

October 2005

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at our new venue, Pymmes Park Bowling Club, Silver Street, Edmonton London N18, on Thursday 20th October. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm and the bar will be open. At the time of going to press we have no guest speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances. However, Robin and the training-centre team will be on hand with videos etc to educate and entertain.

Special Guests, Keith Hill and Middlesex FA President, Derek Mennell, got the Society's first meeting at the new venue off to a flying start. First, Derek presented Gary Moore with his 20-Year Award – well done Gary – and then presented the obligatory whistle to newly-qualified referee, David Wainwright. Keith Hill gave a sparkling presentation full of good sense and enthusiasm – a report on Keith's talk is included elsewhere in the magazine. In between, Stan Rosenthal, from the NMRS Training Centre, spoke on the new Law Amendments.

On the down side, members coming along to Pymmes Park for meetings are not allowed to park their cars in the park itself, only on the road outside – a torch may be useful.

Congratulations to Pete Smith on his plum appointment as Assistant Referee for the FA Trophy game Met Police vrs Maldon Town. This is in addition to Pete's other plum appointments listed elsewhere in the magazine.

As England pursue their quest to qualify for the World Cup, jokes abound about the Manager and players. Vice Chairman, Vince Yeudall includes a couple of his own in this edition. If you have a funny or clever joke you would like to see printed, just send it along to the editor – don't worry, if it's no good we won't use it!

Among the contributions this month was one from young Michael Mackey Jnr. Michael went to America again this summer to officiate in the USA Cup. A number of Society members went to the event, which Michael says is the biggest of its kind in the world. Guess the number of pitches used, and then turn to his article in this edition!

Regular contributor, Mick Osborn, writes an interesting piece entitled 'Is It Really That Bad?' Stan Rosenthal gives us some sound advice in his article on 'Goalpost Safety', and happy wanderer, Peter Dace, somehow finds time to reminisce the Normidian of ten years ago.

In 'Final Notice', Gary Cobden reminds us that this is the last chance to renew membership of the Society. Gary also points out that the Society is currently in dispute with the Middlesex Referees' Association and, as a consequence, with the Referees' Association of England. More on this subject in future editions.

Congratulations to all those who have plum appointments – a list is included elsewhere – also included is a copy of a circular from FIFA on Law 11, Decision 2.

Contributions for the next issue of Normidian by Wednesday, 2nd November, please.

IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?

By Mick Osborn

I started my career after being asked to take charge of the team at my son's Cub group. Before doing so I made it clear that I wanted parents to come and support their children but I would not accept any interference in the running of the team. For my part, I undertook a referees' course with N.M.R.S. in 1978, so that I would know what the Laws actually said. (Before that, I had only been playing the game for some twenty-odd years, man and boy!) It worked well. They were happy times.

However, horror stories of uncouth managers and obnoxious parents have kept me away from youth football except for some school matches. I have officiated at some Academy games where parents are well under control by the threat that if they did not behave, their sons faced de-selection. For a short time, I refereed ladies' football. This was in the early days and teams seemed to be made up of all ages. I gave up when I could stand the bad language no longer.

However, at the tail end of last season, I was flattered to receive two appointments. One was to referee the AFA Youth Cup Final for under elevens, between Winchmore Hill and Broomfield. Before the start I set up a rapport with the spectators, which I like to think paid off as everyone seemed to enjoy the game and I came off unscathed. The second was as an Assistant Referee in the Bethwin SE v Forty Hill Youth B Under-fifteens. This also went well. I then found myself on the line for the Colchester Ladies v Charlton Ladies U/19 match. Amazing – another good game played in a good spirit.

Within weeks, I was on the team of match officials at the Girls Centre of Excellence Festival at Cobham. You may have seen the picture in last month's Normidian. (Even better in colour in FAMOA's journal of July 2005.) Football at its best – skill, commitment and fair play in front of an appreciative crowd. Where had all the uncouth and obnoxious gone? Even the players accepted decisions, right or wrong.

On Saturday 10th September was another festival for young ladies, this time at Fairlop Oak. Trevor Syms put me on the list again. I must admit that being in a tournament of non-stop football that started at 9.15am and ended at 3.30pm-ish, was hard going. Eleven referees covered sixty 11-a-side matches on four full-size pitches played by girls under 14 years of age and under 16, and fifty-five 7-a-side matches on four mini pitches for the under tens and twelves. I'll leave you to work that out. Generally, games were only 15 minutes long, but that meant that players kept up a good pace!

No goals were recorded. The girls played for the sake of having fun, which all sport should be about. At the end of the day, prizes were awarded in each age group to the Player of the Day and players with a good attitude to the game. We referees also received medals as well as a fee. It was a very well organized and enjoyable day.

My reason for writing about my recent experiences with youth football is to say that with good organization and players and spectators with the right attitude to the sport, youth football need not be all that bad. Local clubs should take a leaf out of these academies and be willing to throw out the trouble-makers; players, parents and club officials alike, who spoil the youngsters' game. It just takes a little courage and willingness to drop players even if they are some of the best in their club.

September's Guest Speaker – Keith Hill

Vice Chairman, Vince Yeudall, introduced our guest speaker, FA Regional Manager for North Herts and National List Referee, Keith Hill. Vince said that having started refereeing in 1984, Keith had just gone up and up including appearances on TV. Keith said he was pleased to have been invited to North Middlesex and he brought the good wishes of his own Society, North Herts.

Using a computer to illustrate the various points in his presentation, Keith both educated and entertained his audience in equal measure. His theme throughout was “Who’s The Boss?” By being proactive rather than reactive can help in managing a game, suggested Keith and although a strict application of the Laws was necessary, problems foreseen and dealt with early often result in the game being more enjoyable for everyone. We should try to find a pathway that is approved by everybody, said Keith. Asserting our authority early in the game sends a clear message to players and spectators how we intend to run the match. We were extolled to make our ego work in a positive way and not to be arrogant. On restarts, be proactive and vigilant, we were advised. Purposeful delays should be penalised – the law is clear!

On throw-ins, Keith said they should be taken from the correct place, get the thrower’s attention early and, if necessary, tell the player where you want the throw taken – “make the effort” was the message. “Credibility can be as important as the Law”, our guest suggested.

Delays at free kicks should not be tolerated, said Keith who gave a number of examples of how players can use up time if allowed to do so. Making an extra effort throughout the game – telling the offender straight away and using the Assistant Referee if necessary – can enhance everyone’s enjoyment. We were advised to sell our decisions – by talking if necessary – and to see the “bigger picture”. Sell the positives and use the pitch markings – be proactive (that word again! Ed).

Our guest discussed flashpoints. He advised us not to manage confrontational situations from a distance – be close by. And don’t just wait for the outcome – our presence, as the referee is a deterrent to misconduct, suggested Keith. We should also use our voice and “be there”. Another video clip demonstrated the wisdom of this advice. “Presence is power”. The “ball in the corner” scenario, to consume time, was illustrated and discussed. Keith suggested we act “selfishly” in this situation and get the game going properly as quickly as possible. “Be there and get the ball out” was the advice – use the Assistant if possible and always be aware of the “bigger picture”.

In summary, Keith said we shouldn’t wait for things to happen; be proactive (prevention being better than cure); establish and maintain control by always being one step ahead.

After discussing a number of situations asked from the floor, including players shielding the ball over the goal line, attackers standing in a defensive wall and Mr Rooney’s well-documented antics, Jeff Till gave a vote of thanks to Keith for his splendid presentation.

Finally, President, Dave Ackerman, presented Keith with a commemorative NMRS tie.

Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of October 1995

An anonymous writer produces 'It's a changing game part one' and describes law changes back in the 19th century, which included 'players were not decreed offside provided that three opponents were between them and the goal'. In 1869 goal kicks were introduced; corner-kicks did not appear until 1872 in which year also the size of a football was defined.

Tony Ward pens 'Assessing at the top level' illustrating the last two seasons have seen a dramatic drop in the number of ex Referees and Linesmen assessing our top-flight colleagues. Whereas the Football League still retain the full assessment scheme, the Premier League have introduced an observer system similar to UEFA who make observations on such items as crowd control, sportsmanship etc as well as commenting on the Referee and Linesmen – this being nowhere near as detailed as the original scheme. There are many anomalies with those observing i.e. several top-flight experienced Referees, some of them household names, have failed to make the Premier League Observers List yet two ex Referees who retired from the list over thirty years ago are retained on the panel.

Editor Ken Goldman says 'the main question to be asked is, who has the right to criticise?' following the enormous amount of criticism that Referees have had to endure this season. Ken does not apologise for naming names, in particular media figures Barry Davis, David Mellor, Andy Gray and Bobby Gould, although adding Bobby was prepared to become involved in trying to referee the odd junior game and was also prepared to speak at North Middlesex if it could be arranged. He adds 'these people have the power and it is surely incumbent upon them to work with Referees or Referees Societies before launching into such tirades of condemnation and in some cases almost abuse of Referees'.

'Early observations' by Tony Ward urges the National Review Board to re-impose their authority and instruct their officials to administer correctly the disciplining of players, at the same time remembering that they have a duty to the grass roots of the game. Tony supports this statement with several recent examples of Referees at the top level showing cards, but at a distance, so players, managers, crowd etc would not be certain who, precisely, had been disciplined.



Laugh With Vince

After the Northern Ireland vrs England game, David Beckham said, "We've got to stick together". Did he mean Rooney's lips?



I wish the England team would score as many times as their Manager!



Goalpost safety

We all agree that football should be safe, enjoyable and most importantly fun, especially for the youngest in our community.

Tragically, during the past few years several children have been killed by falling goalposts. One young child, Jonathan Smith from Essex was only eleven years old. Other children have been even younger.

The FA has produced documents entitled 'Goals for Football'. This can be downloaded from www.TheFA.com.

You can help by checking goalposts every time. Some useful pointers are:

- Homemade goalposts should not be used.
- Nets can only be secured to the posts and crossbar by plastic hooks or tape. Metal cup hooks cannot be used.
- Wooden goalposts should be checked particularly carefully. They may look sturdy, but are susceptible to rot. Check the bottoms and joints.
- Metal posts may appear rusty. Check to make sure the rust has not weakened the structure.
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts.
- Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturers instructions.
- All goalposts must be secure in the ground and upright.
- Portable goalposts should be dismantled and stored securely after each match.

Remember 'Make safety your goal'.

Stan Rosenthal



USA CUP 2005 – Michael Mackey Jnr.

Back in July, the North Middlesex Referees' Society was represented at the USA Cup – the largest youth tournament in the World. Involved were seasoned pro, Percy Brown and youngsters Daniel Taborda, Daniel Luskins and myself (Michael Mackey Jnr).

We all arrived at Gatwick early on Wednesday 13th July bumping into friends and colleagues we had met in previous USA tournaments. We took off at midday with an eight-hour flight ahead of us and after the long journey we were met at Minneapolis airport and taken to the National Sports Centre in Blaine, Minnesota, to arrive at 7 pm. We settled in before going for a drink with other UK colleagues.

Apart from attending a meeting of match officials Thursday was a free day. We were welcomed by the Head of Referees and informed that due to a change in the US football season, the American contingent would not be arriving until later in the tournament.

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This meant that we all had five or six games to do in the first three days of the tournament. We were also told that the temperature would be in the 90's all week – great!

On the Friday the tournament started – non-stop football for nine days, averaging four games a day, once the Americans decided to turn up. Games started at 8 am with the final games at 6 pm. There were a total of 45 pitches covering a massive area. Age groups ranged from under 9's to under 19's. Teams came from all over the world – America, Mexico, Costa Rica, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain and many more.

Each of the NMRS party had a good tournament, getting good games. I was fortunate enough to referee the under 17 quarter final between America and Mexico – I managed 7 cautions! I also had a line in the under 19 semi-final between two American teams and refereed the under 13 final between England and America – a strange appointment, as I also had two Americans on the line. England won comfortably and the American made a comment about me showing favouritism towards the English side. I did consider asking him to leave the coaches' area, but decided to say that I thought his team wasn't good enough and that he should just enjoy the football being played by the English boys. He didn't appreciate my comments but he listened and I didn't hear another word from him for the rest of the game.

Going to the USA Cup is a great experience, you can referee teams from all over the world using refereeing skill that you have never had to consider before, like trying to communicate with eleven Mexican players who can't speak a word of English between them!

You can also get to officiate with referees from around the world, including some on the FIFA List or National List of their own countries. I was fortunate enough to work with George Cain, ex-Football League referee, Guy Beale, current Premier League Assistant Referee and, in previous years I have worked with Nigel Miller, ex-Premier Assistant Referee and current Football League referee. I also ran the line for a Polish FIFA referee that I have seen on several FIFA Appointments.

There was also the usual banter between the British referees, some we had not seen since last year at the same tournament – but we just carried on where we left off!

One story I promised Daniel Luskins I would pass on concerned a game he was refereeing that was on television, being watched by several of his British colleagues. He walks out with his two Assistants, meets the captains, who do the usual. He then turns and blows the whistle to start the game. Everybody just stands there – he's only left the ball in the tent! Dan was a bit embarrassed and got a lot of stick. What made it even worse was that they sell DVDs of the games. Dan's game hits the shelves soon!

On the final Sunday, there is always the traditional North vrs South football match between the British referees. The South won 3-2, Percy Brown playing his part at the heart of the defence. We then took over the local bar, and before we knew it we were on our way home arriving at Gatwick on Monday 25th July.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society meeting held on Thursday 15/09/05 at Pymmes Park Bowls Club

Apologies: Gary Cobden and Mick Osborn or as written in Society Attendance Book

Chairman: The Chairman was pleased to welcome the President of Middlesex County Football Association, Derek Mennell, our Guest Speaker for the evening Keith Hill from the F.A. and two new members Daniel Wainwright and Steve Eldon attending for the very first time. A warm welcome was extended to all in our first meeting of the new season.

Minutes of the Last Society Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday March 11th, 2005 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported that he had attended the Referees Association Conference held on the weekend of June 17th/18th and informed members that a full report appeared in the September edition of the Society Magazine and was available on our Society Web-Site.

Members were reminded that the Society Quiz night which will take place on Saturday October 29th, had been well advertised and that anybody wishing to attend should let the Secretary or Treasurer know as soon as possible. Tables of 6 required and the cost -£6 per ticket.

The next Training Course will be held at Brimsdown Sports Club on Monday October 10th, 7.30pm.

Treasurer's Report: The Secretary had received a report from the Treasurer in his absence that the membership to date stood at Full Members - 130 and Associate Members - 4

Any Other Officer's Report: None

Any Other Business: Our Vice Chairman through the chair wished to thank those members who throughout the summer had given so much service to the football programmes held at the Arsenal JVC Centre.

Presentation The Chairman announced that Gary Moore had been nominated by the Middlesex County Football Association to receive a 20 years Award for services to Refereeing in Middlesex and he kindly asked Derek Mennell, President to make the award on behalf of the Association. Members warmly applauded in appreciation of his contribution to football over the years.

A further presentation was made to our new members Daniel Wainwright and Steve Eldon on recently qualifying as Referees and our President Dave Ackerman presented each with a whistle and wished them well for the future.

The Chairman then asked our Training Instructor Stan Rosenthal to inform members of the new Law Amendments for Season 2005/2006 and any match Incidents. Also mentioned was an outline on CR13 procedures and if members wish to obtain the CRB Forms then please advise the Secretary.

A short break was then taken and Vince Yeudall introduced our Guest Speaker Keith Hill from the Football Association. His subject for the evening was about the man in the middle: "You are the Boss"

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and members were reminded that the next Society meeting will be on Thursday October 20th and the Guest Speaker was Barry Firmin from Bedfordshire.

Plum Appointments – Season 2005-2006

Middlesex County FA Sundry Junior Trophy Round 1

Oakwood United Sunday First	v Lord Hill FC First	Referee	B Kyriacou
Northmet (Riverside) FC A	v Athletico Town FC First	Referee	R Deller
N L O FC First	v Kingshill Town FC Reserves	Referee	R Martin

Middlesex County FA Sundry Intermediate Cup Round 1

Hatch End FC First	v Old Uxonians FC First	Referee	P Jago
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Middlesex County FA Sundry Premier Cup Round 1

Belstone FC First	v Castle FC First	Referee	L Addison
Broadfields Utd Sunday FC First	v Bedfont Green Sunday FC First	Referee	S Conway

Middlesex County FA Junior Trophy Round 1

Brentham FC Reserves	v Albion West 14 FC First	Referee	R Deller
Parkfield FC D	v Harrow Lyons FC First	Referee	N Nicolau
Viking Sports FC First	v Northwodd FC A	Referee	GN Deufi
Cb Hounslow United FC C	v Technicolour Sports FC Second	Referee	P Walsh

Middlesex County FA Premier Cup Round 1

Wembley FC Reserves	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC First	Referee	P Jago
Wealdstone FC Reserves	v Hates FC Reserves	Assistant Referee	B Kyriacou
Ruislip Manor FC Reserves	v Northwood FC Reserves	Assistant Referee	R Deller

Middlesex County FA Senior Charity Cup Round 1

Hanwell Town FC First	v Wingate and Finchley FC First	Referee	M Mackey (Jnr)
Hanwell Town FC First	v Wingate and Finchley FC First	Assistant Referee	S Conway
Potters Bar Town FC First	v Enfield FC First	Assistant Referee	L Addison
Potters Bar Town FC First	v Enfield FC First	Assistant Referee	P Jago

Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Round 1

Enfield FC First	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC First	Assistant Referee	P Smith
Enfield FC First	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC First	Assistant Referee	S Conway
Enfield Town FC First	v Southall FC First	Assistant Referee	S Rosenthal
Enfield Town FC First	v Southall FC First	Assistant Referee	P Jago
Northwood FC First	v Ruislip Manor FC First	Referee	M Mackey (Jnr)
Northwood FC First	v Ruislip Manor FC First	Assistant Referee	N Rider
Hillingdon Borough FC First	v Wembley FC First	Referee	D Buckeridge

If you have received a Plum Appointment - it does not have to be a County Cup Appointment - please let us know, and we will publish it in a future edition of the Normidian. It will also be recorded in the Society's records.

Gary Cobden



Final Notice!!!

Membership Fees due! Yes guys and gals, this is your last chance to renew your Membership of the Society. If you have already paid your fees for the current season, then you have nothing to worry about, and you should have received your Membership Card with the last issue of the Normidian. A few Cards are enclosed with this month's magazine; the RAE are somewhat slow at the moment, and there are a number of cards I have yet to receive. As some of you may be aware, we are currently in dispute with the Middlesex Referees Association (MRA), and hence, the Referees Association of England (RAE); we have held the first meeting with delegates from the RAE in an attempt to resolve this matter. However, your membership fees are safe, and you currently retain the full membership benefits. For those of you who have not yet paid your fees for this season, another Membership Form is enclosed, which I would ask that you complete, and return to me as soon as possible. Fees now payable are as follows – Full Members £22.75; Associate Members £12.00 (your Referees Association fee must be paid through another Society, and the Society must be shown on your completed Membership Form). Junior Members (Under 18) - £13.25. The Full Members fee includes your Referees Association fee. This is your final chance to renew your membership; if you do not renew this month, we will not be able to send you any further editions of the Normidian, and, under the Society Rules, your membership will be deemed to have lapsed.

Gary Cobden

Honorary Treasurer

North Middlesex Referees Society

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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



TRIVIA

1. A record was recently set in this years FA Cup Competition. Do you know what it was?
2. Which current Championship side, at one time fielded a team which included seven past; present; and future England Captains? And in which year?

No prizes, but the answers can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Normidian.



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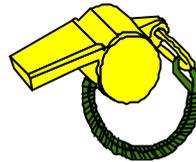
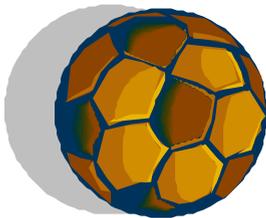
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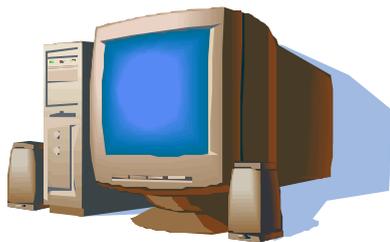
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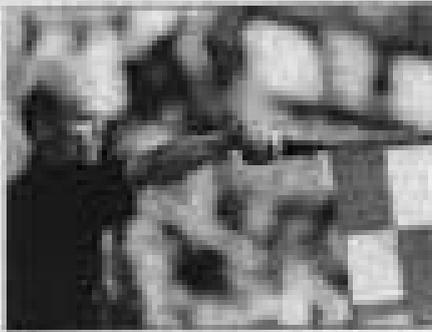
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Referee's - Rules - Off Side

to the MEMBERS of FIFA

Circle no. 181

Date, 17 August 2010

2010/10-10

IFAB advice on the application of Law 11, Decision 2

Dear Sir or Madam,

We write with reference to the issue of the Laws 2009, which were first formalised on 1 July 2010. As you are aware, two new decisions relating to Law 11 – Offside were taken by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) during its meeting in the City of Cambridge, UK, on 26 February 2010.

These two decisions did not alter the text or meaning of Law 11 – Offside, but rather clarified the text with the aim of resolving the game and allowing play.

However, the fact we had agreement of the approval of these decisions indicated a need for clarification of one particular situation. For that purpose, a working group meeting of the International Football Association Board, chaired by FIFA Vice-President and Chairman of the Referee's Committee Jorge Valdano Lima, took place in Zurich on 11 August 2010. The text and meaning of Law 11 and its Decisions 1 & 2 were not changed, nor was their application. However, the working group agreed on the following text as 'advice on the application of Law 11, IFAB Decision 2'

"A player in an offside position may be penalised before playing or touching the ball if, in the opinion of the referee, an offence occurs while in an offside position that the opportunity to play the ball."

"If an opponent becomes involved in the play and if, in the opinion of the referee, there is potential for physical contact, the player in the offside position shall be penalised for interfering with an opponent."

In addition, the IFAB also agreed on the following clarification with regard to the position where the game restarts following an offside offence (Law 11 – Interpretation/Conditions):

"The restart of the game shall be with an indirect free kick taken from the initial place where the player was adjudged to be in an offside position."

We thank you for communicating these instructions to the referees and assistant referees in your Association. We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you of Art. 2 and 8 of the FIFA Statutes. Paragraph 1 of the latter clearly states: "Each member of FIFA shall use International Football as compulsory with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game."

We hope that this clarification will put an end to any debate in this connection and that the decision of the IFAB and the Statutes of FIFA will be respected in their entirety.

Yours faithfully,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE

DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Jérôme Champagne

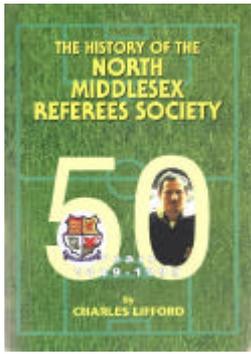
Deputy General Secretary



Kits for Sale The Society has a number of coloured shirts for sale, together with black shorts. The Shirts are Short Sleeved, and all one size (extra large), brand new, and are individually wrapped. Available in a choice of colours – Yellow and Black; Blue and Black; and Red and Black. Each shirt is available at a cost of only £5.00. The Society also has available pairs of extra large Black Shorts. Again they are brand new, and individually wrapped. Each



pair of shorts is also available at a price of £5.00. If you would like to purchase any of these shirts or shorts, please contact the **Society Gear Supplies Officer, Percy Brown, on 01707 851369.**



50th Anniversary Book

In 1999, the Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary. To celebrate this, the Society published a book charting its history over the years including profiles; facts; and photographs. The book was written and compiled for the Society by Charles Lifford.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book - **NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY - A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS FOOTBALL** - contact **Society Treasurer, Gary Cobden**, on 01992 469153 or by e-mail – treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

TRIVIA Answers

1. In the Preliminary Round of this year's competition, the replay between Tunbridge Wells and Littlehampton Town required a record 40 - yes forty - penalty kicks to decide. The game finished 2-2 after extra time, and Tunbridge Wells eventually ran out winners by 16-15 on kicks from the penalty mark!!! There were also two penalties in normal time. The match lasted for 3 hours 10 minutes, and eventually ended at 10:55pm. The previous record was a mere 24 kicks in a First Round proper replay between Forest Green and Macclesfield Town, which Forest Green won 11-10 after a 1-1 draw on 28 November 2001.
2. Southampton - Mick Channon; Alan Ball; Kevin Keegan; Mick Mills; Peter Shilton; Dave Watson; and Mark Wright. In 1982.



Did You Know That ...

... FIFA has granted permission for New Zealand to have a team, Auckland Kingz, in Australia's new streamlined A League, which gets underway this month. This landmark decision could lead the way for Celtic and Rangers joining the Premiership.

... German judge, Ingrid Kefer, ruled that Cameroon's kit at last year's African Cup of Nations did not violate football's laws on player's apparel. "There is nothing (in the LOAF) that says shorts and shirts must not be linked together", she said. The sportswear manufacturer, PUMA is seeking \$2.6 million in damages from FIFA. PUMA have alleged that FIFA's decision was influenced by rivals ADDIDAS, an official partner of the football's governing body. The Indomitable Lions wore a catsuit, combining a jersey and shorts into a single piece of kit, which FIFA said was a violation of the game's laws.

... Exeter City originally bought their ground, St James' Park, off a butcher for £40.

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