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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday September 4th 2017

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

AGENDA

- ◆ **7.30 Academy Meeting**
- ◆ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ◆ **Guest Speaker**
Callum Peter
DANA Cup 2017
- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10.00 Close**



**Next month's meeting will be on
Monday October 4th 2017**

**The deadline for October Warbler is Friday
22nd September**

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Society or its' Committee*

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

Our thanks go to Ian Ransom for coming along last month to fill us in on this year's law changes, there is also a link on our website to find them just in case you need a reminder during the season.

Surrey Primary League is the only league in Surrey trialing 'SIN BINS' for dissent, so for those of you who are going to officiate on the Surrey Primary League, it's very important you read the completion rules regarding 'SIN BIN' and ensure you do your best to get it right



Hopefully you've all had some pre-season games and are now ready for the start of the real thing, the committee will be setting up a mentor / coaching service to anyone who wants it, if this is something you would be interested in please contact me or any other member of the committee and we will assign you someone to help

Good luck to all of you for the season and I look forward to seeing you all soon

Pat

Membership & Accounts

2017/18 Membership
118 Full Members
7 Friends
1 Affiliate Member
66 Referees trained in 2016/2017
45 Referees trained in 2017/2018

2017 Current Status	
General	£3,126.35
Supplies	£154.00
Belgium	£0.00
Training Fund	£668.28
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£4,062.13

Have you renewed your membership yet?

In order to align with the Central Membership offer of £25, Woking Society have also introduced the same subscription, but in order to make this a viable proposition members joining at the reduced rate will only be eligible for an electronic copy of the Warbler. Approximately half of the members who have registered so far have chosen this option. All those newly qualified Referees who on completion of their course last year, benefitted from free membership and who have not yet renewed will no receive the e-Warbler.

Last seasons "paying" members who have not yet renewed will receive copies of the August and September Warblers but then be deemed as having left the Society.

Just a Sec!



Referees Development Fund

The RAFA Youth RDF have promised us £200 towards a 2 in 1 laptop for use by the Academy. Hopefully we should have the equipment in place for the October meeting. The laptop will enable Gareth and the training team to maximise the live streaming of the Academy meeting and the video capability will enhance the practical training.

Dana Cup 2017

Callum and Shawn along with two fellow young Surrey Refs had the opportunity to represent the UK in Denmark this July at what is probably the biggest youth tournament in Europe—the Dana Cup. Callum will be telling us all about his experiences at the September meeting.



Mac's Musings

Pat's explanation of the rule around the new sin bin trial provoked much discussion at last month's meeting. Not Pat's explanation you understand, which was excellent, but the actual benefits, perceived or otherwise and the practicalities around administering the punishment during play. As most of you may be aware the Surrey Primary League is one of the 32 Leagues which will be trialling the new law, which can only be applied for dissent. The miscreant must still have his /her name taken and shown a yellow card, followed by the referee indicating with both arms to the side of the pitch. The name must then be recorded in the appropriate section on the Whole Game website.

The Surrey Primary League has produced a matrix which referees (and players and managers) will find invaluable. (See page 9)

As someone who will be officiating on the SPL, I'm quite looking forward to seeing how it pans out. As I invariably referee the older age groups, who are not always known for their restraint, I can see I could be quite busy. What will be interesting is whether referees, myself included, will be quicker to administer this punishment than we have previously. It will also be interesting to see the managers/coaches reaction. Will they blame their player or the referee?

Watch this space !

I ventured out into the middle the other Sunday for the first time since I pulled something in my Achilles last April. The game was over at Holloway College, where the facilities and pitch are always excellent. The teams being Holloway Old Boys , who are always a delight to referee, and a very good pub team who play in the Leatherhead and District League. It was a close game with both teams attempting to play passing football. Most pleasing was that my Achilles seemed fine.

Mac

Woking Society Meeting August 14th 2017

25 Members met at Loop Rd on 14th August 2017 for the first meeting of the new season.

Apologies had been received from Paul Saunders, Glenn La Roche, Tom and Mike Ellsmore.

Chairman Pat opened the meeting and welcomed Ian Ransom who proceeded to present and explain the 2017/18 Law Amendments.

The changes included the obvious "The Kick off—Kicker can stand in the opponents half of the FOP" to the more complex "outcome of the Penalty Kick", which took the form of a quiz.

Many of the amendments were regarding the restart following various offences. For example. Verbal offences directed at the referee : restart with an indirect free kick, but any other offence (violence etc) the restart would be a direct free kick.

Another is deliberate outside interference ie a substitute throws a ball onto the FOP, if it directly interferes with play , restart with direct free kick if not, then indirect free kick.

We then had a "quiz" consisting of a sheet describing various "penalty" scenarios and members were split into groups and had to write down the outcome of each when either a goal was scored or not.

Ian's presentation was very informative and he was able to clarify many of the queries and discussions that emanated from the changes.

Pat then thanked Ian and presented him with a bottle of wine.

After a short break and the drawing of the raffle, Pat went on to explain the new "sin bin" laws which will be trialled in a number of leagues across the country including the Surrey Primary League, in which some of our members officiate. This provoked much discussion, (and condemnation by some), but all agreed if the end result is a reduction in dissent, which is the only cautionable offence for which the sin bin can be applied, then the trial would be worthwhile.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chinese Proverbs



- ◆ Man who run in front of car get tired
- ◆ Man who run behind car get exhausted
- ◆ Man who walk through airport turnstile side ways going to Bangkok#
- ◆ Man with one chopstick go hungry
- ◆ Man who eat many prunes get good run for money
- ◆ War does not determine who is right, war determine who is left
- ◆ Wife who put husband in doghouse soon find him in cathouse
- ◆ Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night
- ◆ Man who drive like hell , bound to get there
- ◆ Man who stand on toilet is high on pot
- ◆ Man who fish in other man's well often catch crabs

SURREY COUNTY RA REPORT

The County RA AGM took place on 4th June.

- ◆ There were no changes to the elected officers.
- ◆ Attracting younger members: there was a discussion on efforts to form a County Youth Council and all societies are asked to nominate suitable members. It was felt that younger members wanted something beyond the traditional indoor meetings and that outdoor facilities such as Woking Society could offer were an advantage (this comment came from another society).
- ◆ It was noted that Surrey FA were alert to registered referees starting university courses, whether coming in to Surrey from another county to study or going from Surrey to another county to study, and temporary registrations with the "new" county were being arranged as appropriate. But concern was expressed that the national RA may not be similarly alert.
- ◆ County RA rules need amending if it is to pursue QUEST bronze status.

The AGM was followed by the normal delegates' meeting.(with same attendees). As an experiment, this used a new agenda developed from a RA paper on "sharing of best practice" with greater emphasis on referee training and development.

Kingston Society emphasised the importance of formal and informal mentoring, though offers of formal mentoring to youngsters were often not taken up but though with more life experience were much more likely to be interested.

Societies were encouraged to foster links with local leagues; and interest was expressed in Woking's link with the Surrey Primary League.

Woking, Croydon and Kingston societies all reported average meeting attendances of 25+. End of March membership figures for Surrey showed 27% increase over 2016.

Brian R

29/7/17

Dates for your Diary 2016/17

4th September	Society Meeting	Callum Peter
2nd October	Society Meeting	Tim Lawrence, Surrey RDO
6th November	Society Meeting	Paul Field, Chairman RA
11th December	Society Christmas Dinner	
8th January	Society Meeting	TBA
5th February	Society Meeting	TBA
5th March	Society Meeting	TBA

KEITH HACKETT: Ins and Out of the Sin-Bin laws

Former Premier League referee Keith Hackett takes us through the new Sin-Bin laws that will be implemented in some leagues at step seven and below this season. (*The Surrey Primary League in the case of Woking Refs Ed*)

The Football Association of course have the responsibility for its operation and will be carefully monitoring and measuring the success or otherwise.

So here are some of the highlights for you to consider and prepare for in the coming weeks.

WHERE WILL THE SIN BIN BE POSITIONED?

There will be no designated area for the SIN BIN. (The FA want to avoid a "naughty step") However my thoughts are that if this is positioned on the opposite side of the field of play to where an Assistant referee is patrolling then this can be a problem on offside decisions.

At the moment having no designated area will allow the player to go for a walk-about out of control.

RETURNING TO THE FIELD OF PLAY?

You can return to the field of play from any position once the referee has signalled to you to enter the field of play even though the game is in progress.

This at the moment the referee can send you to the SIN BIN for DISSENT ONLY.

You will be reported to The FA as a YELLOW CARD SB not the current YELLOW CARD C2. through the whole game system.

HOW IS TIMEKEEPING LOOKED AFTER?

The referee will approach the two competing teams before kick off and request that each provide a volunteer to assist with the time keeping.

I think that this could create some operational difficulties for the referee, particularly on a cold and wet mid-winter match.

HOW LONG WILL PLAYERS GET IN THE SIN BIN?

Ten minutes for a ninety minute game, Eight minutes for an eighty minute game.

WHAT IF THE PLAYER IN THE SIN BIN CONTINUES TO SHOW DISSENT?

This player will not be allowed back onto the field of play, but can be substituted at the end of the ten minute period.

WHAT IF A PLAYER HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED WITH A YELLOW CARD FOR OTHER OFFENCE THAN DISSENT?

If a player having received what is a normal yellow card before a SIN BIN Yellow card or one after then a Sin Bin Yellow card and a normal yellow card do not equal a red card. It will be reported has two yellows.

One normal yellow card plus two sin bin yellow cards will result in dismissal and of course this player cannot be substituted.

I look forward to the start of the coming season to witness how this experiment is progressing and if any changes will be implemented during the course of this experiment.

I am sure that you will have a view on this one.

KEITH HACKETT
 DIRECTOR
www.you-are-the-ref.com

Sin Bin Sanctions

Caution/Offence 1	Caution/Offence 2	Caution/Offence 3	Offence 4
Dissent			Sin Bin
Dissent	Non Dissert		Sin Bin, Caution Recorded (No Send Off)
Dissent	Non Dissert Caution	Caution	Sin Bin, Send Off S7
Dissent	Dissent		Sin Bin x2, unable to rejoin, but can be substituted after 2 nd Sin Bin if not all Substitutes used
Dissent	No Caution or Offence		Sin Bin, Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, unable to rejoin and CANNOT be substituted
Non Dissert Caution	Dissent		Caution Recorded, Sin Bin
Non Dissert Caution	Dissent	Caution	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Send Off
Non Dissert Caution	Dissent		Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Sin Bin - unable to rejoin, and CANNOT be substituted after 2 nd Sin Bin

Note: Should a player commit any offence, (Red Card or Yellow Card), within in the Sin Bin, then that player will take no further part in the game and cannot be substituted.

Positioning and Movement

Most FA observer marking schemes for referees ascribe a far greater importance to correct application of law and accuracy of decisions than they do to good positioning and movement. Typically, the mark for applying law correctly has a weighting four times greater than that given to positioning and movement. I query whether this is justified – why? Simply because if the referee is badly positioned the quality of judgement is seriously impaired. So, if bad decisions are being made and the cause is poor positioning, the referee will effectively be marked down less if the observer correctly identifies the real problem i.e. the referee will lose marks for positioning elements, not for accuracy of judgement and appropriate advice will [or should] be given on positioning, not criticism of accuracy of decisions.

Even park football has become faster over the years and so referee fitness and effort assumes greater importance in the range of competences and ought to be more highly rated than they are.

Good positioning places demands upon the referee:

- A minimum standard of fitness appropriate to the level of football being refereed
- A willingness to put in the effort keeping up with play
- Preparedness to employ both longitudinal and lateral movement to secure proximity and a good viewing angle
- Reading the game by anticipation of and quick reaction to the passage of play, resulting in adequate positioning for accurate judgement during active play and for restarts.

Alertness on the FoP can, in my view, be enhanced by never standing still – or certainly not for too long at a time. A referee who is constantly on the move – even slowly while not being under particular pressure – I suggest is all the more ready to react to any sudden change in the speed or direction of play. Being static first needs a wake-up call to respond to any change in play. Acceleration from a slow walk or jog is far easier than from a standing start.

Good positioning is mostly a matter of sensible self-management but there are also elements of good and bad fortune that can come into play over which the referee has little direct control although the worst effects can be minimised through quick reaction. A good position can quickly become a bad position if players suddenly get between the referee and where play is taking place, so obstructing the view.

Accurate judgement of offences is the referee's No.1 task and to succeed, for instance, is infinitely better than watching from where only one of the contestants can be seen.

Basic examples of a referee following upfield play, using both length and width to gain that important side-on view of play for judging challenges for the ball. In case 3, there is a choice: if it is a slow game and the referee is nimble, ideally still get outside play [A]; in faster football, the safer position would be infield [B] for greater flexibility for following the next phase **but do remain aware of the assistant out on the right.**



1 Upfield ball to the right

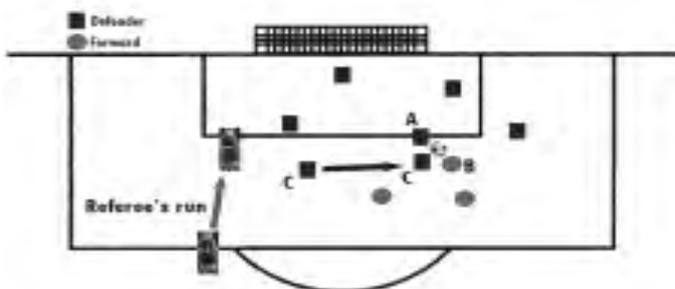


2 Referee goes left for better view



3 Either try to get out wide [A] or stay inside play [B] but be aware of lino

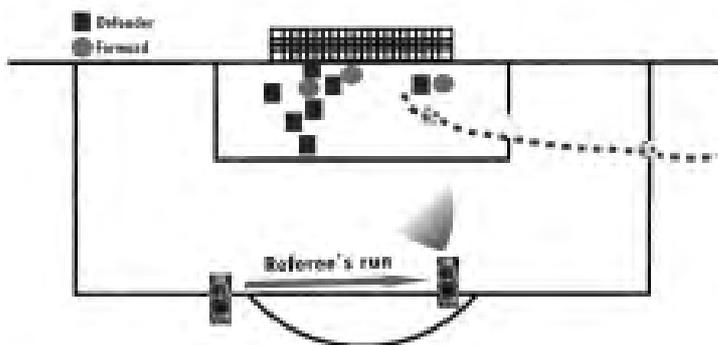
These are simple examples of sensible referee movement that become natural reactions from a competent and conscientious referee – play is open with, likely, there being few players contesting the ball. Far greater problems in securing a good view of the activity occur where players are crowding the ball and this happens the closer the ball gets to either goal. Monitoring play in the penalty area can be hard and that is the time when the referee's view can most likely become obstructed. This happens both in open play and at restarts. The referee needs to be very alert, certainly not rooted to the spot, and ready to react with changes of position to counteract that of players who are moving around marking other players or challenging for the ball.



Consider this incident **in the penalty area**. Defender A challenges Forward B for the ball. As that happens Defender C runs across the penalty area, so obstructing the referee's view of the challenge by A on B. There is also another forward potentially in the way. The referee has no idea whether the challenge was fair if he remains static.

If the referee is on the move and goes forward towards the goal, a better view is achieved. It is a case where, if the referee was already alert and moving or, at least ready to move, a beneficial position would be gained from which a more credible decision could better be made. Not moving will rely on guesswork or the hope that a qualified assistant could give some help – either way risking controversy.

Restarts can be a nightmare for referees, especially in the penalty area. Corner kicks have become the signal for mass wrestling even on park football and, to add to the complications, players are becoming adept at screening the referee's view of the unseemly jostling. It is important that the referee maximises the number of players being kept under observation. What can be a self-inflicted hindrance is the referee always using – even remaining in – the same starting position for every restart. The classic position is on the edge of the area just to the left of the 'D'



For corners taken on the left, this can be OK but not always; corners coming from the right can frequently result in a referee's view of the critical area in the goalmouth being completely obstructed. However, for **corners coming from the right**, standing in the classic position leaves the referee with no view at all of whatever naughtiness is going on by the goal-line

between the forwards and defenders. There could be pushing, holding, even violence and the referee can't see it.

By moving to the other side of the 'D', there is a good view into the goal area and the players all remain in view with the result that any infringements can be penalised credibly. Players are more aware of the referee's position than many think, even on the parks; players are crafty. Taking up a position from where the referee can see into critical areas discourages foul play.

A word on **proximity to play**: how close is too close? How far is too far away? Many are the times I've heard that the referee ought always to be within 15 to 20 metres of play, even less! That is an impossibility with the speed of play and balls being hit 70 metres upfield. The referee needs to make every effort to keep in touch with the activity - neither too close nor too far away for any significant period. Closer than 20 metres and there is a risk of becoming enveloped in the activity and getting in players' way. What the referee needs to develop is an awareness of when that becomes a risk and backing away to give players space.

Finally, the bane of my life – the referee craning his neck to see past and round a player. You see it every Sunday and some Saturdays and midweeks too! It only takes a step to one side to get a better view. Why do referees stay rooted to the spot when a bit of simple mobility would so much improve their game?

Courtesy Of The Chiltern Referee

Len Randall

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The curious case of the Hijab and the laws of football

Posted on March 21, 2012 by Dick Sawdon Smith

A year or two back I refereed an English Schools FA girls' cup tie where three of the girls in one team, which came from Slough, wore tracksuit bottoms. Not any old track suit bottoms but obviously specially made to match the shorts that the other girls wore. The teacher explained that the girls were Muslims and their religion looked down on too much flesh being exposed.

It seemed a sensible solution and I had no objection despite the fact that the Laws of the Game say players must wear shorts (goalkeepers are permitted the luxury of track suit bottoms). After that, I was faced at another game with a girl who also wore a hijab, the scarf like garment that covers the head.

My mind went back to yet another girls' cup tie up in Oxfordshire alongside the Brize Norton air base. It was unimaginably cold with a freezing wind coming across from the flat expanse of the air field and one girl wanted to wear a woollen hat, a bobble hat without the bobble. I checked that there were no pins or hair grips keeping it in place before agreeing that it was perfectly acceptable. There have been some nasty injuries caused by hair slides in women's matches. I treated the hijab in exactly the same way.

I believe that we should encourage boys and girls to play football and not put unnecessary obstacles in their way. I was therefore surprised, even a little shocked, to learn last year that a young girl referee in Canada, 15 year old Sarah Benkirane, was prevented from carrying on refereeing because she wore a hijab.

She had been refereeing for some time in Quebec but was told, after a complaint had been made, that she breached FIFA rules prohibiting the wearing of religious garments on the field.

There is, believe it or not, a mention of religion in Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. It says 'The basic, compulsory equipment of a player must not have any political, religious or personal statements'. Nowhere is there any mention of what a referee should wear, except no jewellery is allowed.

Some time later I saw a photo of a course held in London, organised by the Muslim Women's Sport Foundation in partnership with the FA, for women to become Futsal referees. Eighteen women of diverse ethnicities took part and the photo showed some of these prospective referees were wearing hijabs.

I spoke to Lorraine Deschamps, who ran the course on behalf of the FA and she told me that there was never any query about women wearing the hijab becoming referees.

But there is another twist to this story. It may come as a surprise to some to learn that Iran has a national women's football team. In fact, they have been going since 1970 and they were runners-up in the 2005 and 2007 West Asian Football Females Championship.

However their dream of competing in the women's football at the London Olympics was crushed when FIFA unexpectedly said their team kit broke their rules. But it wasn't a question of religion, instead FIFA said the Hijab that the players wore, was dangerous because it extended to cover the neck.

But that has not been the end of the affair. It was taken up at a high level and following a seminar in Amman last October, it was put on the agenda to be discussed by the International FA Board earlier this month, when it met to consider changes to the Laws of the Game.

I understand there was a long and 'positive conversation' on the wearing of the hijab and that there is to be one final check on its safety before it is approved to be worn.

I only hope someone tells Sarah Benkirane and the Quebec Soccer Federation.

Glancing at current Law 4, I see that head coverings, which I assume would cover hijabs are now allowed with certain provisos ie not a danger to player or players
Mac

Of women referees and kitchen sinks

A rough tackle, the whistle blows and a foul is given. "Get back in the kitchen!" the player yells at the referee. It's one of the kinder things male players have said to Melany Bermejo, one of the rare women referees in the macho world of Latin America. Shoved, spat at, insulted and flirted with on the field she and a handful of other women are nevertheless close to the top of their profession in men's football games. "You have to make double the effort a man makes" says Lixy Enriquez, 42, as assistant referee in Mexico.

Bermejo, a 37 year old PE teacher, has served as referee at second division male games in her native Peru. Like most of her female counterparts around the world, she has yet to break into the top league, where so far women serve only as lineswomen or fourth officials. There are exceptions. In Uruguay, Claudia Umpierrez, 33, made her top-flight debut in February as a referee in men's games. In Venezuela, Emikar Caldera and Yersinia Correa have been refereeing such games for three years.

Outside Latin America, Gladys Lengwe of Zambia is among the very few women to have reached the top level as a referee. In Ukraine, Kateryna Monzul is expected to do the same. FIFA has 720 women registered as professional referees - 324 referees and 396 assistants. But of 209 national federations, 60 have no female referees.

The President of the Peruvian Referees' Commission, Julio Arevalo, denied the system was sexist. "Anyone who passes the tests set for male referees by FIFA and South American football governing body Conmebol can do the job" he said. But when a woman does make the grade, a different challenge begins. The worst insults from the stands come from women fans, Lixy Enriquez says.

The reception on the field is not always better. When Virginia Tovar became the first woman to referee a top league men's match in Mexico in 2004, the star player Cuauhtemoc Blanco reportedly yelled at her, "Go and wash the dishes". For women who make the grade, the psychological pressure can even turn to violence. "One player jumped on me when I gave a foul and he didn't like it," says Tatiana Guzman, a 28 year old referee in Nicaragua, adding, "There is always the fear that someone foolish will do that. You have to be ready to run."

(Ed. www.asianage.com - via Mal Davies' regular videos and articles and spotted in The Chiltern Referee)

Edinburgh Festival Best Jokes



- I'm not a fan of the new pound coin, but then again, I hate all change. **Ken Cheng**
- Trump's nothing like Hitler. There's no way he could write a book. **Frankie Boyle**
- I've given up asking rhetorical questions. What's the point? **Alexei Sayle**
- I'm looking for the girl next door type. I'm just gonna keep moving house till I find her. **Lew Fitz**
- I like to imagine the guy who invented the umbrella was going to call it the 'brella'. But he hesitated. **Andy Field**
- Combine Harvesters. And you'll have a really big restaurant. **Mark Simmons**
- I'm rubbish with names. It's not my fault, it's a condition. There's a name for it... **Jimeoin**
- I have two boys, 5 and 6. We're no good at naming things in our house. **Ed Byrne**
- I wasn't particularly close to my dad before he died... which was lucky, because he trod on a land mine. **Olaf Falafel**
- Whenever someone says, 'I don't believe in coincidences.' I say, 'Oh my God, me neither!' **Alasdair Beckett-King**
- A friend tricked me into going to Wimbledon by telling me it was a men's singles event. **Angela Barnes**
- As a vegan, I think people who sell meat are disgusting; but apparently people who sell fruit and veg are grocer. **Adele Cliff**
- For me dying is a lot like going camping. I don't want to do it. **Phil Wang**
- I wonder how many chameleons snuck onto the Ark. **Adam Hess**
- I went to a Pretenders gig. It was a tribute act. **Tim Vine**
- ♦ Elton John hates talking about Indian clothing. Sari seems to be the hardest word. **Phil Nichol**
- ♦ PC World – you've got to be careful what you say in there. **Seymour Mace**

Pages from Yesteryear

"TWO REFEREES"

In April of this year I accompanied, together with two more Referees, a party of 16 Youth Footballers from Surrey on a tour of Maryland U₀S₀A, as guests of the Greater Severna Park Athletic Association. 5 matches were played during our ten day tour. Four of the games were controlled by American Officials and one by myself, with my two colleagues on the line.

The four games controlled by American Officials, was the first time I had encountered the 2 Referee system and, I hope, the last. It was a disaster. It totally bamboozled our players from start to finish, they were looking for flags that were not there. The system is supposed to work like this.

-One referee runs the whole of one side of the pitch, the second referee runs the other side, about 3 or 4 yards inside the field of play, although for most of the time they were running on the touchlines. Even if this was a workable method, which it definitely isn't, both referees would have needed to be greyhounds, because in theory they should have both been up in line with play at all times.

As was inevitable, there were several amusing situations.

On one occasion the referee on the far side blew his whistle for an "off-side" on the opposite side, the second referee didn't agree with the decision which he should have made anyway, and between them they decided to restart play with a dropped ball.

On many occasions decisions were given for incidents which occurred in the corners, when the referees were some-where near the halfway line. This did not exactly endear our players to the officials. Many infringements occurred in the centre of the pitch, which went totally unseen because of the distance they were away from play.

I spoke to the Officials, and made known to them my thoughts on this system of control, in the nicest possible way, of course, and apparently they use this system in most States of America for all football, except professional football, because the fees for Officials in junior football is £7.50. Linesmen, if they were to use them, would get the same, so this is the way they try to save money - in this case to the detriment of the game.

Indeed whilst waiting to play our final game of the tour, we watched a cup game between two American youth teams in which two players were sent off and four cautioned, simply because incidents were not spotted, due to the remote-ness of the Official.

So in my humble estimation, having witnessed the two man control in operation,, if there are any thoughts of giving this system a try out in England, my advice would be "Forget it!"

JOHN TURNER, writing in The Warbler September 1980

MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

I was refereeing a Conference league match. It was the usual type of Conference match, skilful, full of good football but competitive and very physical. However, the game was firmly under my control, the players accepted my decisions and there were no problems. Twenty minutes into the second half an attacker from the home side was five yards into his opponent's half when an opponent made a really strong challenge on him. It wasn't dirty or malicious just a really totally committed challenge.

The attacker made a meal of it. He fell to the ground holding his leg, writhing in agony and shouting. His colleagues gathered round me and shouting and pointing put me under a lot of pressure whilst he received treatment. I was very close to the incident and felt the attacker wasn't as badly injured as he was making out, he was milking it for all he was worth, and had an ulterior motive, to get his opponent cautioned. I went with my convictions and only spoke to the offender. The attacker wasn't happy nor were his colleagues.

The free kick was perfectly placed and the attacker, who two minutes earlier had been writhing on the ground in agony, ran ten yards into the penalty area, jumped, and met the cross with a powerful header, guiding the ball into the back of the net. He then ran around the pitch celebrating the goal. As we returned to the centre I ran alongside him and mentioned his leg. He smiled and said, "Oh that. I seem to have run it off." The game continued as before. I maintained my control and there were no more incidents. Everybody seemed happy at the end and the incident was never commented upon.

The Assessor was an ex-Football League referee in his first season as an Assessor. When he refereed, he was considered old school or as it was generally known, alternative. Now, as an Assessor he was totally the opposite. He tore into me about the incident and, in fact, the assessment seemed to be only about the incident so many times was it mentioned. It did make me think, however. Should I have given the decision everybody wanted, a caution, it would have been so easy for me, even though I thought it was wrong or should I have gone with my convictions. As it happens I went with the latter and probably the only thing that suffered was my marks.

Tony Murphy

I once swapped a lawn mower for one of our players.....I think I got the rough end of the deal though..... the mower was a better player.... well at least it covered more ground.

Ron Atkinson

In terms of the Richter scale this defeat was a force eight gale

John Lyall

Peter Read is hobbling and I've a feeling that that will slow him down

John Motson

Academy News

Hi all

Welcome to the first academy meeting of the season I hope you all had a relaxing summer break .

After another successful FA Referees Course at Byfleet Village FC we hope to welcome new members to the Academy very soon.

The Session will be based Goal Setting and the importances of self assessment

Meeting will start at 19:30 and will again be live on Instagram

Looking Forward to Seeing as Many of you as possible

Gareth Heighes

Woking RA Training and Welfare Officer



Pages from Yesteryear



Society wedding

LAST summer, on July 8th, (in the close season of course!), Steve Tomlinson, who is a member of our Society was married to his wife Michelle. In complete secrecy I arranged the "Guard of Honour" with eight of our members. Their timing had to be precise, so as to allow the bride and her father time to have gone into Church, then change into their referees' kit complete with linesmans' flags and get into position in readiness for the bride and groom's exit from Church after the marriage.

Steve is still an active member of our Society and, in fact, is on our Committee. He plays in our 5-a-side team and represented our Society at the National Finals held at Keele in 1984/85. (A dodgy referee that year if I remember correctly!). He and Michelle have now moved from our area and have bought a house in Abingdon. We wish them both many congratulations for a long and happy future together.

The photo shows: Guard of Honour from members of the Woking Referees' Society, bridegroom's side: Bob Marchant, Bryan Jackson, Dennis Roberts, Phil Salacinski. Bride's side: Dave Gilchrist, Phil Gasson, Chris Jones

The above appeared in "The Football Referee" January 1990 and was sent to me by Tony Murphy. The last name of the "guard of honour" I believe is Roy Butler.

More MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was the end of my first season as a referee. The two top teams in the league were level on points but one had a far superior goal average with one game to play against a team in the lower half of the table. To lose the league they would have to be beaten by more than eight goals. As it was already late April neither team wanted to play the game and they hoped it would be cancelled by the league. However, the league had not only insisted it be played but, due to its importance, neutral linesmen be appointed as well, which is where I came in, I was one of the linesmen. The game was scheduled to be played on the first Saturday in May at Peckham Rye, which was close to me, but there were problems getting a council pitch in May and eventually it was played on Mitcham Common, some considerable distance away from me, on the third Saturday in May. I was the only linesman as the other linesman called off sick the night before the game and they couldn't get a replacement.

It was a very warm day and the pitch was hard, badly worn and dusty, with the lines faded where the pitch had not been remarked by the Council. From the beginning it was clear that neither side wanted to be there. However, the league leaders accepted the situation and got on with it. Their opponents had a different view. They knew they were likely to be well beaten, as they had been in the first match, and they weren't interested in playing. They never put in much effort and never really competed. Once they began to concede goals the behaviour of some of their player's deteriorated and they started to act silly and play the fool. As the game went on others joined in and to several players everything was a big joke. The referee did his best to manage the situation and keep the game moving but it was very difficult as the players just weren't interested.

I was running the league leader's forwards which was good for me as they were hardly ever out of their opponent's half and I was continually involved. However, their goalkeeper was the most bored player on the pitch having had virtually nothing to do all game. Midway through the second half he was standing in his goal by the post talking to two friends smoking a cigarette which one of his friends had given him. He was so engrossed in his discussion he wasn't paying attention to the game and was surprised to see the ball bouncing towards his penalty area. He started to run to meet it and then realised he had a cigarette in his hand which he quickly threw to the side of the penalty area before continuing on towards the ball. Whether he saw it or not I don't know but the referee just allowed the game to continue. Five minutes later he blew for time. Nobody questioned the short half, nobody cared. Everybody was just pleased the game had been played and was over.

Officials were paid a flat fee and the referee was paid the standard fee of twelve shillings and sixpence. (67.5p). However, in the league rules no provision had been made for official linesman in this situation and I was paid a fee of five shillings (25p) on the referee's Secretary' instructions.

Tony Murphy

What Would You Do ?

Regarding the response for Q6 from May's edition, I'm not sure I agree with the answer as given:

The last player in a penalty shootout loses his nerve and refuses to take his kick. The published answer is that, unless the player changes his mind, you would abandon the match. Abandonment in such circumstances would cause trouble for the guilty team and hassle for the cup organizers (imagine it happening in a final!). I believe there is a solution that would avoid abandonment, achieve a final result and still remain within the laws:

Advise the player that the kick must be taken and that, because he is the final player, it must be taken by him. Let him know that you will place the ball and signal for the kick to be taken. If he refuses at that point, then he will be guilty of delaying the restart of play.

Law 10 states: 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.

Therefore: If, after you have signalled, the player still refuses to take the kick, caution him and count the penalty as having been missed. The other team therefore win.

If, having been advised of your intent, rather than wait for you to signal for the penalty, the player simply leaves the field of play, caution him for leaving without permission.

Law 10 also states: Kicks from the penalty mark must not be delayed for a player who leaves the field of play. The player's kick will be forfeited (not scored) if the player does not return in time to take a kick. So the kick is also marked as having been missed in this scenario, meaning the other team still win.

Regards. **Mike Coen (Sutton RS)**

Cricket Coleman Balls (well it is summer!



That's whatt happens when, in cricketing parlance, the wheel comes off—and you cant steer the boat**Bob Willis**

Yes, he's a very good cricketer - pity he's not a better batter or bowler
.....**Tom Graveney**

He's got perfect control of the ball, right up to the minute he lets go
.....**Peter Walker**

England were beaten in the sense that they lost**Dicky Davis**

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Adie "Knows" Best

The new Season is almost upon us in the SCILW and the G&WAFL so if you haven't given me your availability please do so at your earliest convenience.

We shall be seeing 1 newly promoted team and one returning Club in the SCILW and several new and returning clubs plus some additional reserve teams in the G&WAFL. This means I should be able to keep you all busy.

Not very comfortable at present. My GP diagnosed (no pun intended) a basal cell carcinoma on my nose and after a visit to confirm this I went into the Day Surgery last Monday. I have to admit the eight injections of local anaesthetic in the old snitch nearly brought tears to my eyes and they had to cut a 10mm dia lump out to the cartilage. It was then stitched up and I currently look like I have had a couple of rounds with Mike Tyson!! I am lobbing pain killers down my throat like they are going out of fashion – still all done now and hopefully that will be the last of it. I just hope my nose will come back to its normal angle as it is very twisted at present.

Diane and I had another memorable time in Jersey earlier this Month. It nearly went wrong when they cancelled the Fast Ferry on the day we were travelling. We contacted them the day before while on our way to Poole and Condor were able to get us on the Conventional Ferry from Portsmouth. It was a very wet and windy day so it did not matter that we were travelling all day on the ship. The following day the sun came out – great waves so we donned the wetsuits, grabbed the boards and hit the surf! Best waves we have had for a couple of years so we made the most of them.

I had a totally different commission for my wood-working skills – Diane wanted a Dolls House for the School. The agreement was that I made it and she painted it – you know where this is going already! I purchased the plywood and started work and by midday Sunday it was complete. Unfortunately painter and decorator eldest son was around and told my good lady that the standard of her painting was poor and it looked like the Council had done it! I think he was lucky to avoid a flipped paint brush and while her back was turned he and I performed a minor miracle. She still thinks she did it and told my son that she thought that there was no problem with her efforts.

A still tongue makes a wise head!!!!
Enjoy your games

Adie



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

Part 61 - It's not cricket

Please tell me the purpose of cricket
To watch a ball being thrown at a wicket
It's boring and not a pretty sight
It's confusing when both teams wear white

Was the ball in or was it out?
Arms raised in the air as the players shout
The umpire's decision is the final word
No dissent shown and nothing is heard

The spectators at cricket are polite
They agree that the umpire is right
But football fans cheer and they sing songs
And they all agree the referee is wrong

If the ball is hit and strikes the boundary
And rolls along the floor
The umpire makes a signal and he awards a four
If the ball goes over the boundary and travels in the air
The umpire awards six runs and that seems only fair

Cricket takes too long, seven hours or more
Spectators fall asleep and they begin to snore
When they wake up they don't know the score
It's the tenth over so they snooze some more

A football game will last for ninety minutes
Where there are goals instead of the wickets
No time for breakfast, porridge or toast
But footballers go home for a Sunday roast

Cricket is different and this is the key
The game stops for lunch and later for tea
If this happened in football it would be a big deal
Why eat the half time orange
When you can eat a three course meal

Have you noticed the umpire never seems to move
Is that the best position or could he improve
At least the referee can move position
Which should result in awarding the right decision

Now if a cricket ball hits you it can cause great pain
And this could mean it's the end of your game
But hit by a football and it only feels numb
Whether it hits your finger or maybe your.....thumb

The game is finally over when the batsmen are all out
Players are normally quiet but occasionally they shout
But alas in football and you know what I mean
Players shout and sometimes they scream

So much to consider and I've just had a thought
Football or cricket, am I in the right sport?
But we all know the answer as we all agree
We want to be the football referee!

See you all soon!

Willy "The Bard" Woodwork



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

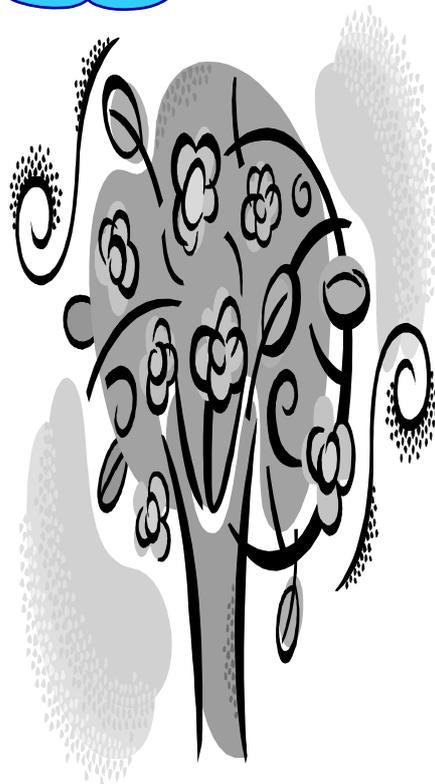
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What Would You Do? Answers to August Issue

Q1. A blue defender tries to block a goal-bound shot and appears to have a seizure, flinging an arm out deflecting the ball wide before collapsing. You call the physio, but what else would you do - send the player off and award a penalty?

A1 If the player carries on playing then you might assume it wasn't a genuine medical incident and that he was in control of himself, and that he deliberately denied an obvious goal. In those circumstances, show him a red card and award a penalty. If medical staff told me he could not carry on, I'd accept that it wasn't a deliberate handball, and award a corner.

Q2. With the home team winning 4-0 and dominating play in the second half, the home captain is seriously injured in a challenge for the ball. An ambulance is called to remove the player. The home team say they are too traumatised to carry on. What would you do?

A2. If you genuinely believe the team are not trying to con you and that emotions are too raw, then you have the option to abandon. If though you have your doubts, you should ask the two teams to play out the remainder of the game. If the home side refuses, then you will have to abandon the match, including full details in your report.

Q3. On a slippery and muddy surface a defender launches into a sliding tackle, fouling the attacker by the corner of the penalty area. Initial contact is made outside the area, but then the foul continues inside the area. Both players end up outside the penalty area. What would you do?

A3. If a foul starts outside the area and continues into it, you have the option to play advantage from the initial foul and penalise the "continued offence" inside the area. You should award a penalty.

Q4. During the half time interval you are made aware that a group of substitutes who have been warming up on the pitch are fighting each other. When you make it outside the changing rooms you find one of them on the ground with a head wound. A TV producer says it has all been caught on camera. What would you do?

A4. Get medical help for the injured player. You didn't see the incident and you are not allowed to use TV evidence. Inform the club that you will be reporting the incident. If the injured player cannot continue, he cannot be replaced, as the game is underway.

Q5. A blue defender slips, gifting a red striker an easy scoring chance. But as the red striker shoots the blue defender puts his hand between the boot and the ball. The striker kicks the hand onto the ball and the shot flies wide. As the defender screams in agony, both sides protest. What would you do?

A5. Get medical help for the player. Then show him a red card for DOGSO. The defender's action was deliberate; the striker accidentally caused the injury. Restart with a direct free kick to the attacking side (or a penalty if the incident occurred in the area).

Q6. You have stopped play to assess a head injury which has turned out not to require the attention of the physio. With the restart being a dropped ball, the 'injured' player tells you that he'll kick it back to the opponents' keeper. He duly does so but the ball catches the wind and sails over the keeper and into the net. There are angry shouts but the player's own reaction makes it clear that there had been no intent and he immediately offers to score an own-goal to even things up. What would you do?

A6. No action required. Restart with a goal kick. Law 8 says: if a dropped ball enters the goal without touching at least two players, play is restarted with a goal kick if it enters the opponent's goal or a corner if it enters the team's own goal.

Q7. On a windy Sunday morning, you are refereeing a local league lower division game. A Blue defender is stretching to reach a long punt by a Red player with other Red attackers running toward him. His team mates, standing some 10 yards behind him, just inside his own penalty area and with no other players near him, shouts, "Leave it". The first defender duly ducks under the ball. Several Red players shout that he can't say "Leave it" but has to give a name. What would you do? →

A7. No action required. No offence has been committed. The idea that a player must shout a name is a myth, and has never been a part of law.

(Ed. These questions were based on others taken from "In the referee's opinion" in Touchlines - Sutton RS; from The Informer" - Eccles RS, and from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion).

What Would You Do?

Question 1. A keeper parries a direct free kick to a striker who was standing in the defensive wall. But when the striker scores the rebound, your assistant flags for offside. The attacker is furious; he points out that he was only in an offside position because the wall edged forward over your foam line as the shot was struck. He is right. What would you do?

Question 2 A 'keeper is struggling to put his glove back on after being treated for an injury so his physio steps back onto the pitch to help. But at that moment a goal-bound shot flies in and the physio - furious that you restarted before the keeper was ready - deliberately deflects it wide. What would you do?

Question 3.

An exciting cup final has seen eight goals shared across normal and extra time and kicks from the penalty mark are required to decide the victor. Incredibly, the first six penalties are all either missed or saved but then, as often happens, the lower order save the day and penalty after penalty is safely despatched. Eventually, both sides have taken eleven penalties each and the score is 8-8. We therefore need to start again - but the captain of the first team informs you that his first three takers do not want to step up again. Instead he nominates his goalkeeper - who took the final penalty of the first eleven - to go again immediately and take penalty number 12. What would you do?

Question 4.

Your cup final has been played on a pudding of a pitch. With not much good football played, neither side have looked remotely like scoring and even extra time has failed to see the deadlock broken. You prepare for kicks from the penalty mark. The Blue captain advises you of his first five penalty takers. The Red captain, however, is still in conversation with his players and says he will probably take the first one but they will work out the remaining order as they go along! What would you do?

Question 5.

Last season two rival players clashed violently. You are in charge for the first meeting since the incident - and you're shocked to see one of them run out with a big wig on, mocking his opponent's trademark haircut. The wig is firmly fixed. What would you do?

Question 6.

During a stormy match a player collects the ball from the crowd to take a throw-in. As he does so a fan hands him a banner which contains a message - calling you an idiot. The player smirks and walks slowly over to you - deliberately displaying the banner for all to see - and hands it over. What would you do?

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