

November 2003

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 14th November at Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire. Guest Speaker is Peter Clayton, Secretary of the Middlesex County FA and the County representative to the Football Association.

My thanks to Gary Cobden for taking over as editor for the October edition of the Normidian whilst I was on ping-pong/holiday duty in Turkey – well done mate!

As the minutes for the September meeting were not included in last month's issue of the magazine they are included elsewhere in this edition along with the October minutes.

It is my sad duty to report the untimely passing of Jim Jenkinson of the Bournemouth Referees' Society, who was well known to North Middlesex. Charles and Betty Lifford attended the funeral, which was held on Wednesday, 22 October. We offer our sincere condolences to Sue and family. You can read more about Jim elsewhere in this edition of Normidian.

Those who didn't get to hear Tony Ward, who stood in at the last minute as Society guest speaker last month, missed a treat. A report on Tony's presentation is included in this edition.

Also at the last Society meeting, Mick Osborn of the Training team, resurrected a thorny question from last year, which set everyone present thinking again. Whilst some thought they knew the answer, clarification was considered necessary to satisfy the many who were not sure! After some research, Mick has written on the subject in this issue – see "Loose Ends".

Now, I know an edition of Normidian is not complete without a few pages from our worthy Treasurer (and past Editor) Gary Cobden. Well, as he was absent at the last meeting there was no "Draw" to report on – so he is having a rest!

I am pleased to report that Vice Chairman, Vince Yeudall's wife, Ann, is steadily getting back to good health after an operation and subsequent hospital treatment. As for husband Vince, who despite a heart operation in the close season still attends Society meetings, he has now re-started refereeing again. We wish them both well.

Ricky Dellar reports "no interest" to his suggestion that Enfield-based members form group for training at a local facility, (see September's magazine) – pity! The Laws of Association Football, as understood by players and managers, are included in this issue. Now we know why things often go wrong!

Our friends in the AFA Society won this year's RA National Quiz, held in Coventry. Congratulations to the team of Bart O'Toole, David Williams (RA National Individual Champion), John Cooke and Helen Devine. Perhaps we could get one or more members of this team to be guest speaker(s) at one of our Society meetings and describe what the team had to do to win the trophy?

Thanks to Peter Dace for his usual 'Reminiscences', Terry Flack also writes and Ken May continues his "Life After..." Also look for a special plea from Charles Lifford.

Closing date for the December Normidian is Thursday 20th November 2003

You may recall last season's question about whether a player sent off in the first match of a double header could be refused permission to play in the second game. In an attempt to get a definite decision on the matter I wrote to The FA for their advice. Six weeks later, assuming that my letter had gone astray, I wrote to Mr. Baker again enclosing a copy of my original letter. I have still no answer or even an acknowledgement of my communication. At a meeting of the Middlesex County Training Team, which Area Manager, Janie Frampton, also attended, I got a unanimous answer. The player cannot be stopped from playing as it is a separate game and he would not have had an opportunity to appeal against the decision to send him off in the first game. Currently a player has fourteen days to call for a hearing and until the outcome of that hearing is known, he can continue to play, which can mean a suspension is delayed for several matches.

I didn't wish to make a big thing out of this but The Code of Conduct for Match Officials issued by The FA states, in part, "A referee should have regard to protecting the players" (and himself!) So what to do if you believe the safety of the players in the second game need protection from the player sent off in the first game, or indeed the protection of that player? The player cannot be stopped from playing – and that's that, came the answer. Next item on the agenda, please.

Just the other day my eye caught the following headline in the sports pages of the newspaper I was reading, "FA back down to FIFA pressure on red cards." The article stated "English domestic football will fall into line with the rest of the world from next season by ensuring that players who receive red cards automatically miss the next match." The player will still be able to have a hearing but only after he has missed one match. It appears that Sepp Blatter, FIFA president, has been very critical of the F.A. who agreed to the rule change after intense pressure in Doha during FIFA's extraordinary congress. The only exception to the immediate ban will be in cases of mistaken identity.

The following day another article on the same subject appeared. According to the authors of this article, the FA was seeking clarification on when the ruling should come into effect. A spokesman for FIFA is reported to have said that as this is not a new regulation, the FA must enforce it with immediate effect. I assume that the FA will now advise all interested parties about the new situation in English football.

Perhaps The F.A. did not get my two letters. Perhaps, as it appears, the matter was sub judice the F.A. could not answer my question but it would have been nice to have received at least a postcard from Soho Square, even if it only said, "Wish you weren't here."

At least there was some good news for the F.A. Among new statutes adopted by FIFA was the recognition for the first time of the four home nations' rights to separate representation within the organisation. Well, Sepp, you can't win 'em all.

Just a word of warning. This is only what I read in the newspapers



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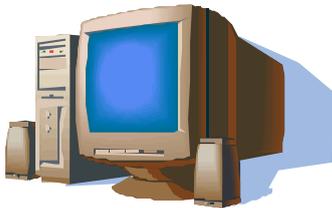
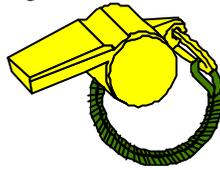
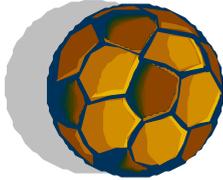
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October's Guest Speaker – Tony Ward

Robin Jagot introduced Tony Ward as Guest Speaker at the October meeting of the North Middlesex Society. Robin charted Tony's refereeing career from his start on the Finchley and District League through to the Spartan, Isthmian Leagues and finally to the Football League line, all in 6 short years. In addition to a subsequent successful career on the Football League, and being honoured to referee the FA Trophy Final in 1986, Tony is still actively involved in refereeing matters with Middlesex FA and other areas. He is a past President of the Society and regularly attends Society meetings.

Match control was Tony's theme and he called on his wide experience to outline some of the pitfalls that await the unwary. He also suggested a number of actions that could be taken to improve our refereeing performance.

"Know the Laws, be positive and confident", our guest advised. He said to make sure that we arrive early for every game, be smart and look the part. Tony recalled seeing World Cup Final Assistant Referee and Society member, Phil Sharp, in his early refereeing days, surprising him by turning up for a match on a local park wearing a three-piece suit. Phil has continued to look smart every time he attends a game, at whatever level, said Tony. He went on to remind us that we should never forget that we are representing the FA each time we turn up for a match. "Be confident" said our guest and reminded that not every club will look forward to having us referee them. Whatever the situation, look happy to be there suggested Tony, and realise that we are being 'judged' from the start.

Regarding pitch inspections, we were advised to be thorough, and to 'stick to our guns' regarding any decisions we are required to make. Tony then recounted some experiences of his own, involving unfit pitches and potential problems that can lie in waiting. We were well advised to be wary of the player with a cast on a broken arm insisting he has played the last four games in this condition!

"What are the Rules of the Competition?" asked our guest. "Do we know them?" "And when the team sheets arrive what do you say to the managers?" asked Tony. He pointed out the dangers in saying things you are perhaps unable to fulfil during the match. Tony spoke of an incident he witnessed some years ago as a young Linesman where the referee found it difficult to carry out the 'promises' made previously to the managers, and as a result had a poor game. Tony remembered that "The best of luck" was the only comment one of our top referees of the day said to managers before a game. Our guest said that this was a good lesson learned as far as he was concerned.

When acting as an assistant referee, Tony cautioned against talking for the sake of it to the match referee, who should be 'King Pin' and given every respect and assistance. We were also advised not to 'press the bell' unless asked to do so!

Once on the field, we were countenanced to "sell decisions" to players and not to take a "wishy-washy" approach to tackles. We were advised that if we acted in a positive and dynamic way, everyone is more likely to accept our decisions.

On the subject of giving signals, Tony implored us not to give the same signal for three different decisions and to try and improve the 'cosmetics' of our game. Also, when using the whistle we were asked to "give a message" to the players. Ken Aston suggested the whistle could be used like a missile! Contact fouls need a loud whistle and a hand signal. For lesser fouls a less strident whistle can be used. Tony said he was not a fan of negative signals. As to playing advantage, Tony demonstrated the

correct signal, which he said requires a wave of the arms, not merely an arms outstretched movement, giving the impression of a tray of sandwiches being carried! Prescribed signals are still the best, thought our guest and suggested we don't succumb to giving a 'diving signal' when a player is seeking a foul in the penalty area.

The game is for the enjoyment of the players, Tony suggested. Any player spoiling another's enjoyment should be dealt with. To do nothing can cause problems leading to temporary loss of control. It is important to punish when necessary. Sloppy tackles, where the toe is up and the heel down should also not be tolerated.

"Be aware", said Tony! All good referees have awareness and time. And glance back. A good referee knows if two players are not getting on. Keep your eye on them and use your neutral Assistants if you have them. Go into the penalty area where the action is and use your fitness. Use a good team captain, also.

Be flexible, don't be automatic, suggested our guest and don't have any preconceived ideas. He asked that we don't demean our Assistants, not to be too rigid and to give them carte blanche. On dissent, Tony suggested that by sorting this out first off, it would help later on in the game. Players prefer a strong referee, said Tony. When speaking to a dissenting player, open your arms wide to show everyone you are not happy with the player.

Players' reactions can be up and down, said Tony. A good referee expects this as part of the emotion of the game; we should also try not to belittle players.

Finally, Tony suggested that at the end of a game, the match officials should leave together, and in the clubhouse always be true to each other. He said that we should not be downhearted and should talk to colleagues. Refereeing can be very difficult as well as rewarding, said our guest, and advised that we should start collecting stamps if we want an easier life!

Chairman, Tom White, gave a vote of thanks to our special guest who, he said, should be mandatory listening to all referees.



Society Quiz Evening

Mick Osborn, supported by wife Grace, did an excellent job as Question Master at the Quiz evening held at Finchleas Football club.

Tony Ward and wife Sheila organised the splendid food with friends – very much appreciated by everyone on a chilly evening outside. Almost 50 members and friends attended to support the event. Raffle prizes were donated which swelled the profits and counteracted the excess of salad, coleslaw and grated cheese someone had bought on behalf of the organising team! (Guess who. Ed).

The winning table, 'captained' by Robin Jagot – what it is to have brainy friends – excelled, beating the rest of us by a large margin. Well done, guys and gals!

Chairman, Tom White, thanked everyone involved for their efforts, including the Old Finchleas club. An excellent evening, don't miss the next one! (And what exactly is a "plonker", again, Mick? Ed)



Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of November 1993

Editor Ken Goldman lets rip “just when we thought, as Referees, it was safe to go back onto the field, along came Herr Assenmacher and made a couple of decisions which adversely affect all Referees. Herr Assenmacher let down the brotherhood of Refereeing completely when he firstly pointed to the penalty spot for a penalty when David Platt was hauled down by Ronald Koeman in England’s World Cup Qualifying Game with Holland in Rotterdam. He then changed his mind.... and then failed to send off Koeman for a separate cynical foul as there was no question in anyone’s mind, including the player himself, that he had prevented a goal scoring opportunity”.

President Robin Jagot reports on the R.A. Annual Conference in Liverpool. He listed all the rules and motions put forward and especially noted the R.A.Councils’ recommendation for Life Membership for our good friend and past Secretary of the Southern Division, Peter Molyneux. Ken Ridden, National Director of Refereeing at the Football Association spoke about the Law changes, recruitment, and moves by the F.A. to supply Referee charts to all new recruits who qualify.

Tony Ward considered ‘the foul, the abusive and the ugly’ and bemoans the use of foul and abusive language on, and around the field of play. Opining that Referees are charged with an almost impossible task to curb foul language on the field he adds ‘until all areas of the game accept their responsibilities and try to do something about it; if Managers and Coaches used a better vocabulary and did not swear and if players did likewise, would it permeate through to spectators?’

‘Simply the best’ by Tony Ward answers ‘who is the best Referee you ever saw’? Whilst instantly thinking of Norman Burtenshaw, David Smith, Arthur Holland, Jack Taylor and from abroad Istvan Zsolt, Leo Horn and Concetto La Bello, Tony’s vote goes to an Englishman who sadly was forced to retire when only 41 years of age – Clive White.

Ken Goldman pens ‘Colour me purple – green, black & yellow’ and offers his considered opinion on new Referees kit at Premier League and Football League level.



50 Years of History – Charles Lifford

In 1999, a book relating to the 50 years History of the North Middlesex Referees’ Society was published. Whether you purchased a copy is neither here nor there, what is important, and it should be to you, is that I have been keeping the History up to date.

What have you sent me since that date? Have you had a County Cup Appointment? Does the Society know? Have you done a local Cup Final during this period, about which you can send me details? Have you had a photograph taken whilst refereeing, or been part of a group photo of referees that may be of interest to anyone in the Society?

A full record has been kept of the 50 years up to 1999. If you don’t do your bit –and it only needs to be a little bit – the History will not be maintained. Please send me as much or as little as possible.

Charles

It's Never Too Late – Terry Flack

I am one of the guilty referees who never normally puts pen to paper, but I feel the need to on this occasion. To a certain extent, I suppose I am blowing my own trumpet, but at 64 years of age why shouldn't I? It's the first time as a referee, and my short story may just give hope to referees who feel they are not appreciated. I still referee (freelance) on Sunday mornings, helping out any clubs that need a referee – as we all know it's never a problem getting a game these days.

At the end of last season, and on my second to last game, I left the field after refereeing a double-header at Youth level. To my embarrassment, both sets of supporters clapped me off the pitch and for once I was lost for words! What a nice way to end a season. But it got better! In my very last game the manager, whose team had just lost, said he would like to give me two tickets for his club's end-of-season presentation evening. I was a bit taken aback, but said if I were free I would attend. He then asked if I would like to make all the presentations on the night! Perhaps it was a 'one-off', a referee being asked to make presentations to footballers. As you know, as referees we all get requests during the season, most of which are not repeatable! And, no, it wasn't my best friend who invited me; I don't know anyone personally at this particular club, I had just refereed them several times during the season.

Anyway, my wife and I had a lovely evening at the presentation evening in Enfield and I was even given a small trophy as a memento.

I have put pen to paper to give referees hope that someone out there loves us. Yes, as mentioned I may be blowing my own trumpet but I was tickled pink to get the invitation. As Tom White will tell you, I don't get invited out very often!

Yours in Sport

Terry



Premiership Referees

Phil Don has been ousted from his job as supremo of the Premiership referees – it seems that Phil, who spoke to the Society not too long ago, lost his position as a result of pressure from match officials who thought he was sticking too rigidly to the letter of the law. There has been severe criticism in the media about the number of yellow cards during this season, which perhaps didn't help his case.

Keith Hackett, from Sheffield, is in temporary charge until a new 'general manager' is given the job.

Reading in the press, it appears that Pierluigi Collina (yes that one!) although felt by many to have been excellent in the Turkey v England game, is in trouble in Italy for being too lenient!



IS THERE LIFE AFTER REFEREEING? By Ken May – continued from his last instalment in the April Normidian entitled, “Where Have All the Saturday Leagues Gone?”

And the Players.....

Fortunately Sunday football is in a much healthier state, particularly youth football, but it is a cause for concern that the number of young men playing soccer continues to show a steady decline.

I was heavily involved in youth football in Harrow for 10 years but the number of ex-boys from my own club who have moved up to the men’s game on regular bases is less than 20%.

With fewer and fewer home grown players establishing themselves in the Premiership the long term outcome of this trend could see England’s football team following the example of cricket, where the country’s representative side suffers from a lack of activity at grass roots level.

Inflation Proof Fees

I was so naïve when I first signed on as a referee that I did not realise that a fee was payable for your labours. This was set at 5 shillings inclusive (25p) in 1959. Since my weekly spending money would have been under £2, after paying rail fares to work, canteen lunches and for my keep at home, to have another 5 shillings cash-in-hand was like Christmas every Saturday. Soon afterwards, the fee was increased to 7 shillings and 6 pence (37½ p) – that 50% increase was like winning the lottery!

Never on a Sunday

Being fortunate enough to progress quite rapidly from Class 3 to Class 2, I was quite keen to gain more experience and in the early 60’s one of the best ways of doing this was by Sunday football. The only problem was that at that time, it was not authorised by the County Associations and participation by affiliated referees was frowned upon.

Despite the risk to my County registration, I joined the Hendon and District Sunday League, which was very professionally administered and insisted upon the provision of club linesmen. Happily this Competition is still going strong.

These were pre-contract days for Non-League players and so a lot of prominent Saturday players turned out on a Sunday morning. A strong local club was Totteridge Hamlet who among others included the D’arcy brothers from Barnet who were both amateur internationals. Their home games at Bethune Park, Friern Barnet, attracted as many spectators as Wingate Finchley currently get.

So, still in my early 20’s, I appeared minus my county Badge and benefited greatly from controlling games above the standard of my Saturday football – and the fees were higher, too! Thankfully, and before very long, all Football became recognised under the single parent counties. With hindsight, and in keeping with other out-dated practices, what a lot of nonsense it seems that Sunday football was frowned on for so long.

To be continued. Ed.

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT COCKFOSTERS F.C.
ON FRIDAY, October 10th 2003**

1. **Apologies were as recorded in the attendance book.**

The Chairman welcomed new member Paul Fuller to the meeting and asked our Life Vice- President, Tony Ward, to present him with the Society Whistle. He wished him well with his refereeing.

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were signed as a true record.
- 3 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising
- 4 **Secretary's Report:** The members were informed of the new election arrangements for the new R.A. Council. Members were informed that the candidates put forward for election would be discussed at the next Council Meeting on Tuesday October 21st at the Chairman's abode.
- 5 **Social Events:** Members were again reminded of the forthcoming Quiz Evening on Sunday October 26th at the Old Finchleas Sports Club. At present the numbers stood at 40 and teams of 6-8 were required. A Training Course will be starting at Brimsdown on Monday October 13th and over twenty enquiries have been received.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report:** Membership stood at 236 full members and 8 associates.
- 7 **Magazine Editor:** Reminded members that the closing date for articles is October 16th. Keep sending them in please.
- 8 **Any Other Business:** Our Vice-Chairman, Vince, was pleased to announce that young member, Ricky Dellar, had joined the Arsenal Youth Academy, and asked members to contact him if any of you wish to help with the youth matches at the JVC Centre. Mick Osborn informed the meeting that if anybody is interested in officiating for Middlesex Schools, please contact him after the meeting.

Tony Ward our Guest Speaker was looking for 2 assistant referees for Sunday to take part in a Charity Match at Waltham Forest Sports Ground.

Several match incidents were raised and our thanks to Mick Osborn for offering sound advice to the membership and ensuring that we are correct in law.

After a short break the Secretary was delighted to introduce our Guest Speaker Tony Ward



During the Society meeting, 16 year-old Ricky Dellar received his FA Certificate from Middlesex Training Officer, Andy Taylor.



MINUTES OF THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY
HELD AT COCKFOSTERS SPORTS CLUB, ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2003

Apologies: As recorded in attendance book.

The Chairman was pleased to welcome members and those new members who were in attendance for the first meeting of the new season. The Chairman then asked our Guest Speaker Bill Hamilton to present “Whistles” to our four new members and hoped it would be the first of many, stressing how important it was to keep in touch with your local Society.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the April meeting were duly signed.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary’s Report: The Secretary reported that he had attended the R.A. Conference held in Cheltenham in June and stated that a full report on the future of the R.A. had been presented in the September magazine for all members to read. The Society had been issued with four Cup Final tickets of which one had been returned to the County F.A. The Society were trying to gain a Refund for the member concerned. Secretary informed the meeting that the issue had been escalated to the County Secretary who was also our representative to the Football Association.

Secretary reminded members that a Quiz evening will be held at Old Finchleas on Sunday October 26th, 2003. Any members wishing to attend should contact Tony Ward, 020 8368 0155. (Teams of 6-8 players, price £6-00 including buffet)

The next Society Training Course will start on Monday October 13th 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Brimsdown Sports Club, Enfield.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reported that the Society membership stood at: Full Members - 232 and Associate Members - 8. Members who had not yet rejoined will receive final reminders in the October magazine. The 100 Club at present have 47 members.

Council Members Report: Chairman ask those Council members present if they had any important issue to report to the meeting: None

Any Other Business: Gary Cobden requested that if any member was interested in refereeing at Chelsea (Youth Matches- fee £30-00) would they speak to him after the meeting.

The Society decided to introduce a change to procedure agreed by Council at their last meeting. The meetings will start with **Match Incidents:** Our thanks to Stan Rossenthal who recently completed the 2nd year of the F.A. Instructors Course. Stan informed members also of the new Law Amendments for 2003/4 season.

In future Reports will only be received from the Secretary and the Treasurer.

There being no other business our Guest Speaker Bill Hamilton recently retired from the BBC was introduced by Gary Cobden. Thanks were expressed for stepping in at the last minute as Joe Ross, Football League Referee received a late appointment. We hope to invite Joe back later in the season

LAWS OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL - as set forth by the players and coaches

Guide for Referees - The Laws of the Game:

Law I - The Field of Play

The field shall be in perfect condition. If it is not in perfect condition, it is the referee's fault, and the referee must repair any imperfections immediately. The referee shall tell the league that the field was not perfect, and the league will make the community Parks and Recreation Department fix the field immediately.

Law II - The Ball

Our team gets to kick around the game ball before the game. Our goalie has the right to veto any choice of the game ball. If our team doesn't approve of the amount of air in the game ball, then we may force the referee to change the ball whenever we feel like it.

Law III - Number of Players

The coach can submit a list to the referee whenever he feels like it. When we want to substitute, all substitutes shall run on the field immediately the referee indicates that a substitution will be allowed.

Law IV - Players Equipment

If our goalie isn't wearing colours that distinguish himself from us, then it doesn't matter, and the referee is being officious if he asks him to change. The other goalie must wear the colour of our team. The referee shall check the other team's equipment before the game.

If the referee in the last game said it was OK, then you (today's referee) must also allow it.

A team must use at least three different colours of socks.

Under no circumstances may a team tuck their jerseys in.

Law V - Referee

The referee shall agree that the coaches have a far superior view of the game from the halfway line in front of their benches and can see all the fouls that occur, whether or not the referee calls them.

If a referee observes more than two thirds of the spectators in an uproar over his last call he/she must immediately stop play and submit to an eye exam. If, after the exam has occurred, it is deemed that the referee does indeed require spectacles, it is the visiting teams responsibility to provide a proper pair. Punishment for the second occurrence shall be a warning of bodily harm by a designated spectator whose name shall be submitted prior to the match (no substitutions shall be allowed.)

Upon the third occurrence the referee shall be staked at midfield and secured with a tether not to exceed six feet in length (before stretching) but which must be at least two feet in length, and the spectators shall be awarded five minutes to discipline the referee as they see fit, provided there are a minimum of two spectators providing discipline at the same time. If the level falls below two spectators at any time while the referee is still breathing, then the referee shall be released and play will resume.

Law VI - Linesman

If the referee makes a decision we don't like, then the linesman has the power to reverse the referee's decision. If our desperate appeals to the referee get us nothing, then it shall be appropriate to yell at the linesman, because the linesman can't caution us.

When the other team is offside, our defender will raise one arm, and then the linesman shall put his flag up. Club linesmen shall be permitted to yell at the players from the other team, and it shall be taken personally if the referee reverses the decision of a club linesman.

Law VII - Duration of the Game

If after ninety minutes have elapsed, and we are leading, then the game shall terminate immediately. Our coach's watch shall keep the official time for the game. If the coach does not approve of the amount of time being added on to the half, then he shall complain to the linesman nearest him, who shall force the referee to end the half immediately.

Law VIII - Start of Play

The captains shall conduct a coin toss. The captains shall be immune from being punished for dissent for the duration of the game. During a drop ball, the ball need not hit the ground before it is played, unless the referee decides, for some reason, to stop play and drop it again.

Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play

The coach is permitted to stand on the touchline, regardless of whether the linesman's view of the line is obstructed.

Law X - Method of Scoring

A goal is scored if the majority of the ball crosses the line.

Law XI - Offside

If the linesman flags us for offside, then we shall be permitted to yell "It's when the ball is played!" at the linesman. If we fail to properly execute an offside trap, then we will forget that offside is judged when the ball is played, and the ensuing goal shall be the fault of the linesman.

A player can't be offside if he receives the ball on his own half of the field.

A player isn't offside if he moves back to onside position to receive the ball.

Any attacker who is unmarked is, by definition, to be declared offside.

Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct

If the ball comes in contact with the hand or arm of an opponent in his penalty area, a penalty kick shall be awarded.

No matter how far I kick the ball away, I can't be cautioned for delay of game if the ball is still on the field when I kick it.

A player should not be sent off for intentional handball if he was only trying to stop a goal.

It is dangerous play for my opponents to play the ball while they are lying on the ground. My team's position has no effect on this ruling.

If the player's shoe came off on the shot, then the goal should be disallowed for dangerous play.

A spectator with a dog on a leash must stay at least one yard from the touchline; however the dog, since it was unable to understand soccer rules, may enter the field of play.

When a goalkeeper catches the ball, any nearby attacker shall run up to the goalkeeper and stand directly in front of him, within one yard of him, and shall stare at him.

Any ball which last touched a defender before going to the goalkeeper shall be considered a back pass and penalized with an IFK.

A goalkeeper who traps the ball with his feet may only take four steps while dribbling the ball.

No foul shall be called if a player gets the ball.

Any player who raises his foot above knee height is guilty of "high kicking".

A player may not move if he is standing in front of the goalkeeper.

Law XIII - Free Kicks

If we do not agree that the opposing team is 10 yards away, then we shall inform the referee, and he will move them back even more.

We shall be permitted to delay the taking of a free kick until we are ready for it. If we take a quick free kick, and we lose possession to an opponent who was within 10 yards, then play shall be stopped and we shall take the kick over again.

A defender need not yield 10 yards during a corner kick if a colleague of the player taking the kick goes over to assist with a short corner.

A defender shall be allowed to kick the ball away if he feels that he needs more time to set up for an attacker's kick.

Law XIV - Penalty Kick

It was probably a bad call anyway.

Law XV - Throw In

In youth games, the referee shall penalize every foul throw, regardless of whether it will result in most of the time being spent taking throw-ins.

Law XVI - Goal Kick

The defending team can play the ball after it has travelled 10 yards. The attacking team must wait for the ball to leave the penalty area before playing it.

Law XVII - Corner Kick

If the ball, after being kicked, travels less than its circumference before crossing over the goal line, it shall be deemed to have never "come in" and the kick shall be retaken.

The Fourth Official.

The fourth official shall assist us in yelling "ref" when we want a substitution.

The Technical Area.

The technical area shall be marked in such a way as to allow our coach to follow play up and down the field.

Jim Jenkinson

As mentioned in the editorial, Jim Jenkinson sadly died on 12 October after a short illness aged 71 years.

Jim was yet another of those people we meet who over the years has done so much for referees and refereeing. A Life Member of the Bournemouth and Hants RA, Jim held posts in the RA and had many accolades for his service. Members will recall that he attended our Annual Dinner Dance and spoke at our Society Meeting.

I was personally indebted to Jim who trained me to Class 3 status when I lived in the Bournemouth area in the mid-60's and remained a colleague and mentor throughout my stay there. My condolences to you, Sue.

RIP

