

February 2005

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at the usual venue – Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Barnet, on Friday, 11th February 2005. Guest Speaker is Janie Frampton, FA Regional Manager.

Our guest speaker at the January meeting was Mike Brown, AFA Secretary, not Ray Lewis as stated in last month's Normidian – Ray is due to come in March, sorry! A report on Mike's presentation is elsewhere in this issue.

We are on safer ground projecting the visit of Janie Frampton as our next guest speaker – Secretary Robin Jagot says so!

Much has been said about the goal that wasn't at Old Trafford when United played Spurs recently. Apparently, the whole of the goalkeeper has to be behind the goal line for the goal to count, and of course Carroll wasn't – dear oh dear! Gary Cobden also joins in the fun with a contribution on much the same vein elsewhere. More seriously, Society member and Coca-Cola Football League Referee, Paul Taylor, comments on the possible future role of video technology in deciding whether or not a goal has been scored and Mick Osborne also takes a more sober view in his article.

By the time this magazine is out, Peter Dace will be back from taking his missus away for a well-deserved, "I have to pay this time" holiday. In last month's issue we unfortunately called Peter, 'Peter May', but on looking at some old photos of the great Surrey batsman – no not Peter Dace, the other one – there is somewhat of a resemblance don't you think? Before he took off, Peter kindly penned his reminiscences, which are included in this edition, together with a fine picture of a horse with him atop taken during a 'free' trip he recently took 'across the pond'!

Still on the subject of holidays, Mick Osborne wrote his usual contribution before he and Grace went on their "summer holidays". Thanks Mick, hope you had a great time. Also, our President, Ken Goldman, has whistled off to far-flung corners – he'll feel the cold when he comes back!

Just a reminder of the fun Elephant Race Nite, or is it Tiger Nite now, on Sunday, 13th February – the kids love it, so bring them along; it's in half term – details elsewhere.

Robin Jagot informs us that the next Referees Course starts at Brimsdown FC at 7.30 pm on February 28th not on 21st February as stated in last month's minutes.

The answer to the poser in the December magazine about who took over from an injured linesman in a game between Arsenal and Liverpool – it was Jimmy Hill. But we still don't know the name of the injured lino!

Another young referee has recently given up as a result of abuse from parents and (so-called) supporters. The reason was not simply a case of not having 'the bottle', more a case of, "I can do without this, thank you very much".

No doubt the "very clever" dive by Bolton's, Diouf, in the match against Blackburn, shown on TV recently, was the referee's fault – "he is well paid to see that kind of thing". On your bike!

Contributions for the March magazine before 17th February, please.

January's Special Guest – Mike Brown, General Secretary AFA

Secretary, Robin Jagot, introduced our special guest, AFA Secretary, Mike Brown, as a Yorkshire man, “born and bred” and an ardent fan of Leeds United. A keen rugby supporter (Leeds Rhino's) and cricketer – Mike serves on the Yorkshire CC Committee – he is also the Bank of England Sports FC Physio in his ‘spare time’. In addition, Mike teaches on FA Medical Courses and is an FA Drugs Adviser.

Using computer-driven visual aids, Mike started his presentation by discussing sports injuries and where the referee's responsibilities lie when a player is hurt during a match. He suggested Law 4 was a good place to start, covering as it does some methods of preventing injury by, for instance, refusing to allow a player to wear jewellery or anything which is dangerous to himself or another player. Mike also discussed Law 5 and in particular the referee's role in dealing with injured players. With the help of ‘volunteers’, Mike demonstrated how best to handle specific situations involving injured players and discussed ways of establishing whether a player was seriously injured and what action we as referees should take.

On pitch side medical aid, Mike suggested the bucket and sponge days were over and described instances where water had been drunk from a bucket contaminated with mud, or worse! The danger of a sponge being used by a player as a ‘mouth wash’, after it had been used to wipe blood off another player, was also raised. Mike pointed out that clubs have a duty of care and should have people available who are FA trained for emergencies, including back-up facilities.

Mike discussed how a referee might recognise if a player was hurt badly and what to look for when the Physio is called on to deal with the situation. It was suggested that it was more likely that someone comes on the pitch with a bottle and simply asks if the injured player “wants some water”!

Mike showed those present the contents of his own ‘bag’, which contained such items as towels, ice packs, a plastic shield for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, rubber gloves, bandages – and a torch. The potential danger of ‘cold sprays’ being used incorrectly, especially on open wounds, was discussed. We were asked how many times we had seen a spray used immediately through socks, without anyone knowing if the skin had been cut – or worse.

The question of whether referees should attend a First Aid course was raised and discussed.

After arranging groups, Mike circulated a questionnaire on First Aid to see how much was known about the subject by those present, and if necessary how we were likely to respond and react in certain circumstances. Questions ranged from how best to stop bleeding, how to deal with someone who is unconscious, nosebleeds and other examples which, we may be called upon to deal with. It was obvious that many of us were unaware of how to deal with even the simplest of situations where knowledge of First Aid would be useful, if not vital.

After the usual question and answer session, Chairman Tom White thanked our special guest for an entertaining and at times humorous presentation of an important and serious subject. After a round of applause from everyone present, Tom then presented Mike with a copy of “The History of the North Middlesex Society” as a memento of his visit.



MATCH INCIDENTS.

by Mick Osborn

Remember how Man.U got away with a share of the points in their match against Spurs on January 4th? Match officials get it wrong again, were the headlines. Was goalkeeper Carroll criticised for not owning up? What ever happened to honesty and sportsmanship? Don't answer that, I think I know. However, we are told that Cyclops is the new technology that will save all those wrong decisions. Excuse me being pessimistic but how often have the floodlights failed? How often has your computer crashed, either at work or at home? How often has your car failed to start or broken down? How often have you suffered a power cut? These are just a few inventions heralded as the ultimate in technology that would put all things right. What will happen when Cyclops gets a black eye and the referee has relied on him to say whether it was a goal or not? Same headlines, I guess. Then, of course there are us at grass roots.....

At the November meeting a match incident was discussed regarding two players both of whom deserved cautions. One was injured in the incident and had to be helped off the field, not to return. The referee took compassion on him and did not issue the caution. When it came to the other miscreant, the referee felt that, under the circumstances, it would be unfair to caution him alone and so let him off with a talking to. This reminded me of an article I wrote, with a moral, back in 1998.

"On Friday 11, 1998, the Herald newspaper of Zimbabwe carried a report on the match between South Africa and Angola. "... after being tackled by Angolan hardman Aurelio Soares de Soussa. McCarthy punched De Soussa once and the giant Angolan went down as the young South African inexplicably slumped onto the turf clutching his leg. S. Africa's coach quickly pulled McCarthy out and replaced him ... which possibly saved the striker from automatic expulsion." Alongside, a further report stated, "FIFA's referees' commission removed Mali's Sidi Bekaye Magassa from their list for this year's World Cup finals for failing to send off South Africa's Benny McCarthy in Sunday's African Nations Cup match with Angola."

The report continued, "FIFA's decision is similar to the action UEFA took over Hungarian Sandro Puhl after he failed to take any action when Feyenoord's Paul Bosvelt deliberately fouled Manchester United's Denis Irwin. Bosvelt was also immediately substituted while Irwin missed eight weeks with a knee ligament injury. UEFA ruled that Puhl, who refereed the 1994 World Cup final, should not referee another European tie for the rest of the season."

I wonder if the players concerned ever appreciated what those officials had sacrificed by treating them with leniency. I doubt it. You have been warned."

Another incident regarded the wearing of hats by players. There was opinion that it should not be allowed? Question: A player has long hair with beads woven into it. You consider this a danger to others. Unlike items of jewellery, it is not possible to remove these beads temporarily but the player does offer to cover his/her hair with a woollen hat. Would you deny him/her the right to play, presuming that the danger of injury would thus be removed?

Law 4 states, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything, which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)." It makes no mention of apparel other than the compulsory jersey/shirt, shorts, stockings, shin guards and footwear. So, whether we think it looks silly, or out of keeping with the image of the game, it seems to me that we cannot stop a player wearing headwear provided that it meets this criteria. After all, goalkeepers have traditionally worn caps, and in spite of global warming, it seems that more players are wearing gloves to keep their hands warm.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society meeting held at Cockfosters FC on Friday January 14th, 2005

Apologies: Mick Osborn, Terry Hayne, or as written in Society Attendance Book

Minutes of the last Society Meeting: The minutes of the last Society Meeting held on Friday November 12th were signed as a true record

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary informed members that he had received a draft proposal from the MRA Secretary on the new financial subscription arrangements for the five Societies within Middlesex, which they hope to introduce next year. The Society at present pays an annual subscription of £35-00. It is proposed to introduce a subscription levy of £1 per member in each Society. This would cost the Society with the present membership standing at 270+ members, £270-00+. To compare it in contrast with a fellow Society with only a membership of 40+ members it is clear that our Society will be fully subsidising MRA's financial shortfalls and covering the losses on their annual social evening. The reason why MRA have decided to implement these new arrangements is that they have suffered heavy losses on the annual social event over the last 2 years and that it cannot go on. As Secretary I wrote to the Secretary of MRA and advised him that the Society's view was that anybody wishing to attend the annual social event in the future should pay an entrance fee of £5/£6 per head to cover for any such losses. The Society was also willing to support a realistic increase in the Annual Subscription.

The MRA Secretary has stated in their minutes that the North Middlesex Society is on average seven times larger than any other Society in the MRA and therefore in a strong position to meet these requirements.

Older members may well remember a similar situation arose a few years ago with the County Rally. I can assure you your Council will deal with this issue again in the best interests of the Society at the meeting arranged on February 1st 2005.

A meeting had been arranged to visit a possible new venue, Pymmes Park Bowls Club Edmonton, for Society meetings being held next year on a Thursday evening as agreed at the last AGM This will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Holtswhite Sports Club, Enfield will be visited also.

The next Training Course will be at Brimsdown Sports Club, Enfield starting on Monday February 21st 7.30pm.

Finally if any member wishes to read the latest R.A.E. minutes they are available to members.

Treasurer's Report: The membership stood at Full Members – 265 Associate Members – 7. Members were reminded that the Elephant Race Nite would take place on Sunday February 13th, 2005 at the Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, Kimberly Gardens, Enfield, Tickets, adults, £6 and children, £3, Buffet included.

Any Other Business: Members were reminded that anybody applying for promotion in their County FA should apply now and before January 31st, 2005. After a break, The Chairman asked the Secretary to introduce our guest, Mike Brown, Secretary of the A.F.A. who was warmly welcomed. Mike's chosen subject was "Referee's Responsibilities to Injuries re The Laws of the Game".



Goal-line farce must never happen again

One of Hertfordshire's leading football referees wants video technology introduced into the game immediately.

Cheshunt's Paul Taylor, who regularly takes charge of Coca-Cola Football League Championship games, thinks goal-line equipment should now be introduced to avoid any more controversial incidents like the one at Old Trafford on Tuesday night.

A speculative 50-yard effort from Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Pedro Mendes was spilled into his own net by Manchester United goalkeeper Roy Carroll and TV replays showed it had crossed the line by at least a yard, but Spurs were still denied a goal. The incident has re-opened the thorny debate concerning the use of video replays to determine key incidents in the game and Taylor is all for it.

"If we were to bring technology into play then the goal-line would certainly be a very good place to start," said Taylor, who has refereed at the very top of the English game.

"For the rare occasions that we should need the equipment it would be a significant investment. I would be in favour of experimenting with it. Whether the ball is in or out of play or whether it is over the goal-line or not is a matter of fact. It's not anybody's opinion.

I favour the use of things like Hawkeye at Wimbledon and we already have the technology available that would determine immediately whether or not the ball is over the line."

Ironically, it was reported earlier in the day that FIFA is keen to experiment with goal-line technology in a bid to assist referees.

An electronic microchip will be inserted into a ball and an experiment conducted at the Millennium stadium the day before the Carling Cup Final in Cardiff next month, and FIFA will make further suggestions at a forthcoming meeting of the International Football Association Board.

Meanwhile Rob Lewis, the Assistant Referee who was unable to determine whether the ball had crossed the line, has come in for some harsh criticism since the dramatic injury-time incident. Some observers have questioned his failure to keep his eye on the ball whilst running back into position, but Taylor has some sympathy for his colleague. "Unless you have a camera on the goal-line you won't be able to judge and you can't make things up," said Taylor. "You have to be 100-per-cent certain otherwise the goal cannot be given.

At that stage of the game we would expect the Assistant Referee to be covering off-side and be in line with the last defender. He would have had to run half the length of the pitch to get a good view. I can understand him being criticised because it would have been a vital goal in a vital game. But if it was in Grundy Park (Cheshunt) on a Sunday morning no one would know if it was right or wrong to give the goal because you wouldn't have the replays."

Another idea put forward is to place extra officials behind each goal to determine whether the ball has actually crossed the line, but Taylor does not think that would work.

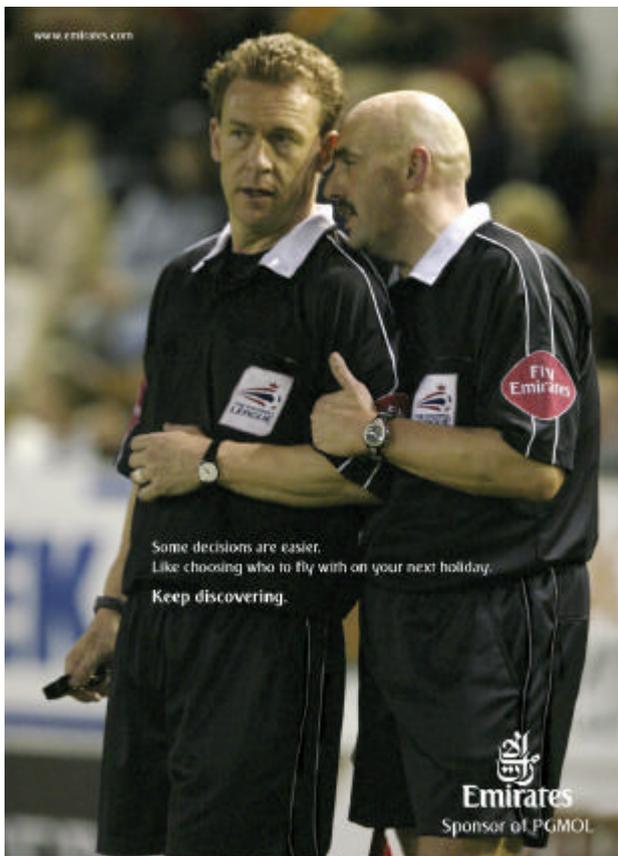
"Having an official behind the goal wouldn't help because the angle wouldn't be right," he said.

Although he rejected the opportunity to become a professional referee three years ago, preferring instead to remain in his current job with British Telecom, Taylor remains one of the best-known officials outside of the top flight.

He was in the middle for the crucial Championship game between Ipswich Town and West Ham United at Portman Road on New Year's Day and will also take charge of the forthcoming matches between Brighton and Hove Albion and Nottingham Forest and Derby County and Leeds United.



Paul Taylor (left) is a Society Member and National List Referee. Paul was talking to Jonathan Waldron and the article appeared in the Mercury Newspaper on 7 January. Reproduced here with permission. © Mercury Group Newspapers 2005.



IS THERE LIFE AFTER REFEREEING – continued by Ken May

What I Miss Through Not Refereeing

The exercise and recreation.
The purpose of Saturdays from September to April.
Being in charge.
Travelling to new grounds.
The satisfaction when I know I've done a decent job.
The 'buzz' of communal dressing rooms – I always found Firs Farm a particularly good one.
Match Fees – why deny it?
After-match hospitality - special feature of AFA soccer.

What I Do Not Miss

Saturday being organized around 'The Match'.
Cleaning my boots.
Fitting my contact lenses – the only time I used them.
Worrying about traffic delays.
Wondering if the opposition is going to turn up.
Worrying if the light will last in mid-winter.
Misconduct reports.
Securing clothing and possessions in the car.
Freezing stone-floored dressing rooms.

So Peter (Dace) it's up to you to keep clocking up your number of games. Sadly, several house moves and a wife who failed to appreciate my archive of refereeing history mean that I do not have a completed record of my games. My conservative estimate is that I may have exceeded 2,000, but I must be well behind Peter's admirable 2,500. I hope you manage to reach that magic 3,000 mark. Perhaps the answer will be to ask the SAL to switch all their games to mid-week to get away from your aversion to Saturdays.

The above is the last in a series of articles by Ken May. I hope everyone has enjoyed reading Ken's reminiscences and his hopes for the future as much as I have – thanks Ken. ED.



Christmas Photo Caption Competition

Those with long memories will remember that in the December 04 issue of the Normidian we published a picture of Jeff Till and a colleague shielding their eyes from the sun, looking to be in discussion. We asked readers for their ideas for a witty caption to the photo and received quite a few suitable for printing! Jeff Till sorted through the suggestions and decided the best one was number 10, "Look at the size of them!" sent in by Percy Brown – a prize to him, the n.

The one I liked was from Peter Dace: "Well ref, all we need is 22 players, 6 subs, managers, and physios plus another lino and we'll get a decent fee here". Ed.
Also, "Look, if I knew who did it I wouldn't have called you over would I?" John Cooke. Thanks to everyone who sent in their suggestions. Ed.



Peter Dace - our intrepid historian - reminisces from 'way out west'
the Normidian of February 1995



We are not really sure here, who is more scared – Peter or the Horse!!!

February meeting to be held at Arsenal Football Club, starting with a visit to the Arsenal Museum, following which there will be a question and answer session with our guest Pat Rice.

Richard (Denzil) Meikle is 'going 3 to 2' and details his first assessment – by Gary Moore. 'Going off at the end I thought bet I've messed up this one, but to my surprise Gary said well done, good game. However a few points; vary that whistle tone; don't let players walk away when you are talking to them; and try to recognise intent'. Richard bemoans that

some assessors comment he should get players to tuck their shirts in their shorts whereas he can see on television that, at the highest level this is nothing to do with Referee. 'Up to the time of writing this I've now had my fourth report, all seems to be getting better just hope now! At least my whistling has improved'.

Vice Chairman Peter Dace pens 'the right to remain silent' and conscientiously produces an article during a time-warp in those few days after Christmas and before the New Years weekend. Consequently a theme of 'what to say to captains at the toss-up ceremony' is aired. 'There are many advantages to leaving early thoughts with the captains not the least of which is that they cannot later complain about your interpretations if they have been told clearly at the start how you intend to deal with certain situations. Against this, and remembering the Football League experiment of Referees visiting both dressing rooms before kick-off was not a success, it is obviously essential that during the game you do EXACTLY what you said you were going to do if you are to retain any credibility'. Peter asks captains for their first names and makes clear they have access to him throughout the game, but at a price i.e. if they have moaners in their side the Captain shuts them up first or the book will appear. Also Peter makes clear what HE regards as an offside situation in the active play.

In a brief obituary of Life Vice President Les Saunders, Arthur Pearce writes "he insisted on very high standards and left no one in doubt where they had fallen short, but always in the best interests of the Referee".

A Statement from the FA re: the game at Old Trafford between Man Utd and Spurs.

An FA spokesman after the game absolved the linesman of any responsibility for the apparently mistaken decision not to award a goal to Spurs after a shot from the halfway line crossed the goal line by at least a metre.

"The shot came in from an unusual distance and as such caught the linesman out of position forcing him to race back towards the goal as the play developed", explained the spokesman, "As he ran, the United scarf he was wearing under his shirt came loose and fluttered up into his face obscuring his view and preventing him from making the call. It was just one of those things."

In response to further questions from the Press the spokesman explained "If they don't already have a United tattoo most officials on game day try to wear a scarf or a replica shirt under their regulation kit to show their support for the world's greatest club. The linesman in this case had chosen to wear a United scarf, a common choice that is in keeping with FA guidelines. The root cause of the problem lies not with the linesman but with the players and management of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club who broke one of the most important unwritten rules of the English FA: They placed a shot on target at Old Trafford. Martin Jol is new to this country and perhaps he's not yet familiar with some of our finer traditions. Fortunately if he doesn't yet understand that for the greater good of the game visiting teams, by tradition, are not expected to try to score at Old Trafford then our officials are in a position to help Mr Jol make that cultural adjustment."

Chuckling to himself the FA spokesman added, "The goal had to be disallowed to avoid us descending down a slippery slope that would be bad for the national game. It's a fine line the officials have to walk. If they award a goal this week, next week someone might expect a penalty or ask that Van Nistelrooy be booked for diving. Can you imagine? That would just never do. No no no. Shocking, just the thought of it."

Thanks to Gary Cobden for finding the above. Ed.



Around the World

Holland

The Royal Netherlands FA (KNVB) has ordered its referees to show a yellow card immediately to any player who is asking for a yellow card for his opponent. "In the very recent past, we have seen a growing number of players in the Dutch league showing this condemnable behaviour", KNVB referee co-ordinator Jaap Ullenberg explained. "To do something against this bad habit, the KNVB has decided to sanction this behaviour with a yellow card".

From The Chiltern Referee



Laugh?

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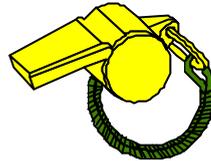
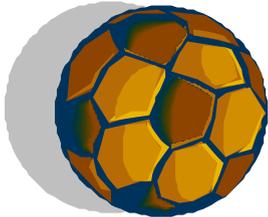
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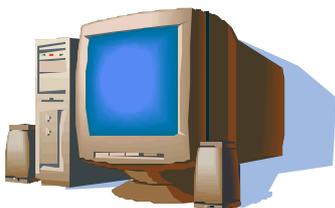
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Ridgeway Rovers	v Park View Rangers	Referee	P Metselaar

Under 13 Youth Cup Round 4

Broadwater United Youth	v Parkfield Youth A	Referee	J Knight
Norsemen Youth	v Olympic Youth A	Referee	R Martin
Enfield Youth B	v Staines Lammas Youth	Referee	J McCormack

Under 13 Girls Cup Round 1

Enfield Town Ladies Youth	v Colne Valley Girls	Referee	D Manley
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Under 14 Youth Cup Round 4

Omonia Youth A	v Whetstone Wanderers Youth	Referee	G Grant
Whitewebbs Eagles	v Headstone Manor Youth A	Referee	T Crouchley

Under 15 Youth Cup Round 4

Blue Diamonds	v Osterley Boys	Referee	GN Deufi
Forest Rovers	v Wembley / Celtic	Referee	G Dearman

Under 16 Youth Cup Round 4

Acton Ealing Yth/St Josephs Yth	v Enfield Youth	Assistant Referee	R Harris
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Under 18 Youth Cup Round 4

Southgate Adelaide A	v Staines Town A	Referee	P Brown
		Assistant Referee	M Mackey (Snr)
Enfield Youth C	v Brunswick / Old Isleworth Yth	Referee	M de la Fuente
		Assistant Referee	B Berndes

Middlesex County FA Sunday Premier Cup Round 3

Enfield Rangers Old Boys	v Belstone	Referee	M Mackey (Jnr)
		Assistant Referee	L Addison

Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Trophy Round 4

Hendon Town	v Northmet Riverside	Referee	L Addison
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Middlesex County FA Junior Cup Round 4

Kodak Harrow Reserves	v Dynamo Sports A	Referee	P Brown
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Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Round 2

Hendon	v Enfield Town	Assistant Referee	N Rider
Bedfont	v Hayes	Assistant Referee	P Smith

Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Round 3

Yeading	v Hendon	Assistant Referee	M Mackey (Jnr)
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Middlesex County FA Senior Charity Cup Round 3

Wealdstone / Hillingdon Borough	v Hanwell Town / Harrow Boro	Assistant Referee	P Smith
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If you have received a 'Plum Appointment', let us know, and we will publish it in the Normidian.



Society Auditor

Unfortunately, Geoff Jacobs, one of the Society Auditors, has had to resign his post, and will be unable to assist in the Audit of the Society's accounts at the end of the Season. We thank Geoff for his services over a number of years. However, the Society is required to have two Auditors, and we are therefore looking for somebody else from within the Society to take on this important position which ensures that the end of season Accounts show a fair reflection of the financial position of the Society. If you would like to be considered for this role, and would like to know exactly what is involved, please give me a call.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



100 Club Season 2004 - 2005

At the January meeting, the December and January draws were made. With 49 shares subscribed, the payout for both months is £34.30

	First Prize			Second Prize			Third Prize		
December	24 Peter Peters	£19.60	12	Trevor Crouchley	£9.80	27	Mike Sibley	£4.90	
January	23 Peter Peters	£19.60	1	Dave Ackerman	£9.80	38	Mick Osborn	£4.90	

If you wish to join the 100 Club for the remainder of the Season, please complete the form below, and return it to me.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



Referees Association – 2005



Tickets are now available for the Referees Association Draw, 2005. Up until last season, the Society automatically issued members with two books of RA Draw Books to sell on behalf of the Society. This has meant the Society requesting in excess of 500 books from the Referees Association, and a lot of work 'stuffing envelopes' with not a great number of those books being returned. Last season, we tried a different method, and, whilst we did not sell as many books as we would have liked, the administrative burden was much less. This year, as last, if you would like the chance of winning a car – sadly not like the one illustrated above – please let me know how many books you would like, and I will arrange to get them to you. For all books sold, the Society receives 50% of the proceeds. If you do ask for some books to sell, when sold, please ensure that you return all the counterfoils direct to me - if you return them back direct to the address on the ticket counterfoils, the Society does not get our share of the ticket money. Thanks again for your support.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



The Annual North Middlesex Referees Society Race Nite

The next Social Event in the calendar is our ever-popular Race Nite, taking place this year on Sunday February 13th at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, Kimberley Gardens, Enfield. The Tigers - who made their debut last year, following the mysterious disappearance of the Elephants - will be making a welcome return to Enfield, with arrangements having been made to let them out specially for the evening. The Race Nite is an evening of fun and entertainment for adults and children alike; the evening consists of six main races followed by a final - the winners of the individual heats receive a prize, and the winner of the final will be awarded an additional prize. Separate children's races will also be arranged with prizes for all those taking part, and, if you want a race between members of your own family, that can also be arranged.



Tickets prices are £6.00 each for Adults, and those for children (Under 16) are £3.00 each. The ticket price includes a Buffet, and are available from Society Treasurer, Gary Cobden - by e-mail to treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk - or telephone 01992 469153



William Shakespeare

We do not have to read Shakespeare or watch his plays to come under his influence – even in our refereeing engagements. A trip to the Globe Theatre in London last summer led me to the intriguing discovery of just how extensive his metaphors are in our everyday language, extending even to common parlance on the football field and in the commentary boxes. For example, Shakespeare coined each of the following familiar expressions:

‘fair play’	‘as good luck would have it’
‘foul play’	‘too much of a good thing’
‘vanished into thin air’	‘lie low’
‘foregone conclusion’	‘without rhyme or reason’
‘early days’	‘good riddance’
‘tower of strength’	‘bloody minded’
‘high time’	‘blinking idiot’
‘one fell swoop’	‘tut, tut’
‘tongue tied’	‘for goodness sake’
‘budge an inch’	‘seen better days’
‘laughing stock’	‘short shrift’

From The AFA Argus – Bart O’Toole



Laugh With Vince

Two chaps were walking through a graveyard when they saw a tombstone bearing the inscription, “Here lies a Football Referee and an Honest Man”.

“That’s funny”, said one, “I didn’t know they were allowed to bury two fellows in the same grave”!!



North Middlesex Referees Society – Gear Price List/Order Form – Season 2004/2005

Referees Association Kits

Shirts	S	M	L	XL	XXL
	36"	38"/40"	42"	44"	46"/48"

Shorts	S	M	L	XL	XXL
	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"/42"

	Size	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Long Sleeved Shirt			£19.50	
Short Sleeved Shirt			£19.50	
Shorts			£13.00	
Embroidered Badge (RA or County)			£7.50	
Embroidered Badge (RA and County)			£15.50	
-County.....				

Umbro Kits

Shirts	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	38"/40"	41"/43"	44"/46"	47"/49"	50"/52"

Shorts	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"

	Size	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Dallas Long Sleeved Shirt			£33.00	
Dallas Short Sleeved Shirt			£32.00	
Dallas Shorts			£23.00	
Primo Long Sleeved Shirt			£31.50	
Primo Short Sleeved Shirt			£30.50	
Shorts			£22.00	
Embroidered Badge			£7.25	
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Socks

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
White Topped		£4.75	
White Topped (reinforced soles)		£5.50	
Three Ringed (Hooped) Topped		£4.75	
Diamond (Umbro) Topped		£5.50	
All Black		£4.75	
Sock Ties		£1.50	

Assistant Referees Flags

Touchline Flags

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Premier (Full Set)		£27.00	
Super Quartered (Full Set)		£26.00	
Super Plain (Full Set)		£24.00	
Quartered (Full Set)		£24.50	
Plain (Full Set)		£23.00	
Premier (Flags and Sticks)		£25.00	
Super Quartered (Flags and Sticks)		£24.00	
Super Plain (Flags and Sticks)		£23.00	
Quartered (Flags and Sticks)		£22.50	
Plain (Flags and Sticks)		£21.00	
Premier (Flags Only)		£15.00	
Super Quartered (Flags Only)		£14.00	
Super Plain (Flags Only)		£13.50	
Quartered (Flags Only)		£13.00	
Plain (Flags Only)		£11.00	

Touchline Flag Accessories

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Flag Bag		£5.00	
Flagsticks (pair)		£14.95	
Flagsticks (single)		£8.50	
Endcaps (pair)		£2.00	
Brass Inserts (pair)		£1.00	

Referees Association Flags

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Flags (plain)		£5.00	
Flags (quartered)		£7.50	
Flagsticks (pair)		£3.50	
Flag Bag		£5.00	

Matchday Accessories

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Plastic Wallet with Red & Yellow Cards & Pencil		£2.30	
Plastic Wallet with Red & Yellow Cards		£2.00	
Plastic Wallet		£0.90	
Set of Red and Yellow Cards		£1.50	
Pencils		£0.10	
Match Record Pads		£0.90	
General Purpose Postcards (25)		£1.10	
Write-On/Wipe-Off Red / Yellow Cards (inc marker)		£5.25	
Plastic Whistle with Grip		£1.75	
Plastic Whistle		£1.50	
Plastic Finger Whistle		£1.75	
Metal Whistle		£3.40	
Pealess Whistle		£1.75	
Fox 40 Cassic		£4.95	
Fox 40 Cassic with cushioned mouth grip		£5.95	
Fox 40 Triple Colour Pack		£13.50	
Elasticated Wrist Coil		£2.10	
Traditional Wrist Lanyard		£2.10	
Traditional Neck Lanyard		£1.75	

Other Accessories

	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
Referees Association Kit Bag		£17.50	
Middlesex County FA badge		£3.00	
Referees Association badge		£3.00	
Laws of Association Football		£4.00	
FA Diary		£4.00	
Refereeing Today magazine		£0.90	
North Middlesex Referees Society Tie		£6.00	
North Middlesex R.S. 50th Anniversary Tie		£7.50	
A History of North Middlesex Referees Society		£9.99	

All Prices subject to change without notice.

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I enclose the sum of £..... to cover the items ordered above

Signed.....

Please forward the completed form, together with your remittance to:-
 Percy Brown, NMRS Gear Supplies Officer, 33 Cotton Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 5JT
 Telephone:- 01707 851365

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