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Season 2015/16*



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THE NORMIDIAN is the Official Publication of North Middlesex referees Society, and is published nine times during the football season, between September and May.

The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will take place on **Thursday the 19th May 2016** at 7-45pm at the Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex when the Association will hold its Annual General Meeting. This will be followed by entertainment organised by Robin Jagot our Secretary.

EDITORIAL

Have we got to the thin end of the wedge when a referee (this time Kevin Friend) was taken off the match between Tottenham Hotspur and Stoke City just because Spurs and Leicester City were battling it out for the Premier League title, which Leicester have obviously won and congratulations to them and their manager Claudio Ranieri for that. Even Arsenal's Manager Arsene Wenger was wont to comment that he was surprised and disappointed because it questioned the Referee's integrity and set a dangerous precedent Things have obviously changed since our own Tony Ward was allowed to referee a game between Spurs and Wimbledon if memory serves me right although it was known Tony was a Spurs supporter at the time. However there have been a couple of instances in the recent past where unhappy referees have been unable to referee the FA Cup Final because they come from an area where one of the teams resides. The rule should surely be don't appoint someone in the first place but if you do then don't replace them later or as Mr Wenger suggested "Just pick the best referee" it solves all the problems.

News has come through that FIFA by its new President Gianni Infantino wants the 2018 World Cup in Russia to be the first tournament where video referees help officials with what are termed "game changing" decisions. These comprise goals, red cards, mistaken identity and penalties. He is also to speed up this experiment which was due to start no later than the 2017/18 season and it will take 2 years to assess the results. However despite the fact that the argument is that it only take split seconds to come to a correct decision this is actually totally untrue. In many cases especially with penalties things are not clear cut. And it takes more than one look to decide. The other day I was watching a game where it took three different angles to show that a player had tripped another and had not simply made a legitimate tackle. Do we really want this to happen in the same way that cricket takes an age while they look back and make a decision through the "Third Umpire". Please let's stick to goal-line technology that everyone wanted and has been a great success and please let someone do something about foul throws. In a recent game I saw between West Ham and Arsenal we had all three misdemeanours i.e. foot over the line, not thrown from behind the head, propulsion more from one hand and of course taken from the wrong place.

This is the last magazine of the season so I should like to thank everyone who has contributed and ask them together with others to do it again next season.

Ken Goldman

Editor

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY –ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2015 AT HOLTWHITES SPORTS CENTRE ENFIELD

Apologies: Roger Fox, John Fowler, Stan Rosenthal, Mark Jacob, and Lockie Bramzwell

Chairman's Welcome: The chairman welcomed Paul Engelfield to the meeting who had been recently transferred from Herts FA to Middlesex FA.

Minutes of the Society's AGM held on Thursday May 22nd 2014 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report: The secretary reported that membership had remained reasonably stable throughout the year but due to a lack of quality/high profile speakers attendances were overall poor. The Quiz evening held in May was well supported with 60 people attending, mainly friends from outside the Society. Secretary thanked members once again for their support throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report: The annual accounts were presented to the meeting and once again the Income exceeded Expenditure to the sum of £161. The treasurer was happy to put forward to the meeting that the subscriptions remain unchanged for the following season. Members were happy to endorse the Society Accounts along with a vote of thanks to Gary.

Editor's Report: Happy to report that nine editions with at least twelve pages were published throughout the season. Once again he requested that thanks be passed on to Gareth at the County office. Always pleased to receive articles from members particularly the Chairman, and thanked those that regularly contribute to the magazine.

Other Officers' and Auditors Report:

The Auditors were happy to approve the Society Annual Accounts.

To consider the following Rule change: (8a) Officers & Council Members:

To remove the office of **Training Liaison Officer – Proposed:** Robin Jagot; **Seconded:** Gary Cobden

Reason: Training is now under the strict control of "The FA" through its associated County FA's and that any issued related to training and development of Referees will now be dealt with by the **Society RA delegate**.

Election of Officers and Council Members: Chairman – The President Bob Martin took the Chair and proposed to the meeting nominations for Chairman for the forthcoming season. Tom White was duly proposed and seconded with the full support from members present.

All other **Officers and Council Members** were elected "**En-Block**" to serve the following season 2015/16

Chairman: Tom White, **Vice Chairman:** Martin De La Fuente, **Secretary:** Robin Jagot, **Treasurer:** Gary Cobden,

Editor: Ken Goldman, **Gears Supplies Officer:** Percy Brown, **RA Delegate:** Tom White,

Council Members Elected: Terry Wilson, Daniel Lauszkin, and Jessica Catchpole Williams. **Auditors Elected:** Jim Taylor and Terry Hawkins.

Election of Life Vice Presidents: Gary Cobden and Terry Wilson

To consider the following motion: Life Vice President – Peter Dace proposed the vote of thanks to the Officers and Council members for the work carried out on behalf of the membership. Particular thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. Peter stated that we were very fortunate to have such a dedicated team looking after the welfare of our members. The members present duly endorsed the comments made.

With no other business to be dealt with the meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

This was followed by a fun quiz on Indoor Games: “Not what it sounds like”, “Not what it sounds like”, and “Twins”

Chairman:

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Updated North Middlesex Society 100 Club List for Season 2015/2016: which runs from September 2015 through to August 2016 .In previous seasons we had a first, second and third prize. We now only have a first and second prize which started with the September Draw taking place at the October meeting. If you wish to join the 100 Club list then contact the **Secretary** if you wish to be included this season. The cost per share per season is £12.00.

The Draw for the 100 Club Draw for February/2016 - No. 14 John Faithfull £14.40 and No. 6 Tom White - £7.20

Season 2015/2016 Revised list: as at 1st January 2016

1 Gary Cobden	12 Steve Palmer	23 Steve Wildgoose
2 Gary Cobden	13 Richard Martin	24 George Basten
3 John Metselaar	14 John Faithfull	25 George Basten
4 Roger Fox	15 Dave Chapman	26 Chris Proud
5 Roger Fox	16 Cos Fernandes	27 Peter Peters
6 Tom White	17 Cos Fernandes	28 Peter Peters
7 Tom White	18 Peter Allen	29 Adrian Bland
8 Robin Jagot	19 Peter Allen	30 Tony Ward
9 Robin Jagot	20 Peter Allen	31 Tony Ward
10 Robin Jagot	21 Charles Lifford	32 Peter Bailey
11 Bob Martin	22 Steve Wildgoose	33 Terry Wilson

(Secretary)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society will be held on **Thursday, 19th May 2016 commencing at 7.45pm** at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex. EN2 0RN

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To CONFIRM the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. To CONSIDER any matters arising therefrom.
4. To RECEIVE a report from the Secretary.
5. To RECEIVE a report from the Treasurer together with the audited accounts.
6. To RECEIVE a report from the Honorary Auditors.
7. To RECEIVE any reports from the Council and Officers.
8. To CONSIDER any change to the Society Rules.
9. To ELECT Officers and Council for the ensuing year.

The following proposals have been made in accordance with the existing Society Rules –

President:	Bob Martin (3 years)	Vice Chairman:	Martin De La Fuente
Chairman:	Tom White	Treasurer:	Vacant
Secretary:	Robin Jagot	Gear Supplies:	Percy Brown
Editor:	Ken Goldman		
R.A. Delegate:	Tom White		

Auditor – To replace Jim Taylor - Gary Cobden Proposed Bob Martin Seconded – Tom White

Council Members: Terry Wilson, Daniel Lauszkin, and Jessica Catchpole-Williams

10. To ELECT **Honorary Auditors** currently Terry Hawkins and Jim Taylor

11. To **CONSIDER** the following motion –

That this Annual General Meeting places on record its thanks to the Officers and Council for their work during the past year , and express appreciation of the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

12. Any Other Business

Robin Jagot
Honorary Secretary
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Note: A quorum of at least 10 members is required in order for the Annual General Meeting to take place. Members are asked to make every effort to attend the AGM which is an important event in the calendar year of the Society

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

<u>2015</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2016</u>		
816.35	By Subscriptions (48 Full Members; 8 Associate Members)	619.50	-24.11% Worse	(196.85)
6.41	.. Bank Deposit Interest	6.70	4.52% Better	0.29
82.50	.. Donations	30.00	-63.64% Worse	(52.50)
17.20	.. Raffle Proceeds	0.00	-100.00% Worse	(17.20)
85.00	.. Advertisements	85.00	0.00% No Change	0.00
0.00	.. Social Events (Note 1)	269.00	100.00% Better	269.00
79.60	.. 100 Club	149.00	87.19% Better	69.40
159.56	.. Gear Sales Surplus	30.80	-80.70% Worse	(128.76)
5.00	.. 50th Anniversary Book	0.00	-100.00% Worse	(5.00)
77.40	.. Miscellaneous Income	28.80	-62.79% Worse	(48.60)
1,329.02		1,218.80	-8.29% Worse	(110.22)
 EXPENDITURE				
366.77	To Normidian Expenses (including Postage)	362.71	-1.11% Better	(4.06)
17.88	.. Postage/Telephones/Stationery/Misc	12.24	-31.54% Better	(5.64)
400.00	.. Hire of Meeting Halls	400.00	0.00% No Change	0.00
76.00	.. Guest Speaker Expenses (inc NMRS Books)	64.40	-15.26% Better	(11.60)
0.00	.. RA Conference Delegate	0.00	100.00% Worse	0.00
121.00	.. Life Vice Presidents	159.00	31.40% Worse	38.00
3.20	.. Miscellaneous Expenditure	76.18	2280.63% Worse	72.98
984.85		1,074.53	9.11% Worse	89.68
344.17	GROSS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	144.27	-58.08% Worse	(199.90)
 DEPRECIATION				
53.58	Internet Domain Name and WebSpace (Note 2)	68.63	-28.09% Worse	15.05
10.00	Gear Stocks (Note 3)	0.00	-100.00% Better	(10.00)
88.00	50th Anniversary Books (Note 4)	0.00	-100.00% Better	(88.00)
12.50	Training Aids - Projector (Note 5)	12.50	0.00% No Change	0.00
90.00	Computer (Note 6)	90.00	0.00% No Change	0.00
10.29	Social Stocks (Note 7)	0.00	-100.00% Better	(10.29)
 PROVISIONS				
(81.99)	Provision for Corporation Tax (Note 8)	(70.50)	-14.01% Better	11.49
161.79	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	43.64	-73.03% Worse	(118.15)

Note 1:- Quiz income (2015 - No events held).

Note 2:- To write down the value of Domain Name and WebSpace. (2015 - Same).

Note 3:- 2015 - To write down the value of Gear not necessarily saleable..

Note 4:- 2015 - To write down the value of Anniversary Books not necessarily saleable.

Note 5:- To write down the value of new Projector Screen purchased in conjunction with MCFA. (2015 - Same).

Note 6:- To write down the value of new Laptop Computer. (2015 - Same).

Note 7:- 2015 - To write down the value of Social Event stock held not useable.

Note 8:- The Provision charge is an adjustment to the existing provision. (2015 - Same).

Prepared By
G. J. Cobden ACIB
Hon. Treasurer
21 April 2016

Audited and Found Correct
F.J Taylor ACMA CGMA
T Hawkins ACIB
Honorary Auditors

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2016

<u>2015</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2016</u>	
GENERAL FUND			
11,556.00	Balance as at 1 April 2015	11,717.79	
161.79	SURPLUS for Year	43.64	
98.56	Provision for Corporation Tax (See Note 1)	28.06	
11,816.35		11,789.49	
3,029.88	BENEVOLENT FUND	3,103.38	
14,846.23		14,892.87	
 Represented By:			
INTANGIBLE ASSETS (At Cost, Less depreciation over life)			
9.75	Internet Domain and WebSpace	27.35	
259.90	Computer (Less Depreciation)	169.90	
22.50	Training Aids - Projector (Less Depreciation)	10.00	207.25
292.15			
 CURRENT ASSETS			
BANK:-			
289.36	Current Account	208.07	
3,083.03	High Interest Account	3,084.58	
9,995.52	Bonus Saver Account (See Note 2)	10,300.67	
340.78	PayPal Account	417.46	
759.04	Cash/Cheques in Hand	335.44	14,346.22
14,467.73			
 STOCKS			
563.68	Gear	555.53	
16.95	Magazine	9.60	
72.00	Postage Stamps	14.40	579.53
652.63			
165.00	Payments in Advance (See Note 3)	100.00	
19.62	Debtors (Gear See Note 4)	98.37	198.37
184.62		15,124.12	
 Deduct CURRENT LIABILITIES			
414.00	Subscriptions in Advance	26.50	
336.90	Accruals and Other Creditors (See Note 5)	412.00	
750.90		438.50	
14,846.23		14,685.62	14,892.87

Note 1:- The Provision charge includes an adjustment to the pre-existing provision. (2015 - same).

Note 2:- The Balance for the Bonus Saver Account includes £3,103.38 relating to the Benevolent Fund. (2015 - £3,029.88).

Note 3:- Payments in Advance relates to Hall Hire. (2015 - Hall Hire and Magazine Expenses).

Note 4:- Debtors relate to monies owed in respect of Magazine Advertisement (subsequently received) Referees Association; and due from www.easyfundraising.co.uk.

(2015 - monies owed in respect of Gear Sales and due from www.easyfundraising.co.uk).

Note 5:- Accruals 100 Club prepayments; estimated cost of Normidian production by MCFA; and Subs overpayment to be refunded.

(2015 - March 100 Club draw; 100 Club prepayments; and Advance Donations received).

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Treasurers Report – Season 2015/2016

It is with pleasure, and somewhat sadness, that I present to you the final set of accounts under my stewardship as Treasurer, a post which I took on some 27 years ago.

The accounts, yet again, speak for themselves, so I do not propose to make any specific comments as there are not any significant differences in any areas of Income or Expenditure. I will however make mention of the following:-

- I have had to estimate the monies due to MCFA for the printing of the magazine, and I have budgeted £35.00 per issue as opposed to £32.50 last year. The eventual invoice should change either way.
- Miscellaneous Expenditure includes a gift to Live Vice President on the occasion of his 60th Wedding Anniversary, and some additional payments to the Referees Association.
- Less Gear was sold during the year resulting in a lower surplus.
- Increased income from the 100 Club due to a change in prize allocation.

As you will note, there is another surplus this year, albeit only small. This has only been possible due to the support of those attending the Quiz Night last year – most of who were non-members of the Society! At the time of writing, it is hoped to run a Quiz again this year, on June 10th. However, notwithstanding this, it is likely that an increase to subscriptions will be proposed at this year's AGM. Subscriptions last increased to £11.00 at the start of season 2012/2013.

So, for a little bit of information, over the course of my stewardship, Membership Numbers; Surplus or Deficit; and Subscriptions (where I have them easily available) have been as shown below:-

Season	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08
Total Members	56	73	81	88	96	101	105	119	155
Surplus	£43	£162	£30	£373	£117	£87	(£82)	(£267)	£69
Subs	£11	£11	£11	£11	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10
Season	2006/07	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00	1998/99
Total Members	178	200	273	256	282	293	312	282	266
Surplus	£1,160	£300	£207	(£147)	£690	£710	(£359)	£89	£1,424
Subs	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£9	£9	£9
Season	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95	1993/94	1992/93	1991/92	1990/91	1989/90
Total Members	240	231	203	225	209	207		222	196
Surplus	£580	£827	£1,666	£205	£241	£715	(£512)	(£415)	£1,202
Subs	£9	£9	£9						

So the time has come now for me to end my tenure as your Treasurer. As I mentioned above in my opening statement, this is a position I have held – and enjoyed – for the vast majority of those twenty-seven years. For those that don't know, I succeeded a certain Peter Dace into the role, and between us we have been the Society Treasurers for forty-two years of the Society's 67 year history! During my time as Treasurer I have also had the honour of serving the Society as your President, and at last season's AGM being elected as a Life Vice President of the Society. Regrettably, however, I do not feel I have the energy any more in these challenging times to give any further direction to the Society. The times are changing – and I am not sure whether they are for better or worse. The Society needs more young blood to bring fresh ideas and take the Society forward.

Whilst I will no longer be a serving officer of the Society, I wish the new incumbent to the role of Treasurer every success in the role. Any myself? I will of course continue to support the Society in any way I can, but from the back benches!

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

Flagging Up

The Eve of the Final Rally to celebrate the FA Cup Final Officials and organised by the RA and the RA/FA Youth Council will take place this season on Friday the 28th May 2016 at One Great George Street London. Tickets are free to RA members but £15 to others. The guest of honour is Journalist and former grass roots player Henry Winter.

Congratulations to FA Cup Final Referee appointee Mark Clattenberg and his colleagues and hoping they have a great day and get most things correct. Further congrats to Mark for be appointed as the England Referee representative at the forthcoming Euro 16 competition.

The Daily Mail recently published a photo entitled “Robo Ref” detailing all the items that a National list referee carries to assist him in officiating. Some of these include- earpiece; microphone; flags receiver; goal line technology monitor; foam spray; heart rate band; wire connected to earpiece; battery pack and radio receiver; heart rate monitor –a bit of a difference to the 5 things plus the ball the rest of us take out with onto the pitch.

Athletico Madrid Manager Diego Simeone (who has piloted his team to the UEFA Champions League Final) was sent to the stands in a match against Malaga when he deliberately organised for a ball boy to throw the ball onto the pitch to stop the play in first half stoppage time. Although denying organising it in a 1-0 win he said “The ref did what he had to do”.

Football fans caught urinating in the street after a match could be fined £100 as a “no wee-zone” has been launched around the Ewood Park ground by the local Council. A classic case of being caught short with your pants down.

Joaquin Casparros has been accused by a former player Anderson Conceicao of trying to stimulate the team before one match by showing video images from a porn film Conceicao stated “The coach wanted to raise our spirit, but we did not get his idea. He said our tension in the game had to be the same as the porn actor [in the film]. (It may take place on the coach but not many coaches let it take place in the team talk in the dressing room before the game)- Source the Metro.

He was the Ref.

Retired Referee Howard Webb recently gave an interview to Sport Magazine which was repeated on the Talk Sport website. Here are some précised extracts from the reports with thanks to both organisations.-

“Over a long period of time the authority of the Referee has been eroded. You would not see players reacting in the same way in Rugby or most other sports. Managers are interviewed after the game and are asked by the media about referee’s decision and that will be one of the key questions. Thus they want to focus on the Referee.

If something is said in abusive way to the official the players should be sent off. However sometimes referees will sometimes turn a blind eye for the sake of the game because they are mindful of the impact of that decision.

So far as I am concerned in making mistakes my biggest is not the one that is most talked about being the Nigel De Yong tackle on Xabi Alonso in the 2010 World Cup Final which should have been a red card but one that occurred in April 2009. I had just been awarded the FA Cup Final and was feeling good. Manchester United were playing Tottenham at Old Trafford and Tottenham were winning 2-0. In the second half Rooney played a ball towards Carrick who got a touch on the ball and then it looked to me he was wiped out by Gomez the Spurs goalkeeper. Actually Gomez got a touch on the ball and it was a good tackle. I’d missed it and gave a penalty from which United scored and went on to win 5-2. It was a match changer and had an impact on the League title and that’d why it hurt”

[You can read the full interview on the Talk Sport website]

Incidentally Howard Webb created a World Cup Final record by cautioning 9 players in the match a number replicated by Mark Clattenberg in the recent game between Chelsea and Spurs at Stamford Bridge where he cautioned 9 Spurs players (a record for one team in the Premier League). Added to that he cautioned 3 from Chelsea so what was his view of the proceedings. Well if the Star newspaper is right in their report he is supposed to have told friends that he should have been stricter in the early stages to stop the game getting out of hand.

Ed’s Note. Was not the worst thing in the above regard Mark’s failure to stop the Chelsea players constantly surrounding him and trying to get the opposition into trouble although they obviously managed that themselves.

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

Part 48 – The directly quick goal

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165
Weather: Not looking too good
The Assessor: Still busy writing

Most referees have maybe one or two 'big moments' during a match. Maybe the award of a penalty or a goal disallowed for offside. How many 'moments' have I had to date just from this match alone. To think here we are on not far from the fiftieth 'Willie' article and that doesn't take into the account my Christmas contributions!

Over one hundred pages on this one match and still time for many other 'moments'. What a match I was having and what a great referee I must be!

As Casuals attacked the Reds Rovers goal the defender and the Rovers goal keeper both run towards the ball. The goal keeper arrived first by a second and with the ball safely in his hands the defender collided with the goalie and the goal keeper due to the force of the impact took two steps forward and stumbled to the ground.

The ball was still in his hands and a few Casuals players shouted 'Hand ball'. That seemed a fair 'shout' and I instinctively blew my whistle. We all know that a goal keeper can use his hands in his own penalty area but not outside the penalty area. What was there to argue about? What appeared a simple and straight forward hand ball to me was not apparent to the Casuals players. I explained my case but I was told that I should use my 'common sense' and just play on. After explaining my decision for the third time the Casuals mellowed slightly and suggested the restart be a drop ball as what occurred had been an accident. I thought to myself that if that were the case then every challenge on an opposing player would be an 'accident'. Players would apologize and say 'Sorry Ref, I just slipped, that was an accident'. No, no, no I could not let that happen. No restart with a drop ball but the restart will be my original one of a direct free kick for hand ball to Cockfosters Casuals. And surprise, surprise the assessor yet again was scribbling notes in his little note pad. I'd love to know what he was writing. Maybe it was his shopping list for later.

One caution later to a Rovers player and player finally recommenced.

About thirty seconds later one of the Casuals defenders attempted an over head scissors kick in an attempt to prevent the ball from entering the Casuals penalty area. As he was in mid air the opposing player behind him had to move his head very

quickly to avoid any contact. Thankfully no contact was actually made. Again this may have been an 'accident' but an offence had been committed nevertheless and I duly blew my whistle.

Within a few seconds of my whistle being blown the Rovers player kicked the ball straight into the Casuals goal. Obviously they were delighted and celebrated with great joy. The problem here was that I did not even have the chance to hold my arm above my head to signify that I had awarded an indirect free kick. I knew it was 'indirect' because the offence was for dangerous play.

Amazingly not one player from Casuals said anything to me as they had all just thought the kick was direct. I could have said nothing and just allowed the goal but I would not have been performing my job properly if I did not apply the laws correctly.

As you must have guessed this was not a popular decision. In the first instance I had not given the appropriate signal but in fairness the kick was taken instantly after I had blown my whistle. One caution later the play restarted with the kick being retaken but with my arm above my head to clearly signify that the kick was indirect.

The Casuals player side footed the ball to his team mate who blasted the ball into the Rovers goal. Casuals felt justice had been done but for me it was a case of being correct in law. Looking over the assessor was still adding to his shopping list. Remember to do it well but do it right.

Regards,

Willy Woodwork

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

Well, did our referee 'do it well and do it right'?

- a) Was it right to award a free kick for hand ball when he was 'barged' outside of his own penalty area by his own team mate?**
- b) Must the referee give a signal for every decision?**
- c) Is 'dangerous play' an indirect free kick?**
- d) Once a free kick is awarded does the referee have to blow the whistle a second time for the player to take the kick?**
- e) Was our referee correct to disallow the goal and allow the kick to be retaken?**

Last Month's Meeting- Report by Peter Dace.

Unfortunately, no summary of the excellent talk from our Life Vice-President Tony Ward could do justice to both the range and quality of his presentation, lasting some seventy-five minutes. During that time we learned why he took up Refereeing – due to criticising a Referees performance an Office colleague suggested he take up the whistle, through to his final game on the Premier League. We learned many anecdotes of both what went right, and occasionally went wrong including memories of Clive Thomas and Tony's line at a F A Cup semi-final at Highbury; Refereeing the 1986 F A Trophy Final at Wembley and for which the video nasty 'Ward at Wembley' is still available. Nowadays Tony looks after the Matchday Officials at The Emirates Stadium and snippets of behind the scenes dramas were revealed. A real evening of nostalgia for the Society although no doubt the age of the attendees was the real nostalgia!

Breaking News.

The FA is to replace its National Referees Development plan with a National Referee Strategy which creates 8 National FA Centres of Referee Excellence for which co-ordinators are needed. Applications for consideration for the posts should be made to his or her the relevant county.

Late Flag

Perhaps the last word on that unsavoury game between Chelsea & Spurs should go to Evening Standard columnist Paddy Barclay who wrote "Surely last night's turbulence hammered the final nine nails-one for each yellow card- into the coffin of "game management". Forget decision-making, it's the ethos of English refereeing that's misguided".

Positioning and interpretation of how to apply the Laws needs to reflect on how it used to be done since those ordering referees to act in the way they do these days has not done any favours to the officials or the players.

Look out for the first two Meetings next season. In September we are expecting to hear about the widespread changes in the Laws with a chance to discuss them and in October we have as speaker our own Daniel Lauszkin .The Quiz has also been put back to October on a date to be confirmed.

A Wolverhampton Wanderers Youth Team Physiotherapist Gavin Blackwell, Takes us Behind the Scenes.

Organising the backroom for the manager is no longer a one man band and the challenge is therefore to galvanise and captain an efficient team behind the team which not only performs specific tasks but also has a role to play in creating the atmosphere around the team” today’s manager is the leading edge of a group of staff which frequently consists of assistant managers, coaches, goalkeeping coach, physio and a kit man as well as players and to build teams – in the plural- rather than just a team.

Having built a ‘team behind the team’ the manager is required to lubricate the machinery to ensure that it runs smoothly in all conditions maintains “integration is a key word for “the team” behind the team. There is no room for slackers or fancy dans. Everyone’s strengths are appreciated and their weaknesses tolerated as long as everyone contributes something to the team effort.

The relationship between a football manager and his physiotherapist is a bit like a marriage, I suppose. If it is going to work it has to be based on the fundamentals of mutual trust, respect and understanding. An example of this is the performance decisions made by the support team need professional acceptance. Key decisions, such as when a player can return, should not be tainted by the opinion of the manager”

This categorical statement illustrates the need to find the right balance between the medical and footballing standpoints. The transcendental importance of certain matches can justify an element of risk-taking. With full consensus for all concerned—including obviously the player himself—our Sipper Daren Campion had been out for a few weeks with a knee ligament injury and was possibly another week or two away from full fitness we went to Grantham for a very important fixture. Having conducted the fitness test he could still feel his knee Camps wanted to play we need him in the side and the three of us made the decision for him to start. His knee suffered a stern test with a strong tackle within the first ten minutes of the game it stood up to it and was an ever present in the side for what was a very successful season. The grandeur of the fixture justified an example of the rule.

The gaffer is a task master extraordinaire he is one of the most committed and consciences people I have come across I was reading the other day a great example of the manager player relationship.

A physio by the name of Paul Lake was preparing for his first game away at Bournemouth having appointed by Stan Ternent at Burnley and packed his medical skip and emailed the hotel for the overnight stay over keen to make an impression with the Breakfast arrangements for the Squad mindfull of the latest nutrition guidelines for sport. He faxed

the super meal menus over to the hotel of carbs, cereal, wholemeal toast, fresh fruit, that kind of thing.

He woke early the next morning by the cacophony of Bournemouth seagulls circling the hotel, and came down to the hotel restaurant all he could see was a large serving hatch groaning with bacon, sausages, fried eggs, baked beans, black pudding and mushrooms. Not a banana or a bran flake in sight.

Just as he was about wipe the floor with the kitchen staff when he heard a Geordie voice coming from the other side of the room. There sitting, alone at a corner of a table, was Stan, mopping up a pool of orange egg yolk with a slice of sliced bread.

‘Can I have a word, Lakey lad?’

‘Sure...’

Let’s get one thing straight, he said his voice laced with menace. I choose the f...in food at this club.

This was a battle he knew he wasn’t going to win.

The players with the stomachs lined with ketchup and bacon fat played out of their skins and beat Bournemouth 2-1.

You know where you can stick your FA diet sheets, don’t you? Snorted Stan as they filled into the dressing room, and he made a mental note to never get above his station.

Managing the ‘team behind the team’ as therefore can be seen from the above has now become a significant part of a manager’s responsibilities.

Unfortunately in regard to the above not all backroom staff can make things work as the Metro reported in their “Oddballs” snippets -“A Brazilian club Portugesa, took drastic measures in an attempt to avoid relegation. Finding themselves bottom of their League in Serie B, they employed the services of a hypnotist Olimar Tesser to try to improve their on-field performance. Mr Tessa then had the players walking over broken glass and bending metal poles with their necks stated “I work with the human being, the man and this is reflected on the pitch. If a player thinks he can bend iron and walk on glass he can do anything in a game”

Sadly after Tesser’s first session with the team they lost 1-0 to Vasco da Gama.

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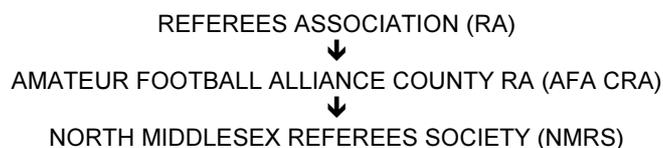
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for Referees. The RA is independent of, but works closely with, County Football Associations to ensure that matters affecting referees are discussed and resolved. These include law changes, current interpretation, assaults and other problems affecting referees nationally.

North Middlesex Referees Society (NMRS) Is one of some 350 local Referees' societies that are spread all over the country; some are referred to as Societies, others as Branches, Associations, or Clubs. They often work closely with local leagues to aid recruitment, and to ensure that any parochial problems are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. NMRS meets on a monthly basis throughout the season; Guest Speakers are invited; training sessions are held; social events arranged; and local problems - including Match Incidents - are discussed.

So what is the link between the Society and the National Body? All Societies must be a member of a County Referees Association (CRA). North Middlesex, together with the AFA and London Society of Association Referees, form a County Referees Association known as the Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association (AFA CRA). This Association operates with Officers and a delegate from each Society who, like the Officers and Committee of this Society, are elected annually in a democratic manner. The AFA CRA send a delegate to the locally held annual RA Liaison meeting which reports back to The RA Board, who meet at least four times a year. All delegates and officers of the AFA CRA Committee are elected annually in a democratic manner.

The National Structure for the Society is:



As a full member of NMRS you are a member of the RA.

The Objects of The Referees Association are clearly defined in their rules, and include:

- provide insurance, and financial support for members
- improve the status and reputation of referees.
- protect members from injustice or unfair treatment.
- promote, educate, train and develop referees in general.
- promote the best interests of the game of Association Football.
- provide guidance and support for members of local Societies.

What are the Benefits of RA Membership?

Insurance - The major benefit is the Personal Accident Insurance Policy. For a small amount, the insurance policy covers you whilst actually refereeing; travelling to and from a match; attending meetings (including travelling to and from home); attending organised training; and loss or theft of kit whilst at a match. Full details are available to members on request, as it is now no longer a requirement that each member who has paid the insurance premium is supplied with a copy of the terms of insurance. A range of increased benefits are also available - for an additional premium – and members should contact the insurers direct if they wish to take up these benefits. Additionally, active referees who are over the age of 75 can now be covered by the Insurance subject to an additional premium being paid.

Supplies - A full range of equipment is available from The RA - and often at a lower cost than if you bought it from a local sports shop. By purchasing equipment in bulk, the RA is able to pass the cost savings on to its members. Publications by top names are also available, along with "The Referees' Association Manual of Guidance" which gives advice to the referee on such varied subjects as diet, law queries, training, pre-match preparation, match control and lots more. "The Assessors Challenge" is another book that forms essential reading for every referee and assessor. It deals with every aspect and quality required for promotion. All items are available from the Society's Supplies Officer – although kit may need to be ordered. The Society's Supplies Officer is also able to supply you with kit and other refereeing items from a range of suppliers to make your purchasing requirements easy.

Refereeing is a joint publication of the Football Association and the Referees Association. The publication is available on-line at the-ra.org/refmagazine.php. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of RA-FA and RA news.

Benevolent Fund - It is hoped that you never have to apply for assistance from the Fund but, sadly, some of our members do fall on hard times through sickness and other reasons. The NMRS Fund is available to all NMRS members, and the RA Fund is also available to full members.

Why do I receive two different Membership Forms each year? You will receive Membership Renewal Forms from both NMRS and the CFA with which you are registered, although not necessarily at the same time. The CFA form will also show the 'three lions' badge of the FA, as the FA now has overall responsibility for the registration of all referees, although you will still be parented by a local CFA. When you successfully completed your six matches, following your completion of the Referees Examination, you were automatically registered with a CFA appropriate to the area in which you live, and this is most likely to have been either Middlesex; London; Hertfordshire; Essex; or the AFA. During your training, you will have been invited to take up Trainee Membership of NMRS. If you want to continue with your refereeing, then registration with a CFA is a compulsory requirement. However, the CFA's and RA-FA are unable to offer you the benefits available locally through NMRS. Whilst your membership of NMRS is entirely voluntary, it is strongly recommended as you will be able to participate in regular meetings held throughout the season - on local territory with the opportunity to discuss relevant local matters; meet and hear Guest Speakers; and receive regular training updates, along with the other benefits outlined above.

Note

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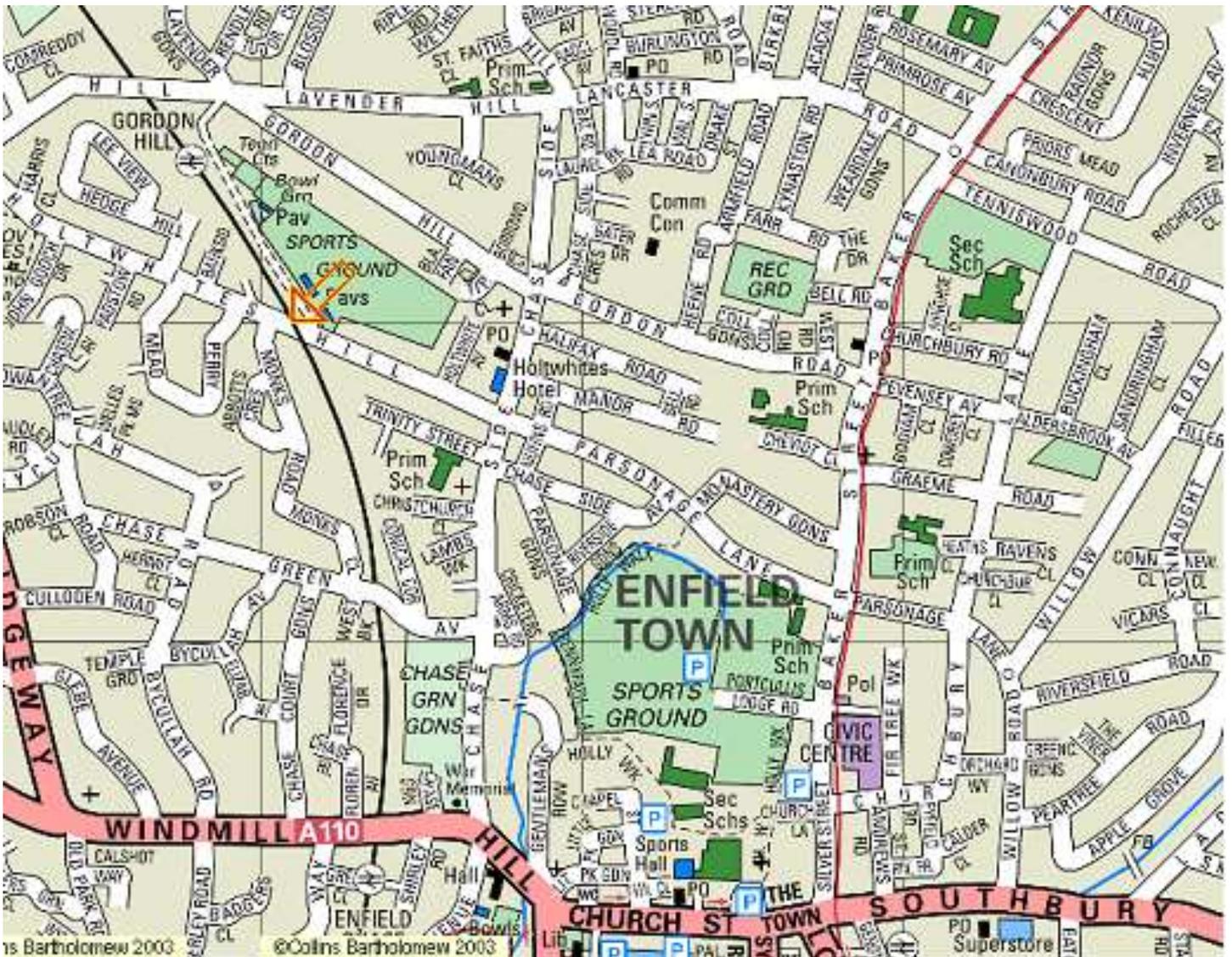
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association partnership for co-operation between the RA and FA.

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