

# THE WARBLER

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**The next meeting of the  
Woking Referees' Society  
will be held on  
Monday 7th September 2015**

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

**AGENDA**

- ♦ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ♦ **Guest Speaker**

**Gareth Heighes**



- ♦ **Society Business**
- ♦ **What do you want from the National RA?  
Vince**
- ♦ **Problem Corner**
- ♦ **10.00 Close**

**Next Month's Meeting - Monday 5th October**

**The deadline for the October Warbler is  
Friday 25th September**

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

# Chairman's Chat

Hello everyone.

By now most of us have started the new season and are getting back into the swing of things, my first game was Sat 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a few problems with a newly created ground, for example the main pitch was double booked, resulting on our game being played on an artificial surface, and half of the changing rooms were locked, however, we did what we should do, we made the most of a bad start. It's called being professional.

At our last meeting we were lucky to have Tim Lawrence and Tom Holder from Surrey County FA to go through the Whole Game disciplinary reporting system, It was a very good evening and created a lot of questions from the floor, hopefully we are all aware of what to do when reporting our Red and Yellow incidents.

Due to a domestic situation I had to leave early, so I was not able to stay for the second half of the meeting, however, I was able to leave Colin to take over.

I am looking forward to the next meeting, as I understand it Gareth will be running a training session, I am sure we will all give our support to him.

Regards

**Barry**

Chairman



## 2014/15 Membership

61 Full Members  
5 Friends  
2 Affiliate Members

## 2015/16 Membership

55 Full Members  
7 Friends  
1 Affiliated Member

## Accounts August 2015

<b>General</b>	<b>£3,235.29</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>£204.00</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Training Fund</b>	<b>£590.00</b>
<b>Youth Fund</b>	<b>£113.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,142.79</b>

## Mac's Musings

I'm writing this just after all the fuss around Mourinho casting aspersions on his medical team. It did occur to me that surely Michael Oliver would have first asked Hazard whether he needed treatment before summoning on Eva Carneiro and Jon Fearn, in which case it was the player showing "naivety" rather than the physios. Just thought I'd add my bit.

Certainly in my games, unless the player is unconscious or screaming in agony, I would always ask first whether he wanted treatment before waving on the physio/ medic/manager/coach/ or who ever was in charge of the spray. These days I've noticed that, certainly in the adult games, the manager is less likely to rush onto the FOP than previously, obviously knowing his player is likely to come off.

I'm sure most of us can relate tales of horrific injuries. I think I've had at least two nasty ones that I can remember, both involving u16s. One was a summer tournament where a lad turning suddenly in his goal area fell to the ground screaming. His knee had dislocated and was now sticking out the side of his leg instead of the front. Surprisingly there was no St John ambulance in attendance as there very often is at tournaments so it was some while before the ambulance arrived. Meanwhile the manager seemed to totally ignore what was going on and was busy chatting on his phone. It was the parents who found a blanket and kept the kid calmed down until help arrived.

The other was a broken ankle. We all heard the crack, again it seemed his studs stuck in the ground as he was making a tackle. The ambulance took about 20 minutes to arrive and there was a problem in that no one had a key for the pad-locked gate onto the ground. The poor lad had to be stretchered a couple of hundred yards across the park to the road.

One of the worst incidents I witnessed as a spectator was at a charity game in Knaphill. It was many years ago now and was a "celebrity" team which if I remember correctly included a couple of "soap stars" plus a few retired professionals against a side from Coldingley prison. One of the prison team players was running rings around one of the professionals, who eventually appeared to lose his rag and made a horrendous tackle on the player and basically broke the guys leg. Totally ruined what was supposed to be a friendly family day out.

Interestingly the said professional is still around and occasionally appears as a pundit on TV. I can't see him without thinking about that day.

I spotted the following in the August edition of the Chiltern Referee and wondered if it was anyone we know

### **Dung deal sees all-feather pitch declared unplayable**

*Just a quick gander at the poo-sodden pitch was all that was needed to decide the fate of a football match between Eversley & California and visitors Bracknell Town.*

*Bracknell's website said the game was 'called off by the referee due to a flock of Canada Geese setting up a mobile toilet on the Fox Lane pitch.' Town even wrote the punchline for us: 'Bracknell manager Keith Pennicott-Bowen was said to be spitting feathers.'*

*(Metro 23.7.2015)*

See you at the September meeting **Mac**



**WOKING SOCIETY - THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION**  
 Affiliated to the Referees Association & Surrey County Referees Association  
**President: Vince Penfold**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2015 - 16

FULL MEMBER - OVER 18 (INCLUDES RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2015	£36.00	
FULL MEMBER – UNDER 18 (INCLUDES RA & COUNTY RA SUBSCRIPTION + PA INSURANCE) Expires 31/3/2015	£29.00	
<b>AFFILIATE MEMBER</b> (i.e. Full Member of another Referees Society) Expires 31/3/2014	£20.00	
FRIEND OF WOKING SOCIETY Expires 31/3/2015	£20.00	
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## Society Meeting 10th August 2015

28 members and guests attended our first meeting of the season and welcomed Tim Lawrence (Surrey FA Referees Development Officer) and Tom Holder (Surrey FA Football Services Officer).

Tim and Tom gave an excellent presentation explaining the FA's new Whole Game System of reporting. Tim initially pointed out the faults of the old excel / word method of reporting disciplinary offences along with classic examples of cock ups. Interestingly some refs still use the old paper method of reporting.

Tim then ran a video presentation demonstrating the new system, which would appear to be much simpler and quicker to use than the previous methods. It can even be carried out on a smart phone. Other advantages include

- ◆ Reports are instantly available to both the FA and the relevant club secretaries.
- ◆ All reports submitted remain visible on the referees dashboard (home page). Also referees can enter their games for future reference
- ◆ All the leagues and teams are pre-populated on the system, plus the players who have been previously disciplined.
- ◆ No need to send to separate Counties. The System links all teams to their parent Counties and reports are automatically sent accordingly
- ◆ Available 24/7 (except when system crashes!!)

Other gems that Tom and Tim dropped in were

- ◆ If a player who has been red carded then expresses his disappointment in an abusive manner worthy of a second red card, there is no need to file a separate report, just added it to the first. Tom and his team will then discipline the player for both offences.
- ◆ The new offside law interpretation is only applicable to level 4 and above referees acting as assistant referees in contributory leagues and above i.e. it is not applicable to us lot.

County Cup Games

- ◆ There is no extra time to be played - Drawn games at the end of full time go straight to a penalty shoot out.
- ◆ Fee for adult games now £35.

Tom and Tim patiently answered numerous queries from the floor and were each presented with a bottle of wine and thanked by Chairman Barry.

AOB

Vince explained that following his application to join the National RA Board he has been invited onto the board as an honorary member which means he doesn't have a vote. However he hopes as he puts it "to throw in a few grenades"

He also explained that in order to represent our Society (and all Local RA's) he needs feedback from YOU. What do you want from the National RA?. He's asked that we spend 15 minutes at the next meeting to discuss.

The meeting closed at 9.46pm

### SCRA DELEGATES' MEETING 1.6.15

Vince and myself attended the meeting for Woking Society. The major discussion subject was around the whole future of the RA.

Other points:

- ◆ Changes to Board. It was reported that Laura Ritchie had stood down as RA Chairman & member of Board, and that Ian Campbell would be Acting Chairman until the AGM in July.
- ◆ West Middlesex Society was considering whether or not to withdraw its affiliation to the RA. (*Post meeting note: Vince has since attended a West Middlesex meeting and they are still within the RA.*)
- ◆ Repeated comment on continuing general lack of communication from the Board.
- ◆ 4 Societies in Surrey yet to submit membership lists to County RA. (Woking not guilty.)
- ◆ Some referees had experienced problems with re-registering on the Whole Game System . To be raised with Surrey FA.
- ◆ Rod Wood no longer doing cup appointments – will be done within SCFA office.
- ◆ West London Society was not offered any FA Cup tickets by Surrey FA (in previous years they had been). Surrey FA now thought this society was affiliated to Middlesex FA, not Surrey FA. (NB. It was confirmed they are not affiliated to London FA.) To be investigated.
- ◆ Societies have started to collect renewal subscriptions despite change to RA year end. Some members wanted to know what Societies should do with the funds pending year end.
- ◆ Question raised whether Societies could charge for meetings. Not thought to be advisable as likely to deter members from attending.

**Brian.**

11.8.15



Oh come on Vince—don't be shy— let's dance  
 You put your left leg in .....

OOOOh keep that nasty boot away from me !

# This Month's Referee

## Mike Jones



- MATCHES
- 148
- RED CARDS
- 22
- YELLOW CARDS
- 471
- JOINED
- 2008

### Personal information

Year of birth	1968
County FA	Cheshire FA
First Premier League Match	30 August 2008: Hull City v Wigan Athletic

### Profile

Mike Jones plied his trade as a Football League referee for 11 years before he was added to the Select Group in 2008 and began officiating in the Barclays Premier League.

Jones, who made his refereeing debut in August 1997 when Mansfield Town played host to Hull City, regularly officiated in the Football League during his tenure.

He made his first appearance at Wembley Stadium when he took control of the League Two Play-off Final between Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury Town in 2007. Then in 2009 he refereed the FA Trophy Final between Stevenage and York City.

The Cheshire FA referee has been the fourth official in numerous major domestic competition finals, including the 2004 League Cup, 2009/10 Championship Play-off Final, 2010 FA Community Shield and 2012 FA Cup Final. Jones was in the middle for a Barclays Premier League match for the first time when Hull City took on Wigan Athletic in August 2008. He has been a permanent fixture in the top flight ever since.

## Tom Brings Home the Bacon (Danish)

The past few months have been a refereeing whirlwind for me and I'm enjoying every minute of it!

Last season I applied for a double promotion jump, from level 6 to level 4. It was tough having to commit to both Saturday and Sunday games every single weekend, as this was the only way I could achieve my required numbers of middles and assessments. But the reward was an e-mail from The FA received on April 30 2015 confirming my promotion to level 4. Some weeks later more good news arrived in a further e mail saying I would be assigned to Combined Counties Premier Division middles for the 2015/2016 season. All of this was subject to passing the annual fitness test which fortunately went fine.

Following on from this good news I received confirmation that my memberships of the Surrey FA and also the Regional Development Groups were to be extended for a further season. Membership of these groups gives access to specialist training and seminars. It also means I am assigned a one-on-one coach and for the second season I am lucky to have Paul Johnson as my coach. Paul is an experienced level 3 referee and also runs lines of the Football League. His input has been key to me moving ahead.

As part of the County Development Group I was lucky enough to be selected, along with 4 other Surrey referees, to attend the Dana Cup at the end of July 2015. The Dana Cup is the third largest youth football tournament in the world, with nearly 1100 teams competing. The tournament is held in Hjørring which is a city in the very north of Denmark, about two hours flight time from Stansted. We were looked after (kept in line!) by Tim Lawrence, and each of us were required to keep a diary of our games, including a self-assessment as to strengths/development points to work on.

### Day 1

Three games. Worked on communication/body language as none of the players spoke English. Two of my three opening matches were fast and with good skill levels so also a chance to work on fitness

### Day 2

Four games in hot conditions that tested my fitness and concentration. We also got together for a training session using video clips from our games

### Day 3

Four more games today, including working with a German referee which was a good experience. Was able to make use of the physio facilities for a massage

### Day 4

Four more games – two as referee and two as AR. Good quality teams as the competition moves towards its end

### Day 5

The day of the finals and I am told I have been appointed as AR in the Under 16 group. The game is played in the local stadium which is the home of Danish 1<sup>st</sup> Division side Hjørring FC. The game is played between teams from Norway and USA, and is streamed live on Dana TV. The standard of play is really good. I have a marginal offside call to consider and kept my flag down, leading to a goal. I was relieved to be proved correct from the video clip.

We all attended the final closing ceremony and I was presented with two medals.

The Dana Cup proved a great experience in working with referees, club officials and players from around the world. It also gave me an opportunity to work on various aspects of my performance, ahead of what is already shaping up to be an exciting new season.

**Tom Ellsmore (via Mike)**

## MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS (14)

I was refereeing a County match and had just given a free kick to the attack five yards outside the penalty area. The attacker placed the ball. The defence's wall stood firm. Everybody was in position. All at once a small dog ran from the crowd up to the ball. Everybody watched in amazement as first he sniffed the ball then calmly turned around, squatted and left a steaming pile in front of the ball. After a quick sniff to approve what he had done, he did a run through the penalty area and away behind the goal.

A story I heard recently. The manager was giving the referee plenty of "stick". The ball went out of play just by the dugout and whilst it was being retrieved the referee went and sat alongside the manager. "You can't sit here," said the manager. "Why not?" said the referee. "Well, you can't see anything, can you?" said the manager. "Exactly," said the referee and with that he ran off leaving the manager looking puzzled.

"Cor f--- me" said the big centre half at the top of his voice as the decision went against him. "No thanks," said the referee just as loudly as he ran alongside him, "I'm off luxuries."

It was a local Sunday morning game. The ball was played through to the centre forward some five or six yards offside. There was no flag from the club linesman and the referee allowed the game to continue. The centre forward promptly scored and the defenders started to moan about the goal. The linesman belatedly raised his flag but the referee was having none of it deciding that the linesman was only trying to placate his defenders. The manager stormed down the line towards his linesman. "He was bloody yards offside," he said. "I know," said the linesman, "It was so obvious I thought even the referee could see it so I didn't bother to flag."

The corner was on my side of the pitch. I signalled for the kick to be taken and then looked into the penalty area. "Look out ref," I heard. I turned my head and saw the ball coming straight for me. I tried to duck but I was too late and only succeeded in heading the ball goalwards. It cannoned against the foot of the post and was scrambled away by the defence. "Still," the defender said, "It wouldn't have counted anyway, ref, 'cos it was you who headed it." I smiled and let out a sigh of relief.

***Tony Murphy***

## Obstruction or Impeding is it Direct or Indirect?

It is a subject which I have mentioned before but which still confuses me if no-one else. How is that the offence of impeding the progress (of an opponent) becomes a direct free kick/penalty when it is not actually referred to as being one of the specified penal offences mentioned in the Laws of the Game?

Of course as we all know "impeding" is the successor name of the old obstruction" and looking back (as older people seem to do) I found in my ancient "Referees Chart and Players' Guide to the Laws of Association Football" the definition of obstruction which was as follows

*-“when not playing the ball intentionally obstructing an opponent i.e. running between the opponent and the ball or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent”.*

The new LOAF when it was generally recodified changed much and left out numerous definitions that had been in existence for years. We now have in place of obstruction "Impeding the progress of an opponent" which is defined as "moving into the path of the opponent to obstruct, block, slow down or force a change of direction by an opponent when the ball is not within playing distance of either player." The punishment for this offence is an indirect free kick just as it had been with the former obstruction. However an interpretation has been given which I personally cannot find in either the Laws or the interpretation section on them and guidelines for referees, that if an obstruction leads to physical contact it suddenly assumes one of the penal offences and should be punished as that.

So now what is the problem of all of this? Well the problem specifically occurs when a player does not get out of the way of an opponent and contact is made; say just inside the penalty area the referee has to decide whether it should be a penalty or in the modern idiom "a coming together of the players". If he decides on a penalty for what in effect is an obstruction is that really justice for what is essentially a block. In the old days referees would have no hesitation in awarding an indirect free kick inside the penalty area and both sides would have considered it justice. Now there appears to be the risk that the referee will either give a penalty or give nothing and neither side will get justice. This seems to me to be a case of a change in the Laws throwing up that infamous Law of its own namely that of the "law of unintended consequences" and it is paramount that players and teams get justice rather than simply the Laws.

Mentioning penalties brings me to the question of referees being criticised in televised games mainly for not giving them when a player stays on his feet when unfairly tackled by an opponent. It set me wondering whether we actually prefer a player to go down so we are virtually certain he has been fouled rather than the player remain upright. Even the player going to ground, unless blatantly tripped, throws up allegations of his/her going to ground too easily, so as usual this is another problem for referees. Perhaps that is why we see on television as mentioned referees reluctant to award penalties for fear of committing unfair punishment. One thing is certain that unless the player is 95% certain to score it is not sensible to play advantage in the penalty area if the player remains upright after a foul tackle.

Before getting on to domestic items can we congratulate John Moss for being awarded the FA Cup Final "middle" of the game between Arsenal and Aston Villa. He has thoroughly deserved it and so it being clearly an "A" match we all hope and wish that he has a great game.

I mentioned before the law of unintended consequences and John was involved in this quite without blame and actually correctly enforcing both the Laws and justice recently in the 1<sup>st</sup> leg play-off match between Brentford and Middlesboro. Awarding 6 minutes additional time for the tactics of Middlesboro including foul play (6 cautions) time wasting in general and especially at their 3 substitutions he must have been mortified to see Boro take advantage of that to score during that extra period of play. How often does irony play a part in football and I am sure we have all done our best to see justice done only to see it undone by a set of curious chances.

### **Ken Goldman**

Editor The Normidian May 2015

## **COLMANBALLS**



"Suicide is a real threat to health in a modern society."

*Virginia Bottomley*

"I'm for a stronger death penalty."

*George Bush*

"A part of Jim Morrison refused to believe he was dead."

*Rock Expert Radio 5*

"Jim Reeves died on 31 July 1964 but his career was not affected by his death."

*Ed Stewart*

"The referee with one eye on the match and both eyes on the weather."

*Wimbledon Commentator*

"Stewart Sutcliffe left the Beatles when he died."

*Philip Norman*

"I never ever knew where Rome was. That's how good I was at History."

*Rick Parfitt*

"Traffic in the Wandsworth one-way system is very heavy in both directions."

*Sraham Dene*

"We are now in the third and final quarter of this game."

*Irish TV Commentator*

"Sex with a mistress greatly increases the chance of having a stroke."

*Channel 5*

"Israel is demanding that the Palestinian authorities arrest those people who have undertaken suicide bombings."

*Middle-East Correspondent*

## **Referees have a job that needs doing positively**

*There are thousands of clubs in all parts of our nation playing each week at levels where the vast majority of referees ply their trade. These clubs could be playing in the local park or on privately-owned fields. Wherever they are, they couldn't exist for long without referees. This is a simple fact of life.*

Judging by the sort of comment that is made from the side-lines, and far too often from the technical areas. **Referee abuse invariably emanates from people who should know better. Ignorance of the laws is no excuse for abuse.**

There have recently been a few irrational, unreasonable outbursts of opinion aimed at referees at the top level of our national game, and the powers-that-be have been justifiably unprepared to accept that such comments are harmless. Punishments have been dispensed for this sort of thing over the years, many of them effective, a few of them less so. The fact that offenders are brought to task for their unacceptable comments is only correct, for if they are allowed to carry on unchallenged the eventual outcome is utter chaos.

Now, referees who are subjected to such comments only occasionally receive them face to face. Much of the time the comments are made during the referee's absence; and they are often made to the media to gain most publicity. Readers of these pages will not have been unaware, of course, that these unreasonable, often character-attacking comments come from managers rather than players. The manager is most likely to be the one whose team has not won, especially if the margin has been a narrow one.

There is some really good news in all this, however, and it is that referees at all levels should follow the example of our top referees. These people do not respond in public; they do not go seeking maximum publicity about having been accused of being cheats or some species of idiot. No, they do the right thing. If the abuse happens to have been directed at them in their presence, they remain calm and collected, they make no careless comments and they report the matter to the authority which employs them. If the comments are critical of them in an indirect way, as for example via television or radio, they leave it to their employers to take suitable action. In other words, at all times, no matter how much top referees are provoked and insulted, they calmly maintain their dignity and act professionally.

Less experienced referees such as those referred to in the first paragraph must learn from their more experienced colleagues who operate at the top level. They need to make sure they do what is in bold font above. What they must NOT do is simply ignore the abuse and the unacceptable language often shouted loudly at them and about them. The problem will not go away unless positive action is taken. This means that the offender(s) should be challenged politely but firmly as soon as the undesirable language is heard. Far too often, referees and assistants hear such language but turn a totally deaf ear to it. THAT is simply unacceptable!

We have said it many times before, so it will do no harm to say it again:

If you ignore it and the referee in the next game chooses to do his work properly, what does that say about YOU? And if you don't report it when you know you should, how on earth can the FA disciplinary people do anything about it?

*This first appeared in Benchmark, the mag of Sheffield & Hallamshire RS, Feb 2014 and spotted in The Chiltern Referee April 2015*

## Don't Believe Every Shout For Handball

Posted on [April 27, 2015](#) by [Dick Sawdon Smith](#)

Like thirty thousand others from our area, I went along to Wembley Stadium for Reading's historic semi-final of the FA Cup against Arsenal. I was asked after the game what I thought about all the shouts for handball, but high in the stands they were lost and to be honest, shouts for handball are so common place that they don't even register.

Ask any referee and you will be told there are numerous shouts for handball every game, but most are without any foundation at all. Certainly I had my share at the weekend. Very often they are when the ball hits an opponent on the chest, the knee or other parts of the body other than the hand or arm. I recall a couple for instance at the weekend at which a defender played the ball with his shoulder, which raised shouts.

If we look at the Law it doesn't say a lot; 'A direct free kick is awarded if a player handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper inside his own penalty area).' The interpretations in the Laws however elaborate a little more, for a start it says 'handling the ball involves a deliberate act, making contact with the hand or arm.' So we know that handling does include the arm (but not the shoulder). The key factor however, is the word deliberate.

Handball is one of only two of the ten offences punishable by a direct free kick that has to be deliberate. If, for instance, a player trips an opponent accidentally it is still a foul but handball is only an offence when it is deliberate in the referee's opinion.

So how does a referee know whether a handball is deliberate or not, after all he is not a mind reader. Again there is some advice in the interpretations. Firstly, they say a referee must take into consideration, the movement of the hand towards the ball (not the ball towards the hand). In other words, does the player move his hand towards the ball rather than the ball just hitting his hand or arm. I remember Steve Coppell, when one of his Reading players handled the ball in the penalty area, saying 'it was just an involuntary movement.' Maybe, but a referee will take that as deliberate.

There is another consideration the interpretations say the referee must take. This is 'the distance between the player and the ball.' How far away is the opponent when he kicks the ball, does the player have a chance of getting out of the way. Sometimes a player is so close that he flinches and in doing so moves his arm, which the ball then hits. That is not the same as moving his hand or arm to play the ball.

It might also be a deflection or a bounce causing the ball to unexpectedly hit the arm. Not deliberate. An interesting comment in the interpretations is that 'the position of the hand does not necessarily mean that there is an infringement.' However, the referee must be aware that players sometime spread themselves wide or high when they expect a ball to come in their direction.

Take, for example, players in the wall jumping up and raising their arms above their heads. You can't exactly say that they move their hands towards the ball, but if it hits them that would still count as handball. I also have to admit that there are occasions when a deliberate handball takes place but the referee just doesn't see it, you can't see through people.

I reported earlier in the season that the International FA Board have formed two committees to look at certain aspects of the laws. One of these is handball. I can't imagine what they will come up with, but I doubt if it will stop all the shouts.

*Spotted on the Reading Referees' Society Website*

## **Brian's Seeing Red**

As we near the end of yet another season, I am left with a strong feeling of disappointment - disappointment at what I have seen at the highest level on the television.

Am I the only one to have been saddened by the number of games that finish with one (or both) teams having less than 11 players on the field of play? Until a few years ago, this was a rare occurrence, but nowadays the red card seems to be flashed in a large number of incidents, often early in the game. This then usually renders the game both uncompetitive and a less than exciting spectacle.

This season we have seen more goals than ever scored in the Premier League. This we welcome -except that most of the multiple-goal scores (4, 5 or 6 goals have become common) are scored when the team has an advantage in the number of players it has on the pitch. Is this why 'diving' is now endemic in football? The effect of getting someone sent off is clearly beneficial.

I don't blame the referees for this. They are simply carrying out the instructions of the authorities, who, of course, don't have to bear the brunt of anger from players and spectators alike. The reason they insist on pedantically following a "menu" of action-punishment, is of course that they would like to see absolute consistency. But this will never happen, and perhaps it shouldn't. Every game is different, and we should allow our officials to make decisions which are appropriate for the game in hand. After all, at that level the officials are massively experienced.

What can we do about it? Well, let's assume that you think as I do, that the red card is used too often. How do we reduce the number of times it is used? Simple - in two ways. First, amend the laws to be less dogmatic about which offences result in a red card. Second, allow the referee to use his common sense, taking into account all the factors applying in that particular game. I know this will lead to all sort of arguments about consistency, but overall it would be worth it. It would certainly promote the game as an exciting spectacle.

It is very interesting to note that the issue hardly exists at grassroots level. Why? Because the "park" referees (sensibly in my view) already apply common sense when, strictly according to the laws of the game, a red card should be shown.

Good on them - when will the powers that be follow their lead? Never I'm afraid. We know that everything at the top level is driven by huge financial considerations that demand "consistency" (i.e. blindly following a list of instructions telling the referee what to do in any situation). Such considerations are absent at grassroots, and the referees can be sensible and use common sense to maintain the levels of enjoyment and competition of all concerned.

So nothing will change and I will continue to feel disappointed when watching the TV - so I'm off to Nervines Park to watch some enjoyable football.

**Brian Richards**

**Editor The Chiltern Referee April 2015**

***Pages from Yesteryear***  
***The Warbler April 1995***

**Consistency Without Choice.**

Refereeing misdeeds are becoming a liability, to us all. The Assessors , primary Job must be to weed them out.

Why all the fuse-about the FIFA Mandatory Instructions?. They are - ; not, as many of you would believe, changes in Law, they are simply changes in emphasis with the purpose of restoring the essential balance just slightly in favour of the attacker - and what is wrong with that?. Is attacking play, the excitement and skill created by a passing movement between half a dozen players, not to be applauded?. Is that not why, after many years in the doldrums, the game is at last attracting an increasing number of spectators?. Of course it is, and, as long as Referees do the job for which they are employed it will always continue to be the case.

There are those who hide behind the veil we call inconsistency. They should be allowed to hide no longer. It must become the primary job of Assessors to weed them out, to 'blow the whistle' on their misdeeds for they are becoming a liability to us all. They must be shown for what they are. Referees without backbone, in a word nothing better than 'cheats'.

The FIFA Mandatory Instructions outlaw both the foul tackle from behind and the foul lateral sliding tackle. Perpetrators must be Cautioned. If the foul tackle from behind is carried out in a violent or brutal manner Referees have no alternative other than to send off the offending player. How much closer to black and white can we get. There are no 'grey areas' and there is no room for manoeuvre Referees who interpret the instructions with common-sense are not interpreting them correctly.

We have never had a better opportunity to formulate a consistent pattern to which all referees adhere and the small deviation that spectators and players perceive to have seen must be addressed now. If found to be wrong it must be put right. There is no longer room for flexibility in interpretation. Skilful players must be given the protection they deserve, the opportunity to express themselves. Is it an accident that the likes of Le Tissier are hogging the limelight in the early part of the season and long may it continue, but only as long as we do the job for which we are paid. Is it worth making the comparison between Referees and Policemen. We don't make the Laws, we don't actually have to like them. So before the season gets any older, understand exactly what your responsibilities are in respect of the FIFA Directive.... If you don't I can only suggest that you read this article again.

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We don't make the Laws, we don't actually have to like them, but we do have to enforce them.

*Possibly a counter argument to Brian's comments on the previous page.? Mac*

## ARE YOU A CHEAT?

Are you a cheat? Before you answer that with an emphatic 'No\* wondering why I should have the audacity to ask such a thing, have you read through this checklist?

- ◆ Do you turn a blind eye to contraven-tions of Competition Rules, such as late kick-offs, no corner flags etc?
- ◆ Do you ignore technical offences knowingly e.g. does the ball travel 27-28" at the kick-off, are players in their own half at start of play, is the ball correctly placed for corners?
- ◆ Do you honestly think that players of offending sides at "set" free kicks are 10 yards away, or are you happy with perhaps 8?
- ◆ Have you ever failed to award a pen-alty because you decided that the offence was too trivial to justify 'an almost certain goal?'
- ◆ Have you ever failed to award a pen-alty because of the anticipated reaction it would cause from the defending team?
- ◆ Have you ever given an indirect free- kick in the penalty area for an offence which was clearly a penal offence?
- ◆ Have you ever knowingly allowed a penalty save to stand, even if the "keeper moved, because it was a "soft" penalty in the first place?
- ◆ Have you ever awarded a "soft" penalty to cancel out a controversial award at the other end?
- ◆ Do you always give offences which occur on the boundary lines of the penalty area as occurring outside?
- ◆ Have you ever used advantage as an excuse for failing to make a decision?
- ◆ Have you ever cautioned a player for dissent, when he should have been dismissed for foul or abusive language?
- ◆ Have you knowingly, allowed a player to stay on by being lenient in dealing with a dismissable offence?
- ◆ Have you ever failed to report a player whom you cautioned or dismissed?
- ◆ Do you overprotect goalkeepers to avoid aggravation from defending play-ers?
- ◆ At the end of a match, do you exchange pleasantries with players who have made your 90 minutes a nightmare, or do you let them know it if they approach you?
- ◆ At the end of the match do you blow your whistle when your stop watch shows time, or when the ball is in "no man's land?"
- ◆ Have you ever played longer, or shorter in a match in an effort to, shall we say, get a result or avoid extra time if a cup game?
- ◆ Have you ever used a club linesman as a scapegoat after the award of a dodgy offside?
- ◆ Do you, as linesman, give the ball out of play when the ball is say, half over the line, to suit players' and spectators' interpretation?
- ◆ Have you ever given a decision that you normally wouldn't have because you were being assessed?
- ◆ If a referee asks for constructive criti-cism, do you withhold comments in case they might offend him and affect your mark? ,
- ◆ Have you over penalised a player for a misdemeanour you failed to punish him for in a previous game?

.....the list is not exhaustive.

It may be that you have never consciously done any of these things. But if you have, does that make you a cheat? I have - under the guise of common sense -perhaps that makes me even more of a cheat!

*Acknowledgement to the Guildford Referee  
This first appeared in The Warbler December 1996*

## ***Pages from Yesteryear*** ***The Warbler March 1998***

### **Sunday Morning at Lothair** **By Vic Bush**

Alter a leisurely stroll around several pitches. I arrived at this game about midway through the second half, and found myself a spot - there were plenty available - on a right wing touchline, between the halfway line and the corner flag.

Referee appeared to be operating the most favoured system of a left diagonal, with club Linesmen down the right with opponents forwards, so I should have to ensure not getting in the Linesmen's way - as if I would?!! There were also a dozen or so assorted subs, trainers, bucket-men, managers and general hangers-on, apparently of both teams, at the halfway line.

Play settled at the opposite end, and there was much pressure and a succession of corners, so that I had just about decided I was missing all the action and would have to move that way, when a goalkick was awarded. All players, save two, were in that half of the field and this two in 'my' half were the goalie, who was squatting on his haunches just outside the penalty area, some 20 yards from his goal, from where he had been watching the play at the other end for some time. And a lone attacker, well into that half. The goalkick was quickly taken and the ball lofted up and soared over all other players, then dropped obligingly at the feet of this lone attacker, who controlled it neatly and started to move forward. Great cries of 'offside', 'offside' from defenders labouring to get back to position but still in the other half of the field.

Linesman concerned was close to where I was standing and at these shouts from his team promptly raised his flag and waved it vigorously. More shouts of, 'offside' etc and goalie slowly got himself upright - no urgency - and started to amble nonchalantly forward. The inference had to be that he had observed the raised flag and thought he was going to take the free kick. The forward, to his credit, continued his advance, rounded the goalie, who didn't appear interested, and slid the ball into the empty goal.

There were now a few murmurings, not from players but from the touchline mob, to the effect 'you can't be offside from a goalkick'. Referee by now had reached the centre circle (where he should have been as the goal kick was taken)... he just stood there and I could feel his mind running down the page covering the intricacies of the offside law. He seemed to stand there an awful long time, when a quick and prompt decision was essential, (if only to his control) so clearly had no idea of the correct ruling. Discretion being the better part of ignorance or whatever it is, he then belatedly blew and indicated for the 'offside' decision.

The ball was retrieved, there was very little fuss surprisingly, so the goalie got his kick at the ball. Linesman turned to move away, and as he did so, said in a conversational sort of tone, to no-one in particular (which included me), "Of course, you can't be offside from a goal kick." As I was nearest to him and he was looking any way, I just said (by way of being friendly), "Happy flagging," and got the reply, "Well, it's saved our lot a goal."

Happily I didn't recognise the referee, and haven't the remotest idea who he was...

*Seen in the Beds Whistler*

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

### **Part 42 – Step no further**

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers  
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)  
Time remaining: Final third so 'up the tempo'  
Weather: Sunny at the moment, wished I had applied some sun cream

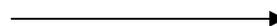
In the final third of the match a referee should not let their standards slip. Just because the players may become tired there is no excuse for the referee to relax and slow down. Concentration and fitness is as important from the first minute to the last minute. I am a firm believer of 'Good positions mean good decisions'. Trust me it works!

I had just awarded a corner to Cockfosters Casuals when their manager asked to make a substitution. I checked to see if they had any substitutions and they were correct as this would make their third and final one. Because I was near the goal line I left the substitution to the assistant referee. He was one of the Reds Rovers substitutes but I had briefed him in my pre match instructions. I had told him to check the foot wear and make a note of the substitute's name. I would have performed this task myself but as I was close to the goal line I did not want to delay the restart of play. I took my position in preparation for the taking of the corner kick. It was a good position as I was able to see any possible holding or pushing and also I did not have my back to my assistant. I noticed the substitute run down along the touch line but at no time had he actually stepped onto the field of play. He placed the ball in the quadrant and beckoned instructions to his team mates. I had a doubt in my mind as to whether or not the substitute process had correctly been carried out as per the laws of the game. The assessor began scribbling in his note book and this cast doubts in my mind. I was confident that I was having a great match so far and I did not want one simple mistake to end up with a lower mark from the assessor. I decided to take evasive action and I run over to the substitute. 'Did you enter the field of play on the half way line'? He looked at me as if I was mad and as if I was speaking to him in a foreign language.

'What are you going on about ref?' he replied. I repeated the question and told him he would have to run back to the half way line so the substitution process is completed correctly. He stepped onto the pitch and exclaimed 'There ref, look, I've got both feet on the pitch so can I now take the corner.' By now the players were becoming impatient and asking 'What's going on ref, what's the problem?'

I told them there was no problem as I insisted the player run back to the half way line, step onto the pitch and only then can he return and take the corner kick. He told me that I was being ridiculous and stupid.

I then told him he was being cautioned!



Common sense prevailed when the Casuals captain told the substitute to just carry out my instructions which he eventually did. For the first time in the match I noticed the assessor smiling. He of all people knew that I was correct and the substitute can only enter when told to do so on the half way line. I am convinced that you would have done exactly the same as me. How could you do anything else as any thing else would be wrong by law.

The corner was eventually taken and the game continued.

At the very next stoppage of play Rovers this time requested to make a substitution.

They were giggling and laughing and I wondered what was going on.

The player being substituted made a point of leaving the field of play exactly on the half way line. This was not necessary as the substituted player can leave the field of play anywhere. It is only the player the substitute who must enter on the half way line. Rovers were trying to be clever as the substitute picked up the ball ready to take the throw on. Rovers knew exactly what they were doing so with a smile on my face I walked over to the substitute and told him he had to enter on the half way line. 'Sorry ref, lucky I wasn't about to take a corner'. 'Very funny' I replied as he stepped onto the pitch as he should have done and then off again to take the throw.

### **Willy Woodwork**

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

But was our referee right?.....

Was Willie correct to make the substitute who was about to take the corner go all the way back to the half way line and then back again to the corner flag?

Was it necessary to insist the substitute about to take the throw in also step onto the field of play in the first instance?

Could the referee just played on for both occasions?

See you all soon for the next exciting edition of our whistling referee.



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## Adie's Damson's in Distress

With the Premier League now 2 weeks into its fixtures and locally the Elite League has commenced we are well and truly into the 2015/16 season. Although the SCILW and the G&WAFSL has to wait until the 12<sup>th</sup> of September before they begin their fixtures there are many 'pre-season' games available. I have been offering these around so some Match Officials are getting games. I am also led to believe the S&HBL have some 'pre-season' games available so keep an eye on your e-mails. If you have not yet given your availability to your respective Ref Secs please do so ASAP to avoid disappointment when the games are allocated.

I trust that any of you who have been away for your summer break have had a good rest, that you enjoyed your time away and are feeling well and truly rested. Yours truly had another splendid time on Jersey, the waves on most days been superb and the weather, until the day we returned to 'soggy Surrey' was bright and sunny. I still cannot get over how polite everybody is when driving – you really cannot imagine the 'Filter in Turn' working here. Diane still didn't apply for a job over there and I did not win the Lottery this week so I guess I will have to go back to work!

On the home front my Damson tree is so loaded with fruit it is dragging its branches on the ground so I will certainly not be climbing any ladders in a week or so to pick the fruit. We came back to a plethora of runner beans in the garden. Diane and I must have had half of our plates full of them on the first two days back – you really cannot beat the flavour. Not as many plums this season (probably down the fact that I destroyed half the tree in my fall last year). On that subject the medics are really pleased with the progress and ten days in the sea did it a world of good. Blood pressure is down as well, got a result of 118/72 last Friday so the break did a lot of good.

Diane spotted some wooden planters on holiday – guess what she wants my next woodworking project to be! I still fancy making a cribbage board and performing some marquetry on it – we shall see, although I think it may be the former, anything for a quiet life

Enjoy your matches

**Adie**



"It's always the same after the weekend!"

## The Things They Say



"Two Andy Gorams, there's only two Andy Gorams."  
*Kilmarnock fans to the Rangers' keeper after he had been diagnosed with mild schizophrenia*

"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, before LC QF, 1992*

"If we played like that every week we wouldn't be so inconsistent." + *Bryan Robson, Manchester United, 1990*

"That's great, tell him he's Pele and get him back on."  
*John Lambie, Patrick Thistle manager, when told a concussed striker did not know who he was.*

"I was saying the other day, how often the most vulnerable area for goalies is between their legs." *Andy Gray, Sky Sport*

*Richard Keys:* "Well Roy, do you think that you'll have to finish above Manchester United to win the league?"

*Roy Evans:* "You have to finish above everyone to win the league."

"It's now 1-1, an exact reversal of the score on Saturday."  
*Radio 5 Live*

"Football today, it's like a game of chess. It's all about money."  
*Newcastle United Fan, Radio 5 Live*

"Dumbarton player Steve McCahill has limped off with a badly cut forehead."  
*Tom Ferrie*

"And I honestly believe we can go all the way to Wembley unless somebody knocks us out." *Dave Bassett*

"And Arsenal now have plenty of time to dictate the last few seconds."  
*Peter Jones*

"What makes this game so delightful is that when both teams get the ball they are attacking their opponent's goal." *Jimmy Hill*

"Newcastle, of course, unbeaten in their last five wins."  
*Brian Moore*





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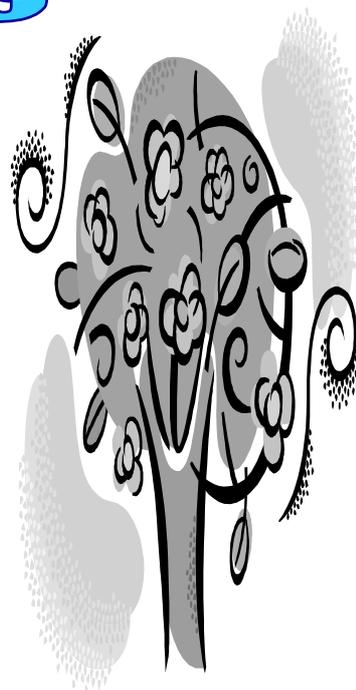
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Chelsea U16 v Southampton U16  
 Nick Arbuckle : Referee

Chelsea Girls U17 v Arsenal Girls U17  
 Paul Gorringe : Referee.

Chelsea U21 v Southampton U21 14/8/15  
 Barclays U21 Premier League - played at Stamford  
 Bridge  
 Tom Ellsmore : 4th official

Bracknell Town v Hook Norton 5/9/15  
 The FA Vase  
 Tom Ellsmore : Referee



## Dates for your Diary 2015/16

10th August	Society Meeting - Tim Lawrence Surrey FA - The Whole Game System
7th September	Society Meeting - Gareth Heighes
5th October	Society Meeting - Ian Ransom - Futsal
2nd November -	Society Meeting - Woking Football Club - Community Projects
10th December	Society Christmas Meal - Hoebridge Golf Club

### You Must be Joking



.... from TV star Tim Vine, famous for his side-splitting one-line jokes, a keen fan of Sutton United (in the Non-League Paper),

*"I've played football on a plane, you know.... there I was, running up the wing !"*

A young lady walks into a supermarket and on her way round she sees the bloke who had his wicked way with her the previous evening, after they had met in a pub. He was stacking washing powder boxes onto the shelves.

"You lying toad," she yells, "last night you told me you were a stunt pilot"

"No, no," he says, "I told you I was a member of the Ariel display team."

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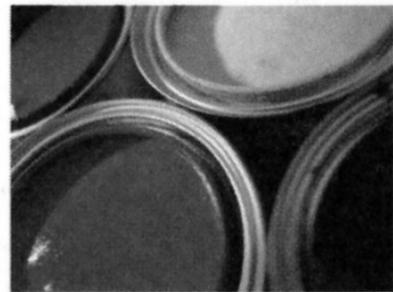
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## What Would You Do?

(answers to ~~July~~ issue)

AUGUST

**Q1** A wall lines up to face a left-footed free kick. Suddenly the wall repositions itself when a right-footed player runs up instead. They move sideways - away from your spray line. The ball is deflected to safety, and Red attackers demand a retake of the free kick. What would you do?

**A1.** The line is just a visual guide. If the wall did not move up before the ball was kicked, play on. If it did, award a retake

**Q2.** A striker races into the penalty area and takes a theatrical dive to evade a reckless tackle by a defender. No contact was made and no-one is hurt. Both players are on a yellow card. What do you do?

**A2.** Dismiss the defender - a second yellow, then a red. Restart with a penalty for the attempted trip - it doesn't matter there was no contact. You cannot also punish the attacker for simulation, as had he not dived out of the way, he could have been seriously hurt.

**Q3.** You signal for a Blue player to come back on after injury - as he puts one foot back in play, he sees an opponent ballooning a clearance straight towards him. He pulls his foot back off the FoP, catches the ball and takes a quick throw-in. What would you do?

**A3.** The player has rejoined the game with your permission - so he is well within his rights to step back. He does not need your permission to leave the FoP and take the throw. Just be sure the ball was fully out of play before he caught it.

**Q4.** A Red midfielder deliberately plays a pass off an opponent who is lying injured. The ball is deflected into the path of a Red striker who would otherwise have been offside. What would you do?

**A4.** Stop play. Restart with an indirect free kick for offside. This would now be considered a deflection meaning the player who received the ball has gained it from an offside position.

**Q5.** A Blue defender cleverly traps a long hoofed clearance inside his empty penalty area. He then leaves the ball stationary, and trots upfield. His keeper walks over, picks up the ball and clears it upfield. What would you do?

**A5.** A keeper cannot touch the ball with his hands after it has been kicked to him by a team-mate. So stop the game and restart with an indirect free kick from where the keeper picked the ball up

**Q6.** Before taking a direct free kick on the edge of the penalty area, a Red striker moves the ball back a yard to give himself a better angle. The wall reacts by moving forward a yard over your sprayed line. What would you do?

**A6.** Put the wall back in its original position, re-spraying if necessary, and do the same with the ball. It is up to you to decide the position for a free kick. Warn them that any repeat will lead to cautioning for unsporting behaviour.

**Q7.** Close to the end of the game, the ball is floated into the goal area. In a challenge with a Blue opponent, a Red striker rises to head a high ball - just as you start blowing the final whistle. But before you blow your third 'peep', the ball flies into the back of the net. What would you do?

**A7.** You signalled the game was over when you started blowing. So disallow the goal - *next time, delay the whistle!*

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

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## What Would You Do?

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### Question 1.

The Blues goalkeeper fails to hold on firmly to a ball from a direct free kick, and the ball flies into the net. But the keeper is outraged. He shows you his glove and the ball, both of which have vanishing foam on them. He says you sprayed too much foam in locating the free kick, and it made the ball slippery. What would you do?

### Question 2.

What is (a) the earliest, and (b) the latest, a referee can show a player a red/yellow card? For example, in the warm-up, in the tunnel? On the bus leaving the ground?



### Question 3.

The home team are using towels placed strategically around the pitch to dry the ball before taking throw-ins. When an away team player tries to use one, the teenage ball-boy snatches it back - resulting in an angry tug of war. What would you do?

### Question 4.

In a wild melee following a challenge for the ball, you see a player strike another square in the back, so you show him a straight red card. But as the situation calms down, the player who was struck tells you he was choking on his chewing gum, and the opponent saved him by thumping his back. The player you sent off is now storming down the tunnel. What would you do?

### Question 5.

After a quick counter-attack, a Red striker rounds the Blues goalkeeper who then deliberately brings him down just outside the penalty area. But there is a covering Blue defender on the line. What would you do?

### Question 6.

A maverick Red striker is furious to be subbed - and, after he steps off the field of play, he petulantly kicks the player who replaced him. The replacement, who had one foot on the field of play, is now too injured to come on, and his team have used all their substitutes. What would you do?

### Question 7.

In a sudden counter-attack a Red midfielder plays the ball forward to a colleague who is inside his own half, and clean through on goal. But your assistant flags vigorously for offside. The striker stops, shouting loudly in outrage. What would you do?

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