

## December 2001

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at 7.30 pm, prompt, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 at our new venue, Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9GL.

The December meeting will be a social evening, with Society business kept to a minimum and refreshments will be provided. If you have any video footage of 'match incidents' shown on the box, bring them along for discussion, over a pint.

Peter Dace's article. "The continuing career of a journeyman Referee – part 3" in the November issue, was a fascinating glimpse into the football life of one of the Society's most respected members. If you have not yet read the article do so, and why not let Peter know what you think of his career so far? How does he keep track of all his games?

Life Vice-President, George Basten's wife, Joan, is now out of hospital, after seven weeks, (see last month's Normidian). George thanks the Society for the flowers we sent "they were really lovely, and Joan was obviously quite delighted to receive them ... and they were ever so much appreciated by both of us". George says he is happy to receive phone calls from friends and colleagues.

The Quiz Nite, held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, at the Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, was very successful in terms of numbers attending – around 100 quizzers. Question master, Mick Osborn and his charming wife, Grace, ran the show with the help of the usual band of volunteers providing prizes. The fish/chicken & chip supper, whilst very tasty, ran away with most of the profits; the Treasurer will no doubt make sure that the next event will be a money-spinner, even if we have to have to eat caraway seeds! Chairman Tom White led the winning table, although his own contribution was apparently on the small side, I understand!

Owing to lack of time before going to press, the passing of Ken Aston was only briefly mentioned in last month's Normidian. Ken Goldman, a friend of the great man for many years, writes a fitting tribute to Ken in this issue.

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A young referee who enjoyed the recent Quiz Nite at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, has started coming to table tennis coaching sessions. Who is he? And are you interested in playing this lifetime sport, as a keep-fit adjunct to your refereeing? Contact the editor for more information. Also did you know that Michael Owen is only one of a number of top footballers playing TT?

I was sorry to have to miss the November Society meeting. I understand special guest and former Chairman of the Society, Dave Ackerman, was in fine form. Unfortunately, a copy of the minutes of the meeting is not available at the time of writing. But I live in hope! Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, can I please have anything for the January magazine by the Society's December meeting. Any minutes etc from that meeting may have to be included in February's Normidian, unless I get them pronto.

# Seasons Greetings

from Mick Osborn

Something to do while the Christmas pudding is going down. Can you match the events with the season?

1. Law changed so that goalkeepers could only handle the ball in their own penalty area.
2. Red and yellow cards were introduced in the Football League on October 2.
3. David Seaman became the most expensive goalkeeper in England when he joined Arsenal from QPR for £1.3m.
4. After threatening to go on strike, players' wages were raised from pre-war level of £8.00 per week to £9.00 per week.
5. The F.A. Council abolished the distinction between amateurs and professionals and from then on all footballers were described as players.
6. First division match between Arsenal and Sheffield United was first to be broadcast on radio.
7. Numbered boards to signal substitutions were used in England for the first time at the Charity Shield when Derby beat West Ham 2-0.
8. UEFA was formed at a meeting during the World Cup finals in Switzerland.
9. Diadora League experimented with FIFA's idea of teams being allowed to take a kick-in rather than a throw-in.
10. England beat the Rest of the World at Wembley in a match to celebrate the F.A.'s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
11. Terry Venables and Alan Sugar snatched control of Tottenham from under the nose of Robert Maxwell.
12. Enfield completed a non-League treble when they won the Amateur Cup, the Isthmian League and the Middlesex Senior Cup.
13. A referee used a whistle for the first time.
14. Maradona failed a routine drug test and was expelled from the World Cup finals in the United States.
15. Doncaster Belles won the inaugural women's National League with eleven straight victories.

Here are the seasons: (a) 1878-79, (b) 1911-12, (c) 1926-27, (d) 1937-38, (e) 1945-46, (f) 1953-54, (g) 1969-70, (h) 1972-73, (i) 1975-76, (j) 1976-77, (k) 1989-90, (l) 1990-91, (m) 1991-92, (n) 1993-94, (o) 1994-95.

The answers are at the foot of this page.

**I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful  
New Year**

1(b), 2(!), 3(k), 4(e), 5(h), 6(c), 7(l), 8(f), 9(o), 10(d), 11(i), 12(g), 13(a), 14(n), 15(m)

### Side Bar

Football in general and refereeing in particular lost another important personality in the autumn of this year. Ken Aston MBE was born on the 1st September 1915 and died on the 23rd October 2001 aged 86. A teacher of academic subjects as a schoolmaster as well as a teacher of both the Laws of football and more importantly the practice of refereeing he had an influence on our National game which unfortunately has not been recognised to the full. Here we try and pay a belated tribute to a truly remarkable man.

### **THE ASTUTE MR ASTON by Ken Goldman**

Although the late Sir Stanley Rous in the mid 1930's re — wrote and modernised the Laws of the Game and invented the diagonal system of refereeing many of the things that Referees and spectators now take for granted were either invented, created or pioneered by Ken Aston. There are few at any level of refereeing in this Country and some parts of the World, from junior to International soccer who do not officiate without recalling during their matches some of his words of wisdom. He brought to the Game such ideas as the Red and Yellow, Cards; fluorescent Assistant Referees' Flags and substitute boards as well as developing the tunic that is now in common use. An International Referee for several years, he was an Administrator in the three World Cups of 1966, 1970 and 1974 taking charge in the latter two of the Referees, both prior to and during, the Competitions. Through his work for refereeing in the U.S.A. he was given an English M.B.E and inducted into the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame.

Not a man, who has been heralded perhaps his most celebrated time came in England in the 1966 World Cup. Then he was totally responsible for the whole of the logistics of the Referees as he recounted — "It was during my functions at that time that I invented the position of the Fourth Official. I was concerned if one of the Officials was injured during the game, we would have a World Cup being televised around the World held up while there were loud -speaker pleas for a qualified Referee to come forward. We already had in close proximity several Football League Referees so I organised for them to be drafted in and made available if necessary. During that series we had the famous incident in the England v Argentina match of their Captain Rattin refusing to leave the field after being sent off. I volunteered to step in because I feared the match would otherwise be abandoned. In my poor Spanish I made it clear to him that if he did not go it would be bad not only for him but also for his Country's Association. Eventually he was persuaded.

“During that competition, the concept of Red and Yellow Cards was born. They came about because both Bobby and Jack Charlton were cautioned in that Argentina game but they did not know about it until they subsequently read it in the newspapers. Neither did Sir Alf Ramsey so FIFA were questioned for confirmation. I was sitting in the office set aside for FIFA when the call came through. The Referees’ Secretary referred to the Referee’s Report and confirmed they had been cautioned. That set me thinking about the confusion. On my way home going through Kensington, I ran into a number of yellow and red traffic lights. I was forced to stop even though I was in a hurry. I calmed myself down by saying “yellow — take it easy; red — stop”. The cards were theoretically born then and I introduced them in Mexico in the 1970 World Cup. Initially whilst they have been helpful ever after in that respect, they were not primarily introduced to overcome language difficulties. Personally I had no difficulty cautioning foreign players since I did it with mime and gesture. However I am pleased to see others have benefited from the Cards meaning players, Managers and spectators who now know who has been cautioned, providing the Card system is administered properly. Unfortunately the frequent issue of Yellow Cards is reducing the Referee’s ability to talk to players and develop his/her skills of man — management.

“Referring to the creation of the modern “Assistants” flags, these arose in an unusual manner. The flags used to be in the colours of the “Home” Club. About to drive to Dulwich Hamlet on a miserably wet November Saturday afternoon, before floodlights were ever used, I was concerned I might not be able to see the flags that would have been in colours of chocolate and pink. I therefore borrowed some orange dusters from my wife stuck them on the ends of some warped cut down billiard cues and then asked my Linesman to use them. They were so successful that I experimented again and next used some material left over from the Second World War used to identify to our Air Force that we were friendly troops. It was florescent yellow. Again they were successful and the F.A took up the idea developing red as well as yellow, florescent colours.

“The unnecessarily cumbersome procedure of getting players off the field who were pretending they had not heard their Coach, thus holding up the game, also exercised my mind. I devised the idea of numbered boards and thus introduced the “Substitute Board” initially in the 1974 World Cup in Germany.”

Ken Aston had few unfulfilled ambitions, but he confessed he would have loved the job of Director of Referees in the Football League. He said he wanted that position “In order to weld all the domestic Referees into a team and get them to work in unison, as I did with the World Cup Referees in 1970 and 1974”.

So that the refereeing side of the~ game is able to keep up with modern methods and current trends especially at professional level, it is imperative we discover, (if it is conceivable) another Ken Aston as soon as possible, otherwise we will be unable to replace the irreplaceable.

## **October's Special Guest – David Ackerman**

As a former Chairman of the Society and now a Director of a highly-respected local football club, Wingate and Finchley FC, one could be excused for thinking David Ackerman is a poacher turned gamekeeper – or is it the other way round? Anyway, David has successfully planted his feet in both of these highly differing spheres of the game. And he was able to talk about the differences in a knowledgeable and entertaining way.

First, David paid tribute to Ken Aston who was President of Wingate & Finchley FC. At a recent FA Cup match at Mildenhall, Ken received a standing ovation after keeping the directors of both clubs enthralled for 15 minutes during the half-time interval.

About players, David suggested their descriptions were often slanted to deceive the unwary. For instance, for 'Very Competitive' read 'Dirty'; for 'Seasoned Pro' read 'Old' and for 'Economic' read 'Never gets the ball'!

He advised, what Clubs and Assessors want is a competent and professional referee and suggested an analogy with Traffic Lights - keep the game in the Green zone; when it turns Amber – problems are coming or creeping in, and Red means trouble!

On issuing cautions, David's advice was to look at the manner in which cautions are given - this can often determine how the game continues. Try to be polite and not Jack the Lad. And has the Yellow Card been devalued? As it is now mandatory for technical offences, there is no luxury of the 'bollocking'. A later tackle, which would warrant a caution, now leads to a send-off and psychologically the game may not warrant it.

David said the players at W&F level, get 5 cautions before a 'time', not match, ban.

He suggested splitting technical cautions from 'in-game' offences could be an improvement.

Use preventative refereeing – make a player back off the ball at a free kick before he does, therefore no caution. Stop it before it happens, suggested our guest.

About his own club, Wingate & Finchley FC, he said the stadium costs run at around £100k pa. Dissent cautions, and Foul/Abusive Language Send-Offs – players pay their own fines. This has resulted in a reduction of some £2k from two years ago.

After the usual question and answer session, David was thanked for coming back to the Society and giving those present the benefit of his experience, both as a referee and an administrator. Finally, David was given an enthusiastic round of applause in appreciation of an entertaining evening.



## **MATCH INCIDENTS**

At the November meeting, there was discussion about when kicks from the penalty mark are used to decide the result of a game. The question was raised whether the referee should award a goal when the ball enters the goal off the goalkeeper after rebounding from the crossbar or post. The LOAF does not make the matter clear. However, the teaching notes issued by the F.A. to Referee Instructors, which accompany the basic syllabus for referee training courses, may be of help. They state under the heading of Extension of Time, (i.e. for the taking of a penalty kick,) "Ball rebounding from goalpost on to goalkeeper has been confirmed as a permissible goal - even if the goalkeeper is off the line when it hits him. The game is not complete until the ball has finished any continuous movement and finishes in the goal or the goal is clearly not scored." Although kicks from the penalty mark are not penalty kicks as described in Law 14, in the absence of anything else, this seems a good guide to go by.

## Taylor: red card will stop the diving cheats

Top Cheshunt referee Paul Taylor has backed a FIFA proposal to send-off players found guilty of diving at next year's World Cup finals.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter last week controversially suggested that any player who tries to gain an illegal advantage by diving in next year's tournament in Japan and South Korea should be immediately punished with a red card, in a defiant attempt to clamp down on cheating.

The idea has received a mixed response, but Taylor, who has refereed in the FA Premiership, believes that the concept may well work.

"I'm all for change and experiment," said Taylor. "There is a lot of talking that goes on, but nothing is actually done.

"The difficulty will be in deciding that a player has feigned an offence. The idea that such drastic action will stop players from diving is controversial as it is, without players simulating and making it more difficult. But if it drives out the problem, it's a good thing.

"In the World Cup, there is additional pressure on referees to get things right, but the very best referees in the world should be there. Every decision will be critical and this will be just another one."

Blatter's ideas are at an early stage, with the concept requiring approval from the whole of the FIFA body before being given the go-ahead for the World Cup.

It is believed that the earliest the proposal will be implemented is March, when FIFA meet to make any potential amendments to the current laws of the game.

If the new concept is adopted and is seen as a success in the World Cup, it is likely to be used in all levels of football as early as next season.

Taylor, a personnel manager for British Telecom, is also keen to see the use of technology in games, in light of a number of top-flight managers calling for the use of instant video replays during game to settle controversial incidents.

"Let's try it!" said Taylor. "The referees are the ones to be asked, but we just implement the laws. Would clubs perceive the need to get the right decisions at the risk of interrupting games?"

"I think we should experiment in some of the pre-season tournaments; learn the lessons and take the developments forward, in a safe and competitive environment. Some experiments are tried and used, others are dismissed."

Forty-one-year-old Taylor, who has been a football referee for more than 25 years, is enjoying life in the Nationwide League this season, having decided not to become a professional referee in the summer.

He said: "It's very nice! I'm keeping busy with lots of matches and it's going very well."

Taylor takes charge of the FA Cup first-round tie between Mansfield Town and Oxford United at the Field Mill ground tomorrow (Saturday)

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An American was watching his first football match on a freezing cold January day in Sheffield. He asked his host "What happens if it snows, do they paint the balls red?"

"oh no", came the reply, "They just put on an extra pair of shorts!!"

Vince Yeudall

Peter Dace reminisces - the Normidian of December 1991

Monthly meeting at Norsemen F.C. on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Guest speaker Gerald Sinstadt, BBC commentator and Society Member.

Editor Tim Slader says recent magazines 'have been very short of any articles written by Members' and asks for anything even in note form in order to produce a vibrant Normidian'.

Social Secretary Paul Vosper writes that the first social event of the season, a quiz night, was very enjoyable with over 50 in attendance. Winner Old Finchleians F.C. at their home venue.

Alex Myers pens 'The right of reply from a Referee - the Forgotten Man'. Fifteen point article covers from his aspect as a Referees Secretary through to Laws of the Game via peculiarities of some players.

Arthur Pearce reflects on the 1991 F.A.Cup Final and feels that Referees should not treat incidents in Cup Finals any differently from normal league matches.

Two page insert from 'When Saturday comes' illustrating in cartoon form The Art of being sent off.



## **Referees Wanted!**

Referees are wanted for the London Catholic Schools Cup. The competition is run for Catholic schools in London for the Under 19 age group. The games are usually played on Wednesday afternoons, about 2.30. Good standard. For more information, contact Eddie McClusky, on 020 83602411.

### **FA Academy Small Sided Football – The Way Forward?**

As a Referee regularly involved in Chelsea's Academy matches on Sunday mornings, I was asked to find some Referees to take part in a Football Festival at their Academy ground on Thursday 25 October. The rules for Small Sided Academy matches (generally Under 9's; Under 10's; and Under 11's) differ from the standard Small Sided Football rules. In summary, there is no Offside – unless an attacker is blatantly goal-hanging; the 'Back Pass' rule is generally that no pressure may be put on the Goal Keeper; the time played is usually agreed between the competing teams, but should be four equal periods; and all matches are eight-a-side. Chelsea had proposed some rule changes, and the FA Premier League had sanctioned this Festival to try them out. Apart from the teams taking part – Chelsea; Arsenal; Fulham; and Wimbledon - officials from other Clubs had been invited, and there was also an FA Premier League Observer in attendance to see how the day progressed. Apart from the standard pitch markings, the pitch was also divided into thirds – marked by additional lines across the pitch, and by posts at the side. The reasons for this are evident from the playing conditions below.

#### **Basic Rules were as follows: -**

	<b>Under 9</b>	<b>Under 10</b>	<b>Under 11</b>
Number of Players	7 a Side (1 goalkeeper and 6 outfield players)	8 a Side (1 goalkeeper and 7 outfield players)	9 a Side (1 goalkeeper and 8 outfield players)
Pitch Dimensions	60yds (min); 65yds (max) by 40yds (min); 45yds (max)	65yds (min); 70yds (max) by 45yds (min); 50yds (max)	70yds (min); 75yds (max) by 50yds (min); 55yds (max)
Goal Size	6ft by 6yds	6ft by 6yds	7ft by 7yds
Ball Size	3	4	4
Duration of Play	Four periods of twenty minutes	Four periods of twenty minutes	Four periods of twenty minutes
Player Restrictions	Every outfield player to play a minimum of two, and a maximum of three periods	Every outfield player to play a minimum of two, and a maximum of three periods	Every outfield player to play a minimum of two, and a maximum of three periods

The following variations on the Laws of the Game were then included: -

#### **Getting Out from the Back**

	<b>Under 9</b>	<b>Under 10</b>	<b>Under 11</b>
When the Goalkeeper is in possession either in open play or at a goal-kick	All the attacking players must drop off to the edge of the final third line  Up to three defending players are allowed to stay in the defending third	All the attacking players except one must drop off to the edge of the final third line  Up to three defending players are allowed to stay in the defending third; the one opponent being allowed to pressurise the ball	Normal Playing Conditions apply
The goalkeeper can select one of the following choices of distribution	Roll; throw; or kick the ball out to anyone of his three team-mates in the defending third; the receiving player is allowed one 'free' controlling touch before opponents can pressurise the ball  Roll; throw; or kick the ball out to anyone of his remaining team-mates. These players can be marked by opponents in the usual way	Roll; throw; or kick the ball out to anyone of his three team-mates in the defending third; the one opponent in the defending third can challenge at any time. After the receiving player has had a controlling touch, the remainder of the opponents can pressurise the ball.  Roll; throw; or kick the ball out to anyone of his remaining team-mates. These players can be marked by opponents in the usual way	Normal Playing Conditions apply

## Conditions Applying to the Goalkeeper

### **Under 9**

Is Allowed to:-  
Pick the ball up from a back pass  
Take a goal-kick from the edge of the penalty area  
Distribute the ball in accordance with 'Getting Out from the Back' above.

### **Under 10**

Is Allowed to:-  
Pick the ball up from a back pass – except in the 'six yard area' where normal 'back-pass' rules apply to the Goalkeeper, BUT the opponents cannot pressurise the ball  
Distribute the ball in accordance with 'Getting Out from the Back' above

### **Under 11**

Normal Playing Conditions apply

## Other Conditions

### **Under 9**

When the Goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, either at a goal-kick, or in free play, none of his team-mates are allowed to stand in the opponents final third until the ball has been delivered back into play.  
With specific reference to throw-ins, referees are encouraged to allow players ample opportunity to restart the game correctly, and allow incorrectly taken throws to be re-taken

### **Under 10**

When the Goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, either at a goal-kick, or in free play, none of his team-mates are allowed to stand in the opponents final third until the ball has been delivered back into play.

### **Under 11**

Players can be offside in the final third of the field

## My Observations

Personally, I see this as a step in the right direction, as this can only aid the development of young players. Whilst the matches on the day were each of two periods of fifteen minutes, the restriction of a maximum of one hours playing time proposed will ensure that all squads are of ample size - frequently we see small squads of nine or ten boys having to play eighty minutes football. Whilst taking time to get used to the conditions, generally, the players adapted well, and certainly seemed to get to grips with the changes, although at times they had to be encouraged to retreat from the final third of play.

As Referees, on the day we operated with two to a pitch - one in each half - in order to monitor the additional conditions placed on us. One of the feedback sheets completed after the day questioned the need for two referees at Under 9 level. However, I am not sure how we would have been able to monitor all these conditions that were new to us without being 'two to a pitch'. If these rules are adopted, once we are used to the new conditions, one referee may well suffice.

I feel that the specific reference to 'throw-ins' at Under 9's should be extended at least to Under 10's, if not the Under 11's as well, as, even at Under 13 level recently, I had cause to penalise Chelsea players at least five times during one match for both hand and feet infringements.

Overall, the day was an enjoyable one – if nothing else it was an experience – and I would welcome the changes being introduced. I am not sure all of the Club coaches agree with my views – they just want to let the boys play football, and not complicate matters. One coach asked if we would be playing with a square ball next week!!

Gary Cobden

## WE HAVE A FRIEND OUT THERE!

by Mick Osborn

One Saturday early in November, I was at Firs Farm. In the dressing room, one of the referees mentioned that he had been sworn at by a player after the game had finished. Although he knew from which team the offensive language had come, he could not identify the actual player. He asked the captain for his assistance but he denied knowledge of who it was. Later, as I emerged from the shower, the said captain was in the referees' room, not with the name of the foul-mouth, not giving the official his fee, but remonstrating with him, accusing *him* of swearing at *his* players. The referee denied it and said that he would be reporting the matter (including the captain's part.) Whether the club supported the captain's allegations, I do not know, but I can imagine that evening in the pub or clubhouse, the referee being criticised and the player concerned hailed as some kind of hero, if he had the guts to own up. Had he got away with it? I know it's the season of good will but I hope not.

In the sports section of the Daily Telegraph on the 5th November, Michael Parkinson wrote of the hypocrisy in football, (naturally at the top of the professional ladder.) He criticised the treatment of Dermot Gallagher and Paul Durkin over the Robbie Keane and Graham Le Saux incidents. In both cases Mr. Don was quickly on the box announcing that the referees were being punished whilst the real culprits got away with it. Mr. Parkinson asked why chairmen who, he presumes, are concerned for the good name of their clubs, take no action against coaches whose teams have gruesome disciplinary records? However, it is the players who he sees as the real culprits, and here I would like to quote from the article.

"The chairman of the PFA, Barry Horne, called for greater consistency from referees. His argument is that players are confused when Paul Ince gets a red card for using his hands and Robbie Keane doesn't. What a paltry, wet, limp-response. Does Mr. Horne believe his members are so gormless they have to be told which foot to start with and how many steps to take? Are they given a map to get out of the car park?"

"What Mr. Horne should be telling them is it's not the punishment that defiles the game but the offence. In other words, they should take full responsibility for their behaviour and if they are genuinely unable to differentiate between right and wrong should seek immediate expert help before they do something silly in the real world and get locked up."

I find it pleasantly surprising when media folk find something nice to say about those who devote their time to judging, umpiring, refereeing, etc. The odds of coming across such benevolence is not much better than finding a winning lottery ticket in the gutter. Thank you, Mr. Parkinson. I'll watch your show.

A thought crossed my mind. Where was the voice of the R.A? I only ask because I would like to know.



### Have a laugh

The new referee for the Celtic and Rangers match was checking with the team managers before kick-off. "Well, that seems to be about everything". The managers agreed, "Now, if you would like to give us the name and address of your next of kin, we'll get started!!"

Vince Yeudall

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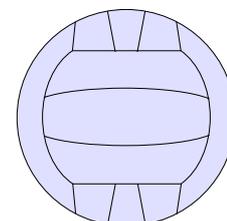
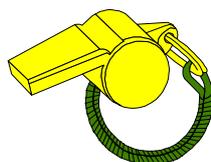
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RA Flags Plain - £4.75; RA Flags Quartered - £7.00; RA Flagsticks - £3.00

### **Matchday Accessories**

We can supply Match Record Cards and Holders; General Purpose Postcards; Red and Yellow Cards; Wrist Lanyards; a selection of Whistles including the ever popular Fox range, and some with finger grips. Pressure Guages are available to order.

#### **Prices are as follows:-**

Match Record Pads - £0.70	Match Record Pad Holder - £0.70
Red and Yellow Cards and Wallet - £2.00	Red/ Yellow Cards/Wallet/Pencil - £2.30
All Purpose Postcards - £1.10	Red and Yellow Cards (set) - £1.10
Pencils - £0.10	
Plastic Whistle With Grip - £1.30	Plastic Whistle - £1.20
Plastic Finger Whistle - £1.40	Metal Whistle - £3.40
Pealess Whistle - £1.30	Lanyard - £1.60

**Other Items available as follows:-**

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| Boot Laces - £1.15                  | Sock Ties - £1.10                             |
| NMRS Ties - £6.00                   | NMRS 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tie - £7.50 |
| RA Tie - £5.50                      | LOAF (Referees Chart) - £3.00                 |
| FA Diary - £4.00                    | NMRS Credit Card Holder - £3.30               |
| RA Baseball Cap - £5.00             | RA Crested Holdall - £15.00                   |
| "Football Referee" Magazine - £0.75 |   |
| Coloured Shirts - £5.00             | Coloured Shorts - £5.00                       |

**Christmas Specials**

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| Christmas Wrapping Paper - Packs of 10 Sheets | £2.00 |
| Birthday Cards - Packs of 12 Cards            | £2.00 |

All Prices subject to fluctuation and change without notice.

Contact Percy Brown - 01707 851369 or 07801 985912

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY**

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CLUB

Draw results for November 2001 are shown below. There were 54 shares, and payout is 70% of the pool - £37.80. The November draw was made by our Guest Speaker, Dave Ackerman.

If you would like to join for the remainder of the Season, the amount payable now is £9; please complete the form below, and let me have it with your remittance. Each month, all the 'shares' are entered into a draw, and three prizes are drawn. Every month - except February and August – 70% of the pool is paid out in prizes; in February and August, the full 100% is paid out

**November**

First	29	Mike Neary	£21.60
Second	16	John Faithfull	£10.80
Third	24	Les Kyprianou	£5.40

Gary Cobden  
Honorary Treasurer



**NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY 100 CLUB**

**Application for/Renewal of Membership - Season 2001/2002**

I, ....., wish to become a member of the North Middlesex Referees Society 100 Club, and subscribe to ..... shares each month.

I agree to make payment:-

By Cheque

By Standing Order (details will be provided on request) (Delete as Appropriate)

The initial term of membership is 12 months; renewal details will be distributed with the 2002/2003 Society Membership Forms. To join for the remainder of the current Season, a payment of £9 is payable.

Please forward the completed Application Form to Gary Cobden, Hon. Treasurer.

For Society Use:-

Numbers Allocated: .....

## North Middlesex Young Referees

### Gary's Poser

At the Spurs v Middlesbrough match on Saturday October 27, Assistant Referee Mr S Gagen - who carried the yellow flag - was running right wings on the East Stand side of the ground. What unusual piece of attire was he wearing during the first half? In the second half he ran right wings on the West Side of the ground.

Answer Next Month

Gary Cobden

Answers from Young Referees only, please, to North Middlesex Young referees page, Normidian. A prize for the first correct answer.

## I'M ONLY A LINESMAN

This should not be the case, as the higher you progress up the refereeing ladder, the more lines you are likely to do. Running the line is no different from being a referee, except that you are there to assist the man in the middle and that you have a flag instead of a whistle.

You should not have the attitude, 'I'm only the linesman' because in fact it can be more difficult to run the line than to referee. You have so much to be aware of, where's the second to last defender, is that forward in an off-side position really interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage? You have to be the 'eyes' behind the back of the referee and if on that side of the field, control the dugout and substitutions. Of course, there's throw-ins to consider and help you may have to give the referee on your diagonal. So if we go out with a negative attitude, we can become more of a burden to the referee than an assistant.

When the next time you receive an appointment to run the line occurs, be pleased. Prepare for the game in exactly the same way as if you were to be the referee. Be confident in your approach.

When the referee gives his pre match instructions, listen carefully to what he tells you. If you have any problems or do not understand clearly what he has asked you to do, ask him to clarify what he wants. Better to sort the matter out before the game than have trouble during it. In the match, carry out your duties as instructed.

So when you receive your next appointments, do you think, 'Oh, I'm only running the line next week?'

Hopefully, if you approach the match in the right frame of mind, you will find that lining can be an enjoyable experience and not a chore.

**OBSERVER**