qualified referees or those going for promotion, our Academy provides a safe, friendly and informal environment to hone your skills. So why not come along and see what your Referees' Society can do for you!



The programme for the season looks like this

- ◆ **1st October Practical Session - Position and Movement in Open Play**
- ◆ 5th November Law 11 - Offside
- ◆ 10th December - No Academy - Society Christmas Dinner
- ◆ 7th January - Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct Part 1
- ◆ 4th February - Practical Session - Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct Part 2
(Practical Application)
- ◆ 4th March - Law 10 - Determining the Outcome of a Match
(Cup Final Preparation)
- ◆ 1st April - Practical Session - Assistant Refereeing and 4th Official workshop (including Offside Recognition)
- ◆ 13th May - End of Season Review / Celebration of Achievement.

Hi All

Welcome to October Meeting hope you haven't lost too many games to the wet weather like I have .

Firstly many thanks to Barry Rowland for stepping in and running the September Meeting while I was away .

Time to get the training kit out for our first practical session of season
"Positioning and movement in open play "

This will be weather permitting but if the weather gets the better of us no need to worry as you will be in good hands. I will organise something just as entertaining for you.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible

Gareth

Woking RA Christmas Dinner

**Monday 10th December, 7.30 pm for 8 pm.
Hoebridge Golf Centre, Old Woking, GU22 8JH**

STARTERS

Prawn Tian with Chives & Capers topped with Smoked Salmon, Dill Mayonnaise
& a Ciabatta Crisp

or

Duck & Orange Pâté with Toasted Brioche & Fruit Chutney

or

Winter Vegetable Soup

MAINS

Roasted Turkey Breast with Sage & Cranberry Stuffing, Rosemary infused
Roasted Potatoes, Chipolata Sausage & Pan Gravy.

or

Baked Salmon Fillet topped with an Herb Crumb served with a Citrus Butter
Sauce & Buttered Potatoes

Both accompanied with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips, Buttered Sprouts & Peas

or

Mushroom, Cranberry & Brie Puff Pastry Wellington with a Creamy Mushroom
Sauce & Buttered Potatoes

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce.

or

Chocolate Tart with Orange Crème Anglais.

or

A selection of Cheeses with Biscuits & Fruit Chutney (Cranberry Wensleydale, Stil-
ton & Cave aged Cheddar)

Coffee & Mince pies

Plus

Special After Dinner Speaker:

TV Sports Producer (Match of the Day + Olympic Games + Other Sports)

Martin's festive Christmas Quiz

Jacko's Never Ending Raffle

Spin2Win Game

"Ref'd assured it will be a good night - Yule be crackers not to go" !!

Cost £25 per person. (same as last year)

Cheques payable to Bryan Jackson made out to Woking RA.

Or Bank Transfer to a/c 02710897 sort code 30 94 77

Menu selection choices by 30th Nov to

martin.read5@btinternet.com

Dress Smart Casual

Just a Sec!

- ◆ **Mentors.** Thanks to the eight members who have expressed an interest in attending a Mentors Course. A number of members from Kingston RS have also said they would like to sign up. I will be speaking with Tim Lawrence shortly, probably at the our next meeting when he is our guest speaker, to see if we can arrange a suitable date.
- ◆ Tim's subject on Monday will be "Temporary Dismissals" Something we will all be obliged to implement next season, if not already. It may not be happening this season in your league but it is for Surrey County Cup U18 Youth, U18 midweek floodlit and U21 Cup. So be aware and make sure you come along on Monday to discover the ins and outs of "Sin Bins"
- ◆ You will see that the Christmas Menu has been published, and very appetising it looks too. Martin Read has excelled himself this year. Not only has he managed to keep the cost down (Hoebridge wanted £35 initially) he has also obtained the services of an after dinner speaker. (a well known TV sports producer no less). As he says **Ref'd assured it will be a good night - Yule be crackers not to go" !!** So get your menu choices off to Martin and money to Bryan. Guests also are more than welcome.
- ◆ The Surrey Primary League have had a change of Referees' Secretary Currently Tim Wilson, the leagues' secretary is holding the fort., but Mo Sher has offered to take over. Anyone interested in officiating on the League should email referees@surreyprimaryleague.com
- ◆ Surrey FA have announce the 2018 Referee Event. The "flyer" said it's on 25th October but a subsequent e mail from Tim would indicate that it's to be held on 31st (I presume October !)
The Venue is Met Police FC, Imber Court, KT3 0BT. This year they will welcome a current Premier League Referee as the key note speaker for the evening- more details on this to follow in the coming weeks.

They said it



Sporting Lisbon in their green and white hoops, looking like a team of zebras ...
..... *Peter Jones*

Colour wise it's oranges v lemons with the Dutch all in white *Clive Tydesley*

I'm sure coach Frank Rijkaard will want the Dutch to go on and score a fourth now —although obviously they'll have to score the third one first *Angus Loughran*

Ziege hits it high for Heskey who isn't playing *Alan Green*

Xavier, who looks like Zeus, not that I have any idea what Zeus looks like ..
..... *Alan Green*

Last Month's Meeting

Vice Chairman Colin welcomed 18 members to the September meeting. Apologies had been received from Dave Cooper, Gareth Heighes, Callum Peter, Tony Loveridge. We welcomed new member Jamie Little (and Dad James) to his first meeting and hope that it will be the first of many.

Barry Rowland led the rather poorly attended Academy, with the emphasis on "The Referee"

As Callum had been appointed to a FA Cup Vase game he was unable to present his talk on the Dana Cup so Vince kindly stepped into the breach and led a very interactive and thought provoking session entitled " Why? What? How?" with the intriguing sub title "Unbelievable scenes Jeff"

We initially all viewed a video of a mass confrontation and were invited to respond with our immediate thoughts as to

- ◆ What happened
- ◆ Why did it happen
- ◆ What action should we take
- ◆ How will this affect the rest of the game
- ◆ How should we respond

Vince then split us into 3 groups and we all watched 3 videos of different incidents that had occurred during games and asked us to :-

- ◆ Identifying what has happened and what caused it
- ◆ Managing the situation, take the appropriate action
- ◆ Understanding how each situation could affect the game
- ◆ Having a strategy to deliver the rest of the game

One example was where the referee blew up for half time just as Chelsea were about to take a corner. The player had actually placed the ball on the corner arc. Needless to say the Chelsea players were rather put out and appeared to argue with the Ref all the way to the dressing room. The discussion that ensued was— although the referee may have been correct, as a sole arbiter of time could he have blown up sooner, or waited until the corner had been taken and hopefully cleared. However had Chelsea scored directly from the corner, would the opposition have also complained that he had played too much additional time?

However, having made his decision the question was how to maintain control for the second half.

The same question was asked with the other 2 scenarios where incidents if not correctly handled could easily cause the referee to "Lose Control" of the game.

The discussions that ensued all came back to the same answer, that once the incidents had occurred the referee and the assistants had to double their efforts to stay on top of the game. Proximity to play, managing stoppages, picking up on minor fouls and generally working harder were all key factors to maintaining control of the game.

Colin thanked Vince for stepping in at the last minute and providing an excellent and thought provoking presentation.

The meeting closed at 10pm

What the Game Expects

There is a new phrase that has crept into decision making in refereeing. Cast your mind back to the Champions League semi—final, second leg between Juventus and Real Madrid. The aggregate score is 3-3 and deep into added-on time when Michael Oliver awards a penalty to Real Madrid, which virtually ensures their place in the final. The Juventus goalkeeper dissents so violently that Oliver sends him off. Pierluigi Collina backed Oliver. 'it was,' he said, 'a penalty correctly given. The referee saw what happened, made an assessment and made a decision'.

Armet Guvener, former Head of Refereeing for the Turkish FA and previously on the FIFA panel for referee instructors gave a different View in an article for Soccer/America magazine. '...the penalty kick was a correct call but a non-call would have been a more correct call', as that is what 'football expected' at that time of the game'.

Although obviously steeped in the world of refereeing, it may be thought that Guvener, now retired, was pedalling an idea of his own but it appears that 'What the game expects' is an official view point in the higher echelons of refereeing.

Attending the National RA conference at Waverley this year, this phrase came up again at one of the afternoon training sessions led by PGMO officials. "If a player commits a foul throw- in near the beginning of a game, don't penalise him. It's not what the game expects. If a player, early in the match, stands in front of the ball preventing their opponents taking a quick free kick, don't show him a yellow card". The law may demand it but It's not what the game expects, we were told. Mind you, when did you last see a foul throw penalised or failing to respect the required distance cautioned in a Premier League match.

This follows the other advice we have been given in recent seasons such as don't give a foul unless there's an appeal, or if you were the only one likely to have seen it. The problem with this latest advice is knowing what it is the game expects. Some years ago, in one of my newspaper columns, I congratulated the referee of an Arsenal v Manchester United game for sending off an Arsenal player for deliberately smashing his elbow into the face of an opponent. An Arsenal season ticket holder wrote to the newspaper editor suggesting that i be chastised in some way. 'i pay a lot of money to watch football,' he said, 'and i expect to see a game between two teams of eleven players'.

Who then decides what the game expects and can someone explain it to us who labour in the lower regions of football?

Dick Sawdon Smith

(Reading RA)

Spotted in *The Chiltern Referee*

Sin bins' to be enforced at grassroots level from 2019/20 season

Temporary dismissals will become a permanent feature of the grassroots landscape for all leagues at Step 7 and below in the men's game as well as Tier 5 and below of the women's pyramid.

The [Football Association](#) (FA) has announced that it intends to permanently enforce temporary dismissals – more commonly known as 'sin bins' – at the grassroots level of the game from the 2019/20 season onward.

Last year the International Football Association Board (IFAB) offered National Associations the ability to implement changes in rules at the grassroots level. Since then, the FA has been piloting the temporary dismissal scheme across 31 leagues in the country.

'Sin bins' will now continue throughout the 2018/19 season, with a further 61 leagues across 16 counties set to join the existing 31 that have already adopted the practice.

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Mark Ives, The FA's head of judicial services, said: "I am delighted with the overall response towards last season's trial of temporary dismissals.

"While the general fall in dissent across the leagues involved has been fantastic to see, it is the collective sentiment towards the scheme and desire to continue with it that have been particularly encouraging."

'Sin bins' have so far proved a success in tackling dissent on the pitch. The nationwide trials that took place in both the men's and women's game throughout the 2017/18 season demonstrated the following:

- ◆ 25 leagues showed an overall reduction in dissent
- ◆ 38 per cent reduction in dissent across all leagues
- ◆ 72 per cent of players wanted to continue with the scheme
- ◆ 77 per cent of managers and/or coaches wanted to continue with the scheme
- ◆ 84 per cent of referees wanted to continue with the scheme

Ives added: "I would like to thank all of the County FAs, leagues, clubs, referees, coaches and players involved for their collective commitment and enthusiasm towards improving the grassroots game and look forward to seeing the continued impact of temporary dismissals."

Samuel Lovett writing in The Independent

The table below outlines the sanctioning process for temporary dismissals

Caution Of-fence1	Caution Of-fence 2	Caution Of-fence 3	On field Sanction
Dissent	-	-	Sin Bin
Dissent	Non Dissent	-	Sin Bin, Caution Recorded (No Send Off)
Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Non Dissent Caution	Sin Bin, Send Off for S7
Dissent	Dissent	-	Sin Bin x2, unable to re-join, but can be substituted after 2 nd Sin Bin if not all Substitutes used
Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Sin Bin, Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, unable to re-join and CANNOT be substituted
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	-	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Send Off for S7

Fair or Foul?

Dick Sawden Smith writing in the Reading Chronicle 16th Sept.

This week, I would like to look at a decision in the final of the competition, which did not seem to create any fuss but which I and many other referees thought was a mistake.

Let me recall the incident.

Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius had the ball in his hands inside his penalty area. He went to roll it to a teammate, but Real Madrid player Karim Benzema (pictured) stuck out his foot intercepting the ball, and diverted it into the Liverpool goal.

Many thought this transgressed the Law which says: "an indirect free-kick should be awarded if a player prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from the hands or kicks or attempts to kick the ball when the goalkeeper is in the process of releasing it." The referee, Milorad Mazic, however, allowed the goal to stand.

This Law was designed to some extent to prevent goalkeepers getting injured when trying to kick the ball out of their hands by opponents putting their foot up at the same time.

The overall reason, however, was to get the ball back in play as soon as possible, particularly as goalkeepers had been limited to six seconds to release the ball.

Some will say when the Liverpool goalkeeper let go of the ball to roll it to his teammate, he had already released it.

When watching the incident it did not seem to me Benzema had to move to intercept the ball, he merely lunged out with his foot.

This to me was clearly preventing the release of the ball back into play.

It would seem it all comes down to how far away an opponent should be, to be considered to have prevented it being put back in play, or for it to be seen as a legitimate action with the ball in play.

It would be good to have a clear ruling.

Dick Sawden Smith

(Reading RA)

Martin Atkinson: work harder if you don't get the big games

Posted on [25 August, 2018](#) by [Jan ter Harmse](#)

Refereeing at the Premier League every week is what drives Martin Atkinson. "The goal is to get the biggest games", he says in an interview with Dutch Referee Blog. "So I have to keep my standards high." 

To do so, he makes sure to be physically very fit. "During the summer break it's important to do the base work. But make sure you're not tired at the start of the season." Atkinson gradually builds up his fitness and officiates maybe two to three friendlies. Not many more, "because you only have a pause of ten weeks".

Setting goals for the new season

Before every season he always sets his goals. "You need to have targets as referee", he says. "Otherwise you will stand still or even go back". Atkinson officiates the top clashes in the Premier League, for example Chelsea – Arsenal on matchday 2. He has also done the major national finals, so he will not do it again. "My main goal is always to referee a semi-final. In 2017-2018 it was the FA Cup, last year the Champions League. I want to referee the highest possible game."

Work harder if you don't get the big games

Michael Oliver, Anthony Taylor, Craig Pawson, they all want to do the highest games. "So I have to keep my standards high as well. And if I don't get the big games, I have to work harder. I do still have the hunger for that.

"Every season has its highs and lows, but I focus one game at the time." For him it is important to get the whole refereeing team at the same level. "The team is only focused when I am good and my ARs are as well. We need to be at the same level for a good performance."

Join your Referees' Association

Referees are a family. Atkinson is very happy with support from referees around the world, also for his trip for the good cause earlier this year. According to him it is very important to support each other. A great way is to do that at the local Referees' Association.

"I am the member of my local RA for over 30 years", he says. Meetings at Heavy Woollen RA are every first Monday. He can sit next to newbie referees. "I am going since I was 17. It gives a referee massive support. There is always somebody who has faced the same situations. They can give you advice. You'll learn so much by listening to others."

Martin Atkinson's confidence

Atkinson tells confidence is a very important characteristic of referees. Referees should not get afraid or nervous when they receive a big game. "If you are confident enough, people appoint you because they know you can do it".

Go out and referee!

His final tip for referees is to officiate as much as you can. "Go out. Deal with games at u9, u11 and so on. The more experience you get, the better you'll get. You will learn how to talk with players and sell decisions. One of the best ways to learn is by doing it."

So good luck with your games next weekend. Gain experience, be confident and enjoy!

Via Mal Davies V & A

Pages from Yesteryear

The following first appeared in the Warbler in November 1973

Ignore it !

Are you just stepping onto a pitch to referee a Junior IV or a Sunday XXXX ?
Yes? Then read on

You start the game (after they have dragged the laggards out of the dressing room) and away you go, making decisions all the time and occasionally stopping play for some reason.

"Leave it Jim" shouts a player to an opponent, Jim does as he is asked and player waltzes away with the ball. A clear advantage was gained and you even heard what was said. What happens next?

The laws say nothing about this offence but, by common consent (they can't touch you for it!) it is rated as ungentlemanly conduct. This means that the player shall be cautioned... (and) an indirect free kick shall also be awarded to the opposing side.

IGNORE IT. Warn the offender. Tell him what you think of him. Tell him it's his last chance

BUT — Keep your book in your pocket.

It might say "shall" in the laws, but you can ignore Barry Goddon's "coaching" to caution the player (No Name Ref -Volume 19 Number 5) (*Any one know what this is? Ed*) And if anyone tells you otherwise just remember that this is Junior IV or Sunday Division XXXX — and all those class Ones ignore it too, and all these Discip lads keep "bitching" about the rise in misconduct — and somebody has got to try to "keep the numbers down - and anyway the offence doesn't merit a Caution the first time in games at this level.

What if he does it again? Like the bible says , caution him; but in the meantime, you have struck a blow for sanity.

Off you go again with the indirect free kick to restart the game. You sprint down the field, hand held high, looking like that man with the torch at the Olympics, In comes the ball to the penalty area and "bang" an attacker goes down to the ground, sent there by this hunk of beef called a centre half. A clear penalty. So they line up, after the usual claims about "diabolical decision" (ignored) and just before the ball is kicked, in rush half the assembled populace.

Was a goal seared? "Well I'm not sure. You see I was too busy to see who it was that encroached so that I could put their names in the book....."

I know what it says in the laws. In fact there are five different excuses for raising the misconduct statistics in Law.

IGNORE IT

Just stand in the middle of the "D" line, note the shirt colour and, when you have seen the outcome, interpret the Laws accordingly.

"Bitch" at the offending players by all means- but keep your book in your pocket. Yet another blow for sanity.

If they do it again? Well they have been warned-but only now are you justified in taking official action at this level.

The same goes for jumping up and down at a free kick or throw in. Lying on the ball by the keeper, coming on the pitch without permission, not retiring at free kicks, and any other occasions covered by the IBDs which I have forgotten.

Let's face it- these IBDs are (properly) to be enforced at Fratton Park, not Alex Park. We are not "Sheriffs" who book first and ask questions afterwards. We are just ordinary blokes doing an extraordinary job and no one will thank us for behaving like mini "Kilpatricks" -least of all the overworked Disciplinary Committee and its helpers.

The players don't think much of it either and your marks- and hence your chance of promotion- depends on the bloke who puts a random number down as your mark. Oddly enough, they always blame you when one of them is cautioned and so mark you down.

You also avoid the nasty moment when the cautioned player does something that really deserves a caution — like dissent or those stand up "brawls"¹ where nobody throws a punch but all participants make it clear they'd love to have a go. He didn't deserve to be sent off for it- but there he goes, because of a silly technical offence which in all probability he doesn't even know about.

So keep your book in your pocket. I try to. Even Kilpatrick tries to.

Join the anti-book set!

IGNORE IT !

Ed This article is attributed to "Pompey" ? Anyone any idea who Kilpatrick is or IBDs ? I presume the latter is now "The Laws of the Game"

It Pays to Advertise



After six years trying to start a family, a Scottish couple were blessed with their first child. Overjoyed the wife suggested that then husband go across to the mainland to put an announcement in the newspaper so family and friends would know of the happy event.

The following day he caught the ferry to Oban and called into the forets pub to celebrate. He then went onto the newspaper office and returned home.

"What details did you put in the paper" she asked . "Just the name, address and date" he replied. " How much did it cost " she continued. "£680" he stammered (*Ed. This was 1973*). After she had recovered from the shock she asked why it had cost so much.

"After I had written out the advertisement" he explained " The newspaper clerk ask "How many Insertions?" And I said four times a week for six years ! "

Mac's Musings

I actually received a County Cup appointment this week (thanks Bob) , the first for many an year. In fact my last one was received by post along with the instructions , blank team sheets etc. Now of course, along with most league appointments, its by e mail from that rather anonymous "donotreplyfullgame" chap.

Now I presume that the Full-Time method is much more efficient for the League and SFA referees secretaries, but I have found that one has to read them very carefully as its not always immediately clear what the form is telling you.

My first one this season was from the Youth League in which I referee , which said I was appointed at 10:30, to *Byfleet Village Mustangs U18 -v- Teddington Athletic Pumas U18*

This was shortly followed by 11:30, *Byfleet Village Cobras U18 -v- Staines Lammammas Youth Blues U18*

Obviously a mistake so I drop a line to the Refs Sec, who explains that I'm actually on the 10.30 game.

I then get another note from Mr "donotreplyfullgame" which said 11:30, *Byfleet Village Cobras U18 -v- Staines Lammammas Youth Blues U18*

Funny I thought, I've been sent the wrong notification. Then I looked a bit closer and noticed it said "Referee From: Anthony Mcbirnie (851178) Referee To: none" Ah ! Light bulb moment!

I then nearly got caught out again when I received another e-mail from that "donotreplyfulltime" fellow entitled Surrey County Cups, which said *Surrey FA U18's Youth County Cup SUN 23 SEP 2018 10:00, Guildford Saints Boys U18 -v- Stubbington Youth U18 Status: Normal Venue: Guildford Saints Boys U18*

This was then shortly followed by another one which included the above plus *SUN 23 SEP 2018 12:00, Chertsey Town Juniors U18 -v- Reading Pumas U17 Pumas Status: Normal Venue: Chertsey Town Juniors U18.*

Blimey I thought I've been given 2 County Cup games. That's going some.

Then I look again and I notice that the first game once again states *Referee From: Anthony McBirnie Referee To: none* and the second game says *Referee From: Glenn La Roche Referee To: Anthony McBirnie (Cheers Glenn)*

So once again all becomes clear. As it happened the County Cup game was cancelled due to a rain soaked pitch, as I'm sure many games were last weekend. I sent Bob Dick an e-mail saying such. He replied that he had received loads of phone calls that morning with the same message plus one where the ref had cried off "sick" !!

10 minutes after e-mailing Bob I received another message from "donotreplyfullgame" Esq. which on close examination informed me that the County Cup U18s game to which I had been appointed that day has been postponed. Good job too as it was persisting down !!!

Is it just me ? ("probably" - says my missus)

Mac

PlumTree

FA Cup
Tooting and Mitcham v Horley Town
Assistant Referee : William Siegmund

FA Cup
AFC Uckfield v Broadfields
Assistant Referee : William Siegmund

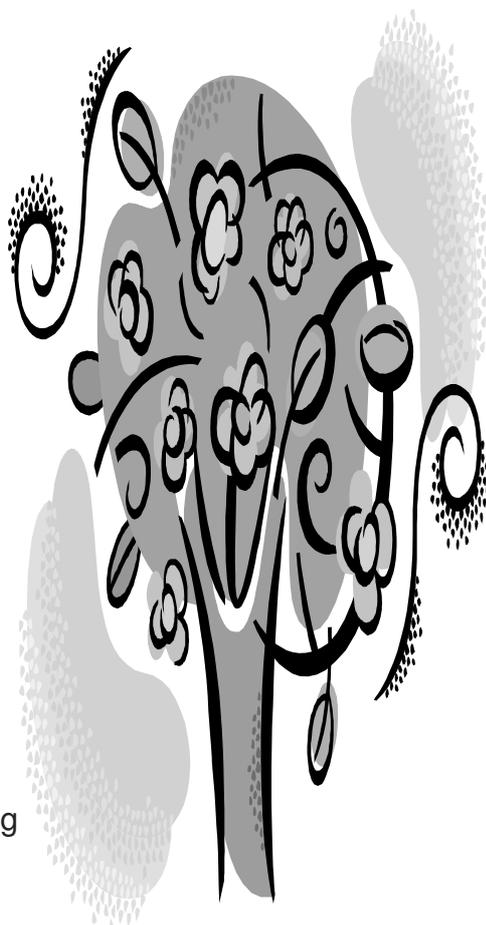
FA Vase
Tadley Calleva v Ascot United
Assistant Referee : William Siegmund

FA Youth Cup
Fleet Spurs v Basingstoke
Referee : William Siegmund

FA Vase (2nd Round)
Petersfield v Westbury
Assistant Referee : William Siegmund

FA Youth Cup
Woking v South Park in 1st Round Qualifying
Referee : David Payne
Assistant Referee : Gareth Heighes

County Cup U18s Youth
Chertsey Town Juniors U18 v Reading Pumas u17s
Referee : Mac McBirnie



Referees ignore the Law

I've heard it said that if some Olympic athletes are going to resort to doping to gain an advantage, you should let them all take drugs. FIFA seem to be applying the same warped logic to goalkeepers at penalties. So many are being allowed to start behind the goal-line and jump forward, or start on it, and advance before the kick is taken. The law is not being applied. How can this be so difficult? VAR has shown that offside, once almost impossible to interpret, is now a black and white matter of fact. A goalkeeper off his line for a penalty surely must be the same. In shootouts [in the 2018 World Cup games] so far, 15 of 19 have been off their line which is proof this law is simply being ignored. (Graham Poll Daily Mail 3.7.18)

Spotted in The Chiltern Referee

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

Alan was my next-door neighbour back in the 80s. By his own admission he was useless at football and had no interest in professional or senior football. His bag was local football and for several years he followed our local junior team who struggled in the lower reaches of the Basingstoke league. They played on a semi-private pitch owned by the local council which was only five minutes' walk away. Adjacent to it was a thriving social club which had only been going a few years. It was the brainchild of Alan and he had been one of the driving forces in establishing it.

Every weekend Alan would tell me about the previous days match. If they won they were marvellous, if they lost they were kicked off the park. At the beginning of one season Alan told me that he had taken on the job of manager, a job that encompassed all administrative duties. It didn't surprise me. Alan was a born organiser, a doer, and already served on a couple of local committees. The Secretary's job held no fears for him and financially there wasn't a problem as the team received support from the social club. The fact that he knew nothing about football presented no difficulties either as, having a relatively small squad of players, it was a case of trying to find eleven players each week rather than deciding who to choose. To some it might have been a thankless task but Alan was full of energy and always gave one hundred per cent, nothing less, so he saw it as a challenge. In no time, in addition to his normal duties, he was mowing the grass, marking the pitch, putting out the nets and corner flags before the game and taking the kit home to be washed after the game. Sunday morning, he cleaned out the changing room before disappearing to the social club. In short, he was now the club and in his element.

For most clubs the substitute was also the club linesman but due to the lack of players Alan rarely had the luxury of substitutes so the job fell to him to do. He moaned about it but secretly loved it as it enabled him to be part of the game. As with everything Alan liked to be totally involved and, whilst to begin with things went well, as he settled into the job he began to get frustrated. "Referees are a bit hypocritical," he said, "They moan if there's no club linesman but when there is they ask him to do as little as possible and then ignore or over-rule him all the time. At the end they take the flags from him and thank him for being linesman. I think I should be doing much more, like offsides, fouls and corners, and, let's be fair, with our referees, they need all the help they can get!"

Now more confident, Alan did the job as he felt it should be done, doing everything. This caused problems with both referee and players and it wasn't long before he was in trouble with referees. Following an argument with a referee he was dismissed from the touchline and reported to the local Football Association. He asked for a Personal Hearing and then got lucky. The referee's report was badly written and he never bothered to attend the Hearing. The charges were dropped and Alan walked away with a clean bill of health. We had a long talk but Alan could only see his own point of view and continued in the same vein. History repeated itself and Alan found himself at another Personal Hearing. The referee attended the Hearing and his report was solid. Alan was given a two-week suspension from active participation in any football match and a fine plus he lost his appeal fee.

We had another long talk and, on his return, he tried to run the line as was he asked to do. For a while things were fine but then he reverted to kind and things went seriously wrong. Just before half time he gave a foul against an opponent about ten yards infield of him. The referee either didn't see Alan or ignored him, either way the game continued. Eventually, the ball went out of play and as the player ran back he had a go at Alan. Alan shouted back and the player, using foul language, gave Alan some abuse. Alan waved his flag vigorously at the referee who was already coming across to sort the matter out having seen, but it turned out, not heard, what had happened. Alan explained the situation and wanted the player sent off. This the referee could not do, even if he wanted to, as under Hampshire FA rules a player could not be sent off on the word of a club linesman. The referee explained this to Alan and gave him a talking to, then he went and lectured the player before restarting the game.

Alan fumed during the interval and wasn't in good mood. Early in the second half he signalled an offside which the referee didn't give. Alan got excited, started waving his flag and then began shouting at the referee. The referee stopped the game and came across to him. Alan made several sarcastic remarks loudly as the referee approached him, was dismissed, and reported to the local FA. Alan never appealed and was given a four-week suspension, which took him close to the end of the season, and an increased fine. Alan never ran the line again but did stay as manager until the end of the season when he resigned. During the summer Alan became more involved with the social club and Chairman of the football club where he helped out when necessary (but not running the line).

Tony Murphy



Ethel checked into a Motel on her birthday; she was lonely, a little depressed at her age and so decided to risk an adventure.

She thought, "I'll call one of those men you see advertised in phone books for escorts and sensual massages."

She looked through the phone book, found a full-page ad for a guy calling himself Tender Tony, a very handsome man with assorted physical skills flexing in the photo. He had all the right muscles in all the right places, thick wavy hair, long powerful legs, dazzling smile, six-pack abs.

She figured, what the heck, nobody will ever know. I'll give him a call.

"Good evening, ma'am, how may I help you?"

Oh my, he sounded so sexy!

Afraid she would lose her nerve if she hesitated, she rushed right in, "I hear you give a great massage. I'd like you to come to my motel room and give me one. No, wait, I should be straight with you. I'm in town all alone and what I really want is sex. I want it hot, and I want it now. Bring implements, toys, everything you've got in your bag of tricks. We'll go at it all night.. tie me up, cover me in chocolate syrup and whipped cream, anything and everything, I'm ready! Now how does that sound?"

He said, "That sounds absolutely fantastic, but you need to press 9 for an outside line"

“Have a Word Ref !!”

There are frequent instances in games when referees wish to have words of advice with a player, and at such times you may rest assured that you will be watched by all sorts of people who want to know what you are doing. Perhaps more importantly, they want to see just how you are doing it.

Here are a few thoughts for you to consider -----

- ◆ **Don't be apologetic** to someone who needs guidance to stay out of further trouble. He is the guilty party, not you.
- ◆ Irrespective of what he might have done or said, make sure you stay calm and polite. **Act with dignity**, but never stand on your dignity, and do not allow yourself to be drawn into an argument.
- ◆ **Be firm** about what you say, making sure you stay within what the laws permit. Firm but not aggressive is a sensible approach.
- ◆ **Do not make idle threats**, but make sure your words have courteous impact.
- ◆ **Think carefully about the volume of your voice** and its likely effect, both on the offender and other players nearby.
- ◆ **Keep your options open if you can.** If you tell him that if he does anything like that again he will be cautioned or sent off, you have closed your options and really need to do exactly what you have said. It might be to your advantage to say that if there is any further misbehaviour he will be in trouble, and just leave it at this. You will have kept your options open, which is always sensible for a referee.
- ◆ **Think about where you stand** when you are having words. If you eyeball someone in such circumstances you may bring out the worst in his attitude. And **never finger-wag** at him. The last thing you want is to provoke someone into assaulting you.
- ◆ **Try standing at his side rather than directly in front of him.** That way, you may well be able to keep an eye on the other players at the same time. Talking of where you choose to stand, think of your physical stature compared with the offender's. If he is much taller than you are, think about standing a few yards away, as it is then easier to maintain eye-contact. The last thing you want is to find yourself looking straight at his chest or having to look upwards to have your words with him.
- ◆ One of your harder tasks might be having words with the **people in the technical area**. Remember first of all that these people may well have several more years of matchday experience than you have. They may often try to 'come the old man' with you.

- ◆ Stay calm, as always, but **speak courteously but quite firmly**. Be aware that others in the area, and possible in the opposition's area also, will be listening carefully to what you have to say and how confidently you say it.
- ◆ It is not the easiest of tasks to get the best results out of people when you are having to guide them along the lines of sensible behaviour. It is a task that needs to be done effectively, so think long and often about such situations because each and every time **you are dealing with people who have stepped out of line and who all have differing attitudes**.

One final thought is this. **Keep it short**, avoiding a sermon, and then get the game underway again as soon as you can while you still have things under your control. **A lot of trouble arises when play has been stopped**.

Wise words from Ted Ring writing in The Benchmark

Dates for your Diary 2018/19

1st October	Society Meeting - Tim Lawrence
5th November	Society Meeting - Simon Parbury Secretary Chiltern RA
10th December	Society Christmas Dinner - Hoebridge Golf Centre
7th January	Society Meeting - Aaron Farmer
4th February	Society Meeting - Paul Howard & David Coote
4th March	Society Meeting and AGM - Steve Worsley
1st April	Society Meeting - TBA
13th May	Society Meeting - Keith Hiller aka "Willy Red Card Ref"

They said it



I've told the players we need to win so that I can have the cash to buy some new ones.... *Chris Turner Peterborough manager.*

Blimey! The ground looks a bit different to Watford. Where's the dog track
Luther Blissett on his arrival at San Siro

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Adie to Get Saw

We are now well and truly into the Leagues and League Cups. I have sent out notification to all the Referees in the SCILW and the G&WAFL the details of the League Competition and Cup Competition Rules regarding subs, extra time and who pays. If you have not received this let me know and I will send you over one.

It's Most important that you have the ability to forward the Match Reports to me. I need to get these on the website by the following Friday so ensure you get them to me on time so I can correlate them.

One thing brought to my attention is the fact that if you officiate at Cranleigh FC there is a £1 parking charge in the Car Park. Paul Gorringer informed me of this so good practice is to have a quid or two in your Ref Box as I have no idea if you can use your mobile phone to pay the fee.

The roof is all complete at the Freeman household. Looks great and they have put in some insulation that was not there before – such is life with an old property, so we should be warmer when winter arrives.

I have a massive pile of pear logs down the garden. Started last weekend with the splitting maul and I am thinking this coming weekend I will get the trusty chain saw out and make some noise (and sawdust). It is excellent therapy for me especially when I draw faces on the logs before belting them with the axe. Diane has some more plans for the back bedroom (here we go). 'Could you manufacture a fireplace like the front bedroom so they match?' 'Yes, but I have other projects on'. 'Just so long as you get it done by Christmas!' No peace for the wicked!!!

Having some issues at present with the Mother-in-Law. She phoned last weekend to inform us her blood is too thin. It was only a month ago she claimed the Warfarin was not working properly to which I suggested that after all the rat poison I had put in her dinner over the years perhaps she had an immunity.

Not greeted too well by Diane on that one, however, she now claims she has been told not to eat greens!!! Moaning like a whatsit that she likes her greens and what is she supposed to eat?

Diane told her Green Beans, Carrots and Parsnips would be OK. Eldest son Graham was about and retorted that he would take her down a hamper of Cabbage, Broccoli, Spinach and Brussel Tops and tell her 'Here you go Nan – knock yourself out!!' Good job it was him who said it – I didn't get the teacher glare for that one!

Enjoy your games and keep the availability coming

Adie



Willy the 'Red Card' Ref



The Parents Poem

Match: Notebook City FC -v- 4G Grasshoppers
Cup: Sunday League Under 12 Park League
Venue: The local park
Weather: Just my luck.....rain, rain, rain
Time: Time goes so slowly on days like these

The parents are revolting that's just my point of view
 They think they have the right to shout
 And there is nothing you can do
 One parent screams 'Ref you're rubbish'
 And 'You don't know the rules'
 You've no idea of offside'
 And they tell you that 'You're a fool'

You ask both teams for an assistant referee
 Fifty parents present and they all refuse
 You disallow a goal for offside
 And they blame you when they lose

You ask where the changing rooms are
 They tell you they are closed
 They point to the park bench
 Where you can leave your bag and all your clothes

Each time contact is made
 Players fall to the ground with the slightest touch
 I tell the player to get up again
 And parents scream 'That's not enough'

A player commits a reckless challenge
 And I produce a yellow card
 Five adults come onto the pitch
 And tell me 'Ref you are too hard'

Other parents shout 'That's not a yellow, that's a red'
 Parents screaming at each other and they are messing with my head
 No one seems to listen and leave the field of play
 It makes me why I bothered
 I should have stayed in bed today

Thank goodness the match today will only last one hour
 Hope there is no extra time so I can go home and have a shower

Where is the nice weather
As all we have is rain
No changing room, a flat match ball, no match fee
They really are a pain

The match fee to be paid before the game
'Don't worry ref we'll pay you after'
And that really is a shame

For every goal that I award
One set of parents are happy
But the other set are applaud
At half time I analyse my performance
And I am happy and I am glad
Alas the parents out there all think I am bad

The parents have no concept of any of the laws
Listening to them complaining has become a bore
'I still need an assistant referee'
Parents all ignore me and ignore my plea

In fairness one or two parents are helpful
But they are the minority
What do I have to do
To change the attitude of the majority?

We hear about 'respect' and the players all shake hands
Do they know what's going on and do they understand?
I would insist on a sort of barrier to be installed at every game
Alas the parents encroach onto the pitch and that really is a shame

Where is the code of conduct?
There seems to be nothing that we can do
The local leagues and the FA need to take responsibility
Do you want parents shouting at you?

Happy reading,

Willy the 'Red Card' Referee





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What Would You Do? Answers to September Issue

Q1. You are refereeing a game with no assistant referees, so all offside decisions are yours. A Red forward, slow to get back after a failed attack, is clearly still in an offside position when his midfielder intercepts the ball and a colleague passes the ball directly towards him. Realising where he is, he simply jumps over the ball, allowing it to go out of play for a throw-in near the opponents' corner flag. You can see his motive was clearly to gain an advantage, keeping the ball deep in the opponents' half, so you blow for offside. Attacking Red players are irate - claiming that, since their player had made no attempt to play the ball, the game should restart with a throw-in. What would you do?

A1 For offside to apply, a player must be both in an offside position (beyond the second-last defender) and interfering with play or an opponent. This player meets the first criteria but has in no way influenced either play or an opponent. Offside therefore does not apply. Restart with a throw-in. 'Gaining advantage' as regards offside, only applies in cases where a player, in an offside position when the ball was last touched by a team-mate, receives the ball via a rebound from the goal-frame an opponent or a match official. It does not apply here.

Q2. You have worked in Chile for two years and doing some refereeing while you are there. Your final match before returning to the UK is a Play-off Final for the team to be promoted to the top division. A tough match through 90 minutes and extra-time, and now promotion will be decided on a penalty shootout. The Reds miss their first penalty but score the next four, while the Blues, having scored every penalty so far, have only to score with their fifth to gain promotion. The Blue player runs up and scores - but he clearly paused as he actually took his shot (i.e. not during the run-up). He celebrates with joy. What would you do?

A2. Two Laws are relevant. Law 14 - feinting to kick the ball once the kicker has completed the run-up (feinting **in** the run-up) is permitted. Law 10 - if the kicker is penalised for an offence committed after the referee has signalled for the kick to be taken, that kick is recorded as *missed* and the kicker is cautioned. The penalty counts as 'missed', so it is now 4-4 and penalties must continue into a 'sudden death' phase.

Q3. After a fierce 3-3 draw the two hat-trick scorers race over and demand the match ball. The home team striker says it's his since he completed his hat-trick first. They start pushing and shoving. What would you do?

A3. Tell them to grow up. Any physical contact should be cautioned. Then play it by the book. Tell them it is your responsibility to take the match ball off the FoP at the end of the game, after which you hand it over to the home club officials.

Q4. A Red striker who is clean through on goal, suddenly pulls up - it looks like a torn hamstring. But when the now crouching Blue keeper hesitates and stands up, the Red striker smashes the ball into the net. It was a ruse. What would you do?

A4. Award a goal. It doesn't qualify as unsporting behaviour in the Laws - the keeper must be alert at all times.

Answers to September Issue continued

Q5. You break up a row and reprimand two players. You are not sure what sparked it - until half-time - when angry home officials show you a TV relay of the incident. It shows their player was clearly racially abused by his opponent. What would you do?

A5. You must base your decisions on what you and your colleagues actually see or hear. All you can do is to reassure the manager that the authorities will investigate and take any appropriate actions. Keep a close eye on the players involved in the second half.

What Would You Do**Question 1.**

You are in the final minute of a no-score bore-draw. Suddenly a silly challenge results in a penalty to the home side and a chance for them to win the game. Their main striker - who has been a pain all game who you cautioned for dissent early in the second half - places the ball, steps back and begins his run-up. As he shapes to strike the ball, he makes a clear feint - pausing in mid-movement in an attempt to confuse the keeper. However, the keeper has already charged forwards off his line and crosses the 6-yd line even as the striker eventually hits the ball, which clips the bar and sails out of play. Your watch bleeps for full time. The striker complains that the keeper's early charge has caused him to miss. The keeper claims that he didn't move until the striker paused. What would you do?

Question 2.

You have reached the 30-min mark in a tetchy game, with players from both sides complaining loudly every time any sort of contact is made. Reds have a corner and a player places the ball on the edge of the corner arc. Your AR gives you the thumbs up - but a Blue defender runs to within a few yards of the ball before turning in your direction and complaining that the ball is outside the arc. The Red player deliberately kicks the ball into the back of the Blue player - without using any excessive force - collects the rebound and dribbles into the box. The Blue player screams loudly and collapses to the floor holding his back. Other players complain angrily. What would you do?

Question 3.

In the last game of the season, the away side need a 5-goal win to stay up. But when they reach half time 2-0 down, the owner storms in and sacks the manager. Players from both side are outraged - and in the second half the home side deliberately allow their opponents to walk the ball in. The score reaches 2-8. What would you do?

Question 4.

In stoppage time you award a direct free kick to the home side. The away side, clinging to a 1-0 lead, bring on a sub. You signal for the kick to be taken. But as the ball flies into the net you spot the subbed player has not completely left the FoP. What would you do?

(Ed. Some questions were taken from "In the referee's opinion" in Touchlines - Sutton RS, and from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion in The Observer). **Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee**

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