

November 2006

The next Society meeting will be held at our new venue – Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield on Thursday 16 November 2006. Guest Speaker will be Barry Firmin of Bedfordshire.

Many thanks to the Normidian production team, in particular Gary Cobden, who ably ensured the October magazine went out as normal whilst I was enjoying playing ping pong in a multi-national event in foreign climes.

Unfortunately, some Hotmail users had difficulties receiving their electronic copy of the last magazine – Gary explains more fully elsewhere in this issue.

Readers will recall that long-standing Society member, Maxie Lea, had a hip replacement not so long ago, which temporarily curtailed his assessing and other refereeing activities. However, typical of the little fighter he is about to go into hospital again to have his other one done! Terry Flack has also joined the ‘hippy’ fraternity and is now doing well; Terry hopes to resume his refereeing career in due course. And past Auditor, Brian Langstone has recently had a knee done. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

As usual, a list of plum appointments is included in this issue. If we have missed you out it’s probably because we haven’t been told of your game – we will gladly print plum appointments if we know of them. Also, if you wish to share your experience of a ‘plum’, good or bad, just write in!

The NMRS Training Centre took over the October Society meeting to present a Small-Sided Football Workshop on behalf of Middlesex County FA – see details elsewhere in this issue.

Steve Conway, the Society’s new Mentoring guru writes on the subject and Observer discusses “The Ball in and Out of Play”. Treasurer Gary Cobden relinquishes his stand-in editorial duties to write about all things financial, including membership renewals and the NMRS 100 Club. Gary also appeals for a new society auditor.

Most members are aware that the Society is in dispute with the Middlesex Referees’ Association. Further details on this subject are included in this issue.

In last month’s magazine, we included a short article entitled, “Fastest Sending Off”. The sending off in question was administered after 19 seconds during a match on 12 March 1994. But who was the referee who was so quick on the draw? See inside for more details!

Vice Chairman, Vince Yeudall, is going on a 14-day cruise of the Caribbean later in November. Amongst others, he will be visiting the island of St Vincent, which he says was named after him – surely he can’t be that old? Have a good time, Vince!

Contributions for the December magazine should be sent to the Editor, Terry Wilson, by Monday 27 November 2006

Mentoring – Steve Conway

Football is in crisis, the players want to mimic all the bad behaviour they see on the TV, but none of the skill. They put referees under pressure even when they know the decision is right. Some of the atmospheres referees have to officiate in are quite hostile for no apparent reason. Is it any wonder we are losing good quality people!

Recruiting people for the referees' course is not easy, keeping those that complete the course even harder and retaining experienced referees in the twilight of their careers almost impossible.

I wanted to do something about this. I wanted to help with the retention of experienced and inexperienced referees. I wanted to help promote enjoyment in refereeing and to assist others in achieving their goals, so I decided to do something about it.

The first thing I did was to approach like-minded refereeing friends from all different levels of football and ask them if they would become referee mentors. A number of them agreed and a mentor's course was arranged at the end of last season.

North Middlesex Referees Society, now proudly boasts a group of trained mentors capable of helping fellow referees.

The next step is a little harder, I have written to all referees who are newly qualified since January 2006 and also to all promotion candidates offering the help and assistance of our mentor scheme.

The aim of the scheme will be to provide a refereeing friend who can watch the mentee in action and help, counsel and advise.

Group meeting will be set up twice a year to bring all mentors and mentees together discuss common issues and provide training.

The support the mentors will be able to give to the mentee will be on a strictly private and confidential basis.

As the mentoring secretary, it will be my job to marry up the mentor and mentee and to provide a secondary level of mentoring if required.

With this new system we can combat the issues, which many referees face from time to time. If you are interested in either becoming a mentor or wish to be mentored please contact me.

My details are Steven Conway 07889 136500 or steven@stevenlouis.co.uk.



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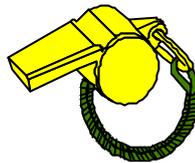
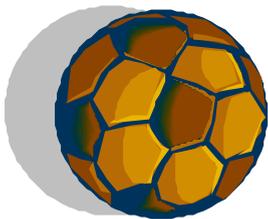
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Unfortunately, in October, we experienced distribution problems with magazines being sent to hotmail e-mail addresses which resulted in considerable delay in distribution. We believe these problems have now been sorted, and should not recur with the distribution of the current edition. We also have e-mail addresses for a considerable number of members who have not elected to receive their magazine this way. Receiving the magazine by e-mail enables the Society to keep its costs down, and, should you choose to receive your magazine this way in the future, please let me know.

Gary Cobden

Honorary Treasurer

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Small Sided Football Workshop for Current Registered Referees

On Thursday, 19 October, the North Middlesex training team hosted a Small Sided Workshop at the Society's monthly meeting venue, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Enfield. Some 20 referees attended the workshop from a number of referees' societies.

Robin Jagot gave some background to the workshop, which he explained was being held under the auspices of the Middlesex FA. Robin then introduced fellow training centre colleague, Stan Rosenthal, to present the course.

Stan said the aim of the workshop was to equip those present with the relevant match day skills required when undertaking the role of a small sided referee and to advise on the relevant laws and their application. We would learn the 16 (yes 16) official laws of small-sided football and understand the role and responsibilities of the referee. The normal laws of Association Football apply but with exceptions.

We were asked not to confuse Small Sided Football with Mini Soccer and Futsal – the latter two competitions have their own specific laws. The FA have recommended the laws for use in Small Sided Football, which can include five, six and seven-a-side games. These laws were revised in 2005 based on the following principles.

- A revision of The FA's Laws so that they better reflect the game that is being played in many venues
- Applying the general principle of the 'normal laws of Association Football with exceptions' and as a consequence simplifying the game for both players and referees
- Improving the technical quality of play in the small-sided game

A staggering 2.6 million adults and 2 million children play Small Sided Football each year. The laws applied tend to differ depending largely on both tradition and the constraints of the facilities available.

Stan re-emphasised that although recommended by the FA, the use of the laws was not mandatory given the diversity of available facilities and formats. Also, The FA and County FA's are allowed to sanction other formats of Small Sided Football. The principles of any approval by The FA are based on:

- The normal laws of Association Football apply with exceptions
- The game should take into full account the health and safety of the players and officials.

Law 1 covers General Principle: The Pitch; Pitch Markings; Penalty Mark; The Corner Arc; Goals; Safety; Playing Surface and The Ball. The pitch for Small Side Football may be played with or without barriers and must be rectangular. Where natural turf is used for the pitch surface it must be "smooth and flat and non-abrasive" – wood or artificial material is recommended.

The pitch dimensions are: Minimum 25 metres, Maximum 50 metres. Width: Minimum 16.5 metres, Maximum 35 metres. For seven-a-side football the recommended size is Length: Minimum 50 metres, Maximum 60 metres. Width: minimum 35 metres, maximum 40 metres. All lines are 8 cm wide and the centre circle has a radius of 3 metres. If barricades are used around the pitch, an opening should be provided at the halfway line and touchline.

The penalty area is defined at each end of the pitch as follows: a semi-circle of 6m radius is drawn from the centre of each goal line; the penalty spot is drawn 6m from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant from them. The extremities of these semi-circles should reach the goal line, barrier or wall regardless of whether or not the goal posts encroach onto the playing area. The corner arc is a quarter circle with a radius of 25 cm, drawn inside the pitch, unless barriers are used.

The distance between the goal posts is 5m maximum and 3m minimum with the height of the cross bar being between 2m max and 1.2 min from the lower edge to the ground. Both goal posts and the crossbar have the same width and depth of 8cm. Nets of hemp, jute or nylon, are attached to the posts and crossbars behind the goals – the lower part being given adequate support. Safety decrees that although they may be portable, they must be anchored securely to the ground during play as per Health and Safety requirements.

Law 2 concerns the Number of Players; Substitute Procedure; Changing Places with the Goalkeeper; and Infringements/Sanctions.

Maximum number of substitutes permitted is three. The number of substitutions made during a match is unlimited and a player who has been replaced can return as a substitute for another player. Where barricades are used, players must use the opening onto the pitch. Sanctions apply when a substitute enters the pitch before the replaced player has completely left the pitch.

Law 3 deals with Safety; Basic Equipment; Shinguards; Goalkeepers; Infringements/Sanctions.

Safety covers equipment worn by players that may be of danger to himself/herself or any other player. Basic equipment covers the usual jersey/shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and “thermals” of similar colour. Socks, Shinguards and footwear are also covered – goalkeepers are allowed to wear long trousers.

Infringements and Sanctions include players at fault having to leave the pitch to correct equipment or obtain items of equipment. Players can return during play if a second official has checked the equipment otherwise a player must wait for a break in play for the referee to check all is well.

Law 4 covers The Referee, his/her Authority, Powers and Duties and Decisions of the Referee. In addition to controlling the game in the accepted sense, the referee in Small Sided Football also has to make use of timed suspensions to exclude temporarily players guilty of infringements of the laws, and where there is no second official, makes excluded players aware of the end of their period of suspension.

Law 5 deals with the Match Official. Where appointed, The Match Official assists the referee in the control of the game. Duties include: control of substitutes; checking players' equipment; checking blood injuries; recording match details; acting as timekeeper for temporary suspensions; reporting misconduct in the technical/substitute area and carrying out any other duties requested by the referee.

Law 6 is concerned with the Duration of the Match. Games are divided into two equal periods of over 5 and up to 25 minutes, subject to stoppages and extensions for penalties. Half time intervals should not normally exceed 5 minutes, however, competition rules may allow a match to be played without an interval or a ‘change of ends’. Competition rules may also allow for extra time for penalties, or other approved procedures to decide the winner of a match.

Law 7 covers Start of Play. Covered in this law is the choice of ends; the kick-off procedure – players must be at least 2 metres from the ball; starting and re-starting play – a goal can be scored direct from the kick-off. If play is stopped and the goalie is in possession he can throw the ball into play from within the Penalty Area – play restarts when the ball touches the ground. If barriers are used and a dropped ball is required, the ball is dropped by the referee 2 metres from the barrier.

Law 8 covers The Ball In and Out of Play. Competition rules may apply regarding height restrictions.

Law 9 is about The Method of Scoring. A goalkeeper throwing the ball cannot score. Competition rules may apply for matches ending in a draw.

Law 10 – Offside, none!

Law 11 covers Fouls and Misconduct including Direct and Indirect Free Kicks; Penalty Kicks; Disciplinary Sanctions; Temporary Timed Suspensions and Procedures. Periods of suspension vary from 2 minutes to 5 minutes depending on the length of the playing period. The seven Sending Off Offences includes receiving a second blue card in the same match (no yellows!).

Law 12 covers Free Kicks, ie the two types, direct and indirect and the position of the kick, all opponents have to be 1 metre from the ball until it is in play. Infringements/Sanctions and Signals are also covered.

Law 13 covers the Penalty Kick; the Position of the Ball and the Players, Procedure and Infringement/Sanctions and The Kick-In – a method of restarting play when the ball goes over the touch line or hits the ceiling. If barricades are used the kick-in is taken 2 metres inside the playing area.

Law 14 concerns The Goal Clearance. The ball is in play when the ball is thrown or kicked from any point within the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team.

Law 15 is about The Corner Kick. Opponents have to be at least 1 metre from the ball until it is in play. When barricades are used, the corner kick is taken 2 metres inside the playing area at the corner nearest the point where the ball left the playing area.

Law 16 covers The Penalty Kick as a method of determining the winning team where competition rules so require.

At the conclusion of Stan's presentation, those present took a test paper on Small Sided Football. Robin Jagot then thanked Stan Rosenthal for his excellent comprehensive presentation, which was given warm applause.

The FA's booklet "Small Sided Football – Laws of the Game", detailing all the recommended laws for use in the game, was handed to everyone present, together with a Small Sided Football badge.



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Gary Cobden
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WHEN THE BALL IS OUT OF PLAY

If you take a stopwatch along with you next time you watch a game and stop it every time the ball goes 'dead', you will probably find that something in excess of twenty minutes elapses when there is nothing doing in the way of actual play. As a referee on the field, you could easily be lulled into a false sense of security by drawing the conclusion that you could take a breather during this quarter or so of the game. A very false sense of security!

Is it not true to say that many of those off the ball, behind-the-referee's-back incidents, take place when the ball is actually dead? Those few seconds that it takes for the goalkeeper to retrieve and position the ball for his goal kick may well be selected by the defender as the best time to intimidate his opponent with a few well-chosen words. Or it could be that while everyone is taking up his position for the corner-kick (referee and linesmen included) the centre forward and the centre half are exchanging a few crafty nudges and pushes.

Quite clearly, it is when the ball is not actually in play that the wise referee will continue to be 'all eyes and ears' in his attempts to detect the potentially explosive moments in the game, for it is often the unsavoury side of modern football that finds its birth in moments like these. Before he realises it, the carefree referee might have a fight on his hands. A timely, quiet comment about what he has heard or seen might be just enough for the referee to keep control of the situation, and he can be reasonably sure that no matter how unnoticed by the spectators his firm but friendly words might have been, enough of the players will have noticed his efficiency.

Too many referees are lax in their work while the ball is out of play. How often do you see a referee awaiting a goal kick actually have a glance at what is happening on the field of play? Too rarely, I would suggest. Very likely you will see the referee in the local league award a goal-kick, turn and run back toward the centre of the field ready for the kick, without ever being aware of what the players are doing. The golden rule of refereeing must surely be to keep an eye on the centre of activity while the ball is in play, and to use those moments when the ball is dead to check all around him that everyone is behaving himself. This includes keeping an eye on the last two or three players involved in the activity immediately prior to the ball going out of play. The referee can help himself a great deal in this respect if he perfects the skill of running backwards when taking up his next position should the situation demand it. Most referees can run backwards, but many seldom actually do so.

When operating without assistant referees (Club or Neutral), the referee must undertake all those tasks that he would normally delegate to his neutral colleagues with the flag. All too frequently do you see the ball go out of play and be retrieved many yards way down the touchline? In such cases the throw-in will be made from a position that is more advantageous to the thrower, and there are two basic reasons for this. One is the natural tendency for players to 'get away with what they can', while the other is because the referee lets them do so. It could be that the thrower is allowed this unfair advantage because the referee relaxed his concentration at the moment the ball went out of play, perhaps in the belief that nothing will go wrong for him at this stage. He looked away too soon and therefore did not actually know the correct place for the throw-in to be taken.

Wise referees, when working alone, frequently position themselves exactly opposite the position for the throw. If this is not convenient, however, there is still often a simple and unflamboyant way for the referee to indicate the correct place to the thrower who has just retrieved the ball. The referee positions himself in such a way that he creates a straight line involving three important points, himself, the correct

position for the throw-in and the thrower approaching the line. A little practice on this and the skill can soon be perfected so that you will then have a moment or two spare for that vital glance around the field to see who is trying to take advantage of the dead-ball situation, for it is odds-on that somebody will be doing so if he thinks the referee isn't looking.

There are several other things for the referee to look for while the ball is dead, so he should develop the art of 'making a few moments time for himself'. Think about the following and try to make sure that you have time to look and listen for them from time to time during your next game, whether it is in a stadium or on the local park pitch.

When the play is temporarily stopped:

- a) Is the goalkeeper at the far end of the field quite safe from spectator interference?
- b) Are those men on the trainer's bench behaving, as they should be?

Observer



Fastest Sending Off!!! (See last month's magazine)

Re: Incident in Magazine.

I was refereeing A.F.C. Bournemouth v Barnsley and Luther Blissett scored for A.F.C.

The substitute, Ian Banks of Barnsley, was warming up behind Linesman Steve Dunn (Cup Final Referee 2001) and shouted at him, "that was offside you f..... c...". Steve flagged but I did not see it and was just about to blow for the restart when the Barnsley captain, Malcolm Shotton, said, "Ref your Lino's flagging". I went over to Steve and then ordered off Ian Banks. The irony is that the Barnsley skipper drew my attention to an incident that resulted in his colleague being dismissed.

Steve often recalls the incident when we are together.

Regards

Tony Ward.



Solid Value!

In these days of multi-million transfers, it's refreshing to read of simpler times. In pre-war days, Jimmy Skelton was transferred from Moss End Celtic to Holytown United. The price? Thirty sheets of corrugated iron urgently required for the Moss End Ground!

Taken from the October 06 edition of The Chiltern Referee. Ed.



Middlesex County Football Association County Cup Appointments

Jeff Ritson Senior Youth Cup - First Round

Wingate and Finchley U18 v Ruislip Manor Youth U18
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Kingsbury Town U18 v Ashford Town (Middlesex) Youth U18
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Michael Mackey Jnr [R]
Paul Watts [AR]
Nicholaos Andrea [AR]
Lee Addison [AR]
Pat Walshe [AR]

Under 18 Sunday Senior Challenge E P L Greig Cup - Second Round

Yeading HEW U17 'A' v Omonia Youth U18

Steve Conway [R]

Under 16 Girls Cup - First Round

Hampstead (Youth) GU16 v St. Albans City Youth GU16

Nicholaos Andrea [R]

Under 16 Harold Whiddon Cup - Third Round

Gladstone Rangers Youth U16 v Staines Town U16

Michael Mackey Jnr [R]

Under 15 Jimmy Dyson Cup – Third Round

Enfield Town Youth U15 v Pitshanger U15
Omonia Youth U15 v Whetstone Wanderers Youth U15 'A'

Peter Jago [R]
Nicholaos Andrea [R]

Under 14 J N Smith Cup - Third Round

Ridgeway Rovers U14 v Broadwater United Youth U14
Enfield Rangers U14 'A' v A.G.V. Youth U14 'A'

Tom White [R]
Kevin Wavell [R]

Under 13 S R Dunn Cup - Third Round

Whetstone Wanderers Youth U13 'B' v Yeading HEW U13
Enfield Rangers U13 'A' v Pinnacle Youth U13

Ian Fairclough [R]
David Creed [R]

Under 12 Dudley G Harper Youth Primary Cup - Third Round

Abbey Youth U12 v Winners of Match 042 U12
Whetstone Wanderers Youth U12 'A' v Celtic U12 'B'

Robert Harris [R]
J Gunter [R]

Under 11 Ray Dodds Trophy - Third Round

Whetstone Wanderers Youth U11 'A' v Hayes Youth U11
Enfield Rangers U11 v Winners of Match 048 U11

John Noblemunn [R]
Jordan Nurse [R]

Junior Cup - Second Round

Broadwater United Reserves v CB Hounslow United A

Michael Mackey Snr [R]

Junior Trophy - Second Round

Kingsbury Athletic v St Georges Club

Peter Jago [R]

Sunday Junior Cup - Second Round

Oak Wood v Zion Rangers
Enfield Rosaneri v Northolt Saints Sports & Social (Sunday) Reserves
St Marys (Edmonton) v Bedfont Green Sunday Reserves

John Noblemunn [R]
J George Grant [R]
Steve Reuter [R]

Sunday Junior Trophy - Second Round

FC Grasshoppers v Yeading ABS
Accies v Rayners Lane Vets
Ridgeway Rovers Seniors v BB

Ricky Deller [R]
Steve Wildgoose [R]
Percy Brown [R]

Senior Challenge Cup - First Round

Hanwell Town v Uxbridge
Enfield Town v Edgware Town
Enfield Town v Edgware Town
Kingsbury Town v Wingate and Finchley
Kingsbury Town v Wingate and Finchley
Wembley v Potters Bar Town
Staines Town v Wealdstone

Michael Mackey Jnr [R]
Peter Jago [AR]
Steve Reuter [AR]
Peter Smith [R]
Nick Rider [AR]
Ricky Deller [AR]
Steve Conway [AR]

Middlesex County Football Association County Cup Appointments (cont)

Premier Cup - Second Round

Ruislip Manor Reserves v Harefield United Reserves	Steve Conway [AR]
Enfield Town Reserves v Bedfont Green Reserves	Peter Smith [R]
Enfield Town Reserves v Bedfont Green Reserves	Martin de la Fuente [AR]

Sunday Premier Cup - Second Round

Percival v St Andrews	Peter Smith [R]
Percival v St Andrews	Lee Addison [AR]
Kings United v Lansdowne	Peter Jago [R]

Womens Junior Cup – Quarter Final

Enfield Town Ladies Reserves v Northwood Reserves	Stan Rosenthal [R]
Enfield Town Ladies Reserves v Northwood Reserves	Barry Kyriacou [AR]

Amatuer Football Association County Cup Appointments

Intermdiate Cup – Second Round

Mill Hill County Old Boys F.C. (Res) v Southgate Olympic F.C. (Res)	David Chapman [R]
Old Salvatorians F.C. (Reserves) v West Wickham F.C. (Reserves)	Les Kyprianou [R]

Junior Cup – Second Round

Parkfield F.C. (Third) v Old Buckwellians F.C. (Third)	Mick Osborn [R]
Alexandra Park F.C. (Third) v Old Ignatians F.C. (Third)	Les Kyprianou [R]

Minor Cup – Second Round

Old Minchendenians F.C. (Fourth) v Enfield Old Grammarians F.C. (Fourth)	Les Kyprianou [R]
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Closed Veterans Cup – Second Round

Old Parmiterians F.C. (Veterans B) v Alexandra Park F.C. (Veterans B)	David Williams [R]
Winchmore Hill F.C. (Veterans A) v Old Lyonian F.C. (Veterans)	John Faithfull [R]



NMRS Dispute with MRA

The sub-committee met recently to discuss the current situation, and this note is to update Members. The letter received from MRA was discussed - this invited us to meet with them on their terms, under the chairmanship of an RAE officer, at their next scheduled meeting on 30 October. However, under these terms it was felt that the MRA delegates would have too much influence from the MRA officers present, and not be able to make their own decisions based on the facts presented to them. We have written back to MRA requesting a meeting with their delegates only, and suggesting it be held under the chairmanship of Jim Taylor, who is the Chairman of Middlesex County FA. MCFA indicated at the outset of this dispute that they would help in any way possible to resolve this matter, and Jim Taylor has confirmed his willingness to act in this capacity. When the NMRS Council last met on 24 October, no response had been received from MRA, and it was assumed the meeting scheduled for 30 October would not take place. On Thursday 26 October, a response was received from MRA totally refuting all of our suggestions. Regrettably it was not possible to confirm the availabilities of all the sub-committee members at such short notice; the sub-committee having indicated that they were not prepared to meet with MRA unless all members were available. We are still looking to meet with MRA to resolve this dispute.



North Middlesex Referees Society - 100 Club

One new member has joined since the publication of numbers in last months Normidian. The new number is 45 allocated to Bob Martin.

The October draw was made at the Society meeting, and with 45 shares subscribed, the payout was £31.50, and the winners are detailed below.

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If you wish to join the 100 Club for the current season, please complete the form below, and return it to me.

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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



Membership Renewals

At the end of last month there were some 77 members from last season who had not rejoined for the current season. In accordance with our usual practice, all of these former members have been written to and offered one final chance to rejoin the Society. If you know anyone from the Society who has not rejoined this year, please either encourage them to do so, or ask them to let us know why they have not rejoined.

Society Auditors

Sorry for being repetitive, but it is imperative that we find a new Auditor to take over from Brian Langstone, who has served the Society in this position since 1967 and has given notice that he has now reached a time where he wishes to relinquish this post. The Audit is not an onerous task, and only requires a commitment of around three hours one evening in April each year. If you would like further information, please contact me.

Whilst writing this, the Society sends its best wishes to Brian who has recently had a pacemaker fitted, and also had a knee replacement.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

