

## **September 2001**

**The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday, 14 September, 2001. The new venue is: Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9GL**

Here we are again, with upcoming Society meetings, new Guest Speakers and not least those match incidents! Write and let us know what is happening in your refereeing life this season; then talk about it at Society meetings.

Guest speaker for the September meeting is Joe Ross recently appointed to the National List. Joe is also the National List Match Official Representative for London, Middlesex and AFA.

Note that Society meetings have moved from Wingate and Finchley FC (thanks to them for their hospitality over the past few years) to Cockfosters FC. So, don't go to Wingate and Finchley FC on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – we won't be there!!! If you don't know where Cockfosters FC is, then find out before you set off! We look forward to a bumper crowd for the first meeting at our new venue to greet Joe Ross.

The 2001 Dinner and Dance was again a success. Gary Cobden has put an advert in this issue for next season's D&D, which will return to the Apollo Suite, Cockfosters. Put the date in your diary: May 11, 2002. And why not pay in instalments, as Gary suggests?

Last season is best forgotten as far as the weather is concerned – what a washout! Let's hope this season is back to something approaching normal and we get a decent run of games without a postponement.

The new deal for top referees means that each of the Premiership's 24 match officials will have the possibility of earning in the region of £70,000 per annum.

The Law changes are analysed and explained by Mick Osborn in a readable form elsewhere in this issue. Mick also congratulates successful candidates from the most recent Training Courses, and we all share in his tribute to Stan Rosenthal on becoming a Referee Instructor. Well done, Stanley!

The Society hired the FA's Recruitment Stand on Saturday, 23 June. A number of our hard-working members looked after the stand all day. The result has been a number of interested enquiries – more work for the Training School in due course. A full report on the day appears elsewhere in this issue.

The annual Quiz evening is on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, Kimberley Gardens, which is off Southbury Rd in Enfield. Last year's event at this venue was a success, so put the date in your diary - now!

A number of our more adventurous types visited the USA during the summer for the biggest soccer tournament in the world (so I'm told!). See next month's issue.

The RA Annual Conference was held in Coventry in June – no report as yet.

**The closing date for the October magazine is September, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Get your new LOAF from Percy, packed full of interesting bits. (The LOAF — not Percy!)

The 115th Annual Meeting of the International Football Association Board was held in Edinburgh on the 10th March, 2001, and produced another crop, small this time, of amendments to the Laws.

Recognising the large number of **players with disabilities** who play football the Notes on the Laws at the beginning of the LOAF (page 3) have been extended to include officially organised competitions for such players. It has also been accepted that the new technology has made **sports spectacles** much safer, both for the wearer and other players. Treat any request with sympathy. Don't just say "no," but safety is your decision.

International Board Decision 2 under **LAW 3** (page 14) allows **any team official** to give tactical instructions from the technical area. The F.A. reminds us that it is important to note that only **one official at a time has this opportunity**.

We see no more changes until we reach **LAW 12**. The fifth bullet point "wastes time," under Indirect Free Kick (page 25) in last season's LOAF, is deleted. The statement is no longer necessary because of the alteration to the law in 2000 which made it a separate offence for a goalkeeper to control the ball with his hands or arms for more than six seconds. (I predict a further change next season. Although the offences for which a goalkeeper may be penalised by the award of an indirect free kick has been reduced to four, the Law is still worded, commits any of the following five offences.")

Under the heading, **Disciplinary Sanctions**, on page 26, the problem is addressed as to whom red and yellow cards should be shown. Only a player or substitute or substituted player may be shown the red or yellow card. Note that whilst team official can be sanctioned for misconduct, the referee does not use the cards to communicate the action. The report is for misconduct, not a caution or dismissal.

The IB will later confirm instructions regarding the communication of cautions and dismissals for misconduct by players, substitutes and substituted players during the halftime interval. It recognises the importance of the spectators being aware of any caution issued in case a second caution is issued in the second half. In the meantime, it is suggested that an announcement over the P.A. system would seem appropriate. At grass roots level, it is advisable to communicate with team officials should an incident happen at halftime.

Note, also, that **where a player is sent off**, there is a requirement for him or her to "leave the vicinity of the field of play ~ the technical area. In the local parks, however, dressing rooms are often locked during the game. The wording of the change is sufficiently open to allow referees to make a judgement as to the re-location of the player so that he or she can no longer cause a nuisance.

IB decision 1, on page 27 of last season's LOAF, has been deleted. This related to the situation where the goalkeeper strikes an opponent by throwing the ball at him. This, we are told, confirms the sanction to be taken, as stated in the Question and Answers Book on the Laws of the Game, when an object is thrown at an opponent from a distance. At the time of writing, we are trying to get a copy of that publication. Presumably it is considered as striking an opponent, (with a good chance of a sending off for violent conduct.) Watch this space!

Page 36 provides us with a new procedure to determine the winner of a match. **The Golden Goal** is now officially recognised along with Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

The added text reads, "The Golden Goal and taking kicks from the penalty mark are methods of determining the winning team where competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match has been drawn. The Golden Goal Procedure is as follows:

During the period of extra time played at the end of normal playing time the first goal is declared the winner.

If no goal is scored the match is decided by kicks from the penalty mark.

In view of recent problems concerning the determination as to **which goal shall be used for the kicks from the penalty mark**; the F.A. advises that where the referee forms the opinion, for good reason (e.g. ground conditions, crowd difficulties, police request, etc.,) that kicks from the penalty mark should be taken from one end of the field, rather than the other, he must make the decision personally and should not involve other persons, (e.g. team captains, managers, etc,) in related discussion on the matter. Having made the decision, he or she should inform the teams and accept the responsibility for the decision.

Where no such circumstances pertain, the Referee shall toss a coin in the presence of the two team captains, having explained to them in advance that if the coin comes down "heads" the kicks will be taken at one end of the field and if "tails" at the other end. The captains are not involved in making any choice in this procedure. The Referee alone decides, using this method

The IB expressed its concern about the increased incidences **of shirt and shorts pulling**. They have issued an instruction to referees to be more vigilant. Whilst not all such offences warrant a caution as well as a direct free kick or penalty, some certainly do. Follow the same decision making process as when you have decided to add the additional sanction to a handling offence.

By the time you have read this, you should have already put these changes into being.

AND FINALLY....

Having monitored the use of two referees in a number of federations, the Board have decided to end the experiment.

Still the official minds cannot be made up on the experiment of **advancing the ball 10 yards (9.15m) towards the centre of the opposing goal** where a player failed to respect the required distance, delayed the restart of play by carrying, throwing or kicking the ball away, showed dissent by word or action or indulged in any other form of unsporting behaviour. They advise that the experiment should continue for another year with an amendment that the ball ceases to be advanced when it reaches the penalty area.

Players will no longer be cautioned if they **remove their shirt in celebration of a goal** but will be cautioned for unsporting behaviour if their celebrations are provocative and intended to incite or ridicule opponents or opposing spectators. (Are you ready for the first related case under the equal opportunities law?) Excessive time-wasting will be cautioned.

Any match incidents, related to the above or not, are welcome to be raised at our monthly meetings. Our membership continues to increase but a majority of our members never attend a meeting. Please make this a bumper season for attendance figures. All our members are welcome at our new venue, Cockfosters Football Club, on the second Friday of each month during the coming season. I look forward to seeing you there.

## **Speak Low – by Ken Goldman**

It was good to see Paul Taylor being praised in the last magazine because he went through so much for allegedly saying something to a player. Strange thing that, players can say what they like to referees, with reason, and get away with it. If they are clever enough to avoid being insulting or abusive and keep their language moderated the yellow and red cards are difficult to produce. They can comment upon the refs performance during and after the game with minimal punishment and apparently in top class league football they can even swear profusely without retribution from referees. Comments can and are similarly directed at assistant referees.

The point I wish to make, is that the moment the referee makes a comment to a player or refers to his performance, all hell is let loose. This even when the referee does it with some humour or, being human, snaps back at some unnecessary comment by a player. Whilst this has nothing to do with Paul, it certainly has been my own experience and that of other colleagues I know. Indeed, I remember at one Society meeting many years ago, a referee recounting how he had unwisely made a joking comment in a match played between two teams of Dockers. Suffice it to say he indicated he would not repeat the exercise. Unfortunately, referees must be what Ceaser's wife was described as in Shakespeare's "Anthony and Cleopatra", namely "Holy cold and still".

Unless and until respect for referees is restored and the appropriate part played in this by both managers and coaches on the one hand and the administrators and disciplinary organisations on the other, referees will be submitted to and be the subject of player verbal power.



## **Nightowls**

Vince Yeudall has details of a local league competition called Nightowls and they are looking for referees. If you want to know more, contact Vince. If anyone already has experience of this competition and wishes to share it, why not write to the Normidian?



## **Congratulations**

Society member, Simon Bullock, has been appointed to the list for the FA Women's Premier League for this season. Simon wonders if any of our members might be able to pass on any advice to "the new boy".



## **National List Referees**

Society member, Paul Taylor, Herts, lost his place on the list for low markings. There seems little doubt his brush with Arsene Wenger, accused of pushing Paul when he was the 4<sup>th</sup> Official at the Sunderland v Arsenal game last August, didn't help his cause.

Four new referees have been added to the list: G. Hegley, Bishops Stortford; C. Penton, Sussex; JJ Ross, Chingford and G. Salisbury, Preston.

***From the Training Centre***

*Terry*

*I thought you might like to know that the F.A. are now going to make it compulsory for all County Referees applying for promotion to attend In Service Training Seminars, part of which will be to sit a test on the knowledge of the Laws of the Game*

*Its interesting to note that Assessors who wish to become registered with the Football Association will also have to sit a test on the knowledge of the Laws of the Game to qualify. I think it is only right that assessors do fully understand the Laws. No doubt referee examiners will also be checked in the very near future.*

*Perhaps the Quiz questions listed below will help our future promotion hopefuls and would be assessors.*

*Robin*

***Q1 May additional balls be placed around the field of play for use during the match?***

***Q2 May a player who has been sent off stay in the technical area?***

***Q3 The referee applies the advantage but the anticipated advantage does not develop. May he penalise the original offence?***

***Q4 When extra time is played which team kicks off?***

***Q5 A spectator blows a whistle and a defender inside his own penalty area picks up the ball assuming play has been stopped. What action does the referee take?***

***Q6 A player moving quickly towards the opponent's goal is penalised for an offside offence. From what position is the resulting indirect free kick taken.***

## NO CLASS. IT'S ON THE LEVEL

By Mick Osborn

Among the first changes you probably noticed this season is the description of your status. We now have a classless society. The 3,2,1 have been consigned to Dusty Bin, (those of a certain age and intellect may get that!) together with the ageist "X". In their place we now have Levels. In case you may not be aware of them and have presumed that you have been demoted, let me share the knowledge with you.

The F.A. advises that the method of describing the status of referees "has been modified to take into account promotion through reclassification and further promotion through the pyramid of leagues." The new levels and descriptions are as follows:

<u>International:</u>	Referees on the FIFA List of Referees
<u>Level 1:</u>	Referees selected by the F.A. to serve on the National List of Referees and who meet the requirements of the promotion criteria for this level.
<u>Level 2:</u>	Referees selected by the F.A. to serve on the Panel List of Referees.
<u>Level 3:</u>	Referees, other than those on the Panel List of Referees, selected to officiate on a Contributory League.
<u>Level 4:</u>	Referees selected to officiate on a Supply League.
<u>Level 5:</u>	Senior County Referees. This classification includes referees who have served but not been retained, at a higher level.
<u>Level 6:</u>	County Referees.
<u>Level 7:</u>	Junior Referees not in Level 8 or below.
<u>Level 8:</u>	Youth Referees. Referees who qualify but have not yet reached the age of 16. On reaching that age the referee will immediately move to level 7.
<u>Level 9:</u>	Trainee Referees. Referees who have participated in the two-tier training programme and who need to register in order to be covered by public liability insurance. On qualifying, the referee will immediately move to level 8 or 7 as appropriate. <u>Please note:</u> The two-tier training programme is still experimental and does not apply to our own training school.
<u>Level 10:</u>	Declared non-active referees. This can include assessors, instructors, etc.

Promotion to levels 6 and 5 shall be based on a referee's practical performance on the field of play determined by considering the marks and assessments given by assessors on a minimum of ~ games and the club reports over a minimum of twenty games during any one marking period, from competitions for players over 16 years of age. One Registration Period must be served in Level 7 and in Level 6 before promotion can be gained to Level 5. In addition to their practical performance on the field, referees will be required to attend in-service training and successfully complete a written examination set by the F.A. prior to the promotion being confirmed.

For promotion to Level 4 and above, referees will be required to successfully complete a fitness test and a written examination set by the F.A. annually.

On initial selection for promotion to a higher level, referees may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability "against criteria determined by the F.A." The F.A. will determine the acceptable number of matches required for consideration to be selected to Levels 4 and above.

## Peter Dace reminisces - the Normidian of September 1991

Editor Tim Slader includes an article from 'The Daily Telegraph' on FA Cup Final Referee Roger Milford (in anticipation of him officiating at the Spurs v Notts Forest game). Roger is quoted as saying 'I've always had a laugh and a joke with Gazza. I hope he knows where to draw the line" !!!

'The President's message is written for the third and final time by Peter Dace who reminds Members that North Middlesex Presidents can only serve for three years and adds he has looked back at his first message in September 1989 where he was kidding himself' here I am only a lad and not even an X after my classification'. 'Well the rapid passage of time *has* done one thing, it has seen me pass the age of 50 and the X has very definitely arrived'.

Two local leagues are currently looking for new Referees or Linesmen  
The London Hotels Football League and  
Essex and Herts Border Combination League

Treasurer Gary Cobden apologizes that annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 1991 were not included in the May magazine, and prints them in the September edition. He reminds Members that subscriptions are due and seeks donations to the Benevolent Fund.

Guest speaker - John Moules, Football League Referee

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following candidates successfully completed Training Courses held in the Spring of 2001.

### Course No 164 held for the Macabi League.

Jamie Davies, Alex Emanuel, Alex Fisher, Mark Leader, Matthew Leader, Guy Naftalin, Mahmoud El-Rashidi, Anthony Shaw, Ilan Weinstein and Neal Wolfson.

### Course No 165 held for Enfield Community Services

Thomas Heard, Gerald Jackson, Dean Luck, Alex Meah, Roger Prince, Jon Richards, Christopher Robson, Christopher Shiel, Anne Swanton, Alexia Varnavides and Andreas Zindilas.

### Course No 166 held for St. Mary's High School. Hendon

Emre Duymaz, Paul Hinds, John Hinds, Dane Hinshelwood, Alden Nolan, Vishal Sheth, Carl Shore and Kieran Wilkinson.

### Course No 167 at Brimsdown F.C. Enfield

Darren Burgess, George Georgiou, Andrew Linton, Kevin Linton, Alden Palmer, Ross Pearce, Ben Ridler, Lawrence Simpson and David Todd.

Each candidate was presented with a Certificate of Competence and the relevant County Associations advised. The Council of NMRS offer their congratulations and hope to welcome the new referees at future meetings.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST**, congratulations to Stanley Rosenthal for satisfactorily completing the National Course for Referee Instructors, held at Lincoln in July, and gaining his certificate as a registered Football Association approved Referee Instructor.

## NEW COURSES

Because of the large number of enquiries at our promotion stand at the Enfield shopping precinct in June, there will be two courses of instruction this autumn. One will begin on **Monday, 1st October at Brimsdown Sports Club**, Goldsdown Road, Enfield and the other on **Tuesday 2nd October at Old Owen's Association Sports Club**, Coopers Lane, Potters Bar.

The courses will run from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on the same days for eight weeks followed by The Football Association Written and Oral examinations. The cost of each course is £30.00 which includes the Laws of Association Football manual, tuition, course notes and revision papers, examination fees, membership to the Society and the R.A. If you know of anyone who would like to attend either course, please contact Robin Jagot.



## 100 CLUB - CURRENT MEMBERS - SEASON 2001-2002

Provisional allocation of numbers for the forthcoming season - for draws from September onwards - is as follows:-

1 Les Barnes	17 <u>Paul Gidley</u>	33 Stan Rosenthal
2 Daniel Barnett	18 Bob Hall	34 Mike Sibley
3 Percy Brown	19 Terry Hayne	35 Peter Smith
4 Russell Brooks	20 Terry Hayne	36 Peter Smith
5 Matthew Bryant	21 Geoff Jacobs	37 Peter Smith
6 Simon Bullock	22 Robin Jagot	38 Stan Szplit
7 David Chapman	23 Robin Jagot	39 Paul Vosper
8 David Chapman	24 Les Kyprianou	40 Michael Ward
9 Gary Cobden	25 Max Lea	41 David Williams
10 Gary Cobden	26 Charles Lifford	42 Robin Willis
11 Graham Couzens	27 Bob Martin	43 Andrew Withams
12 Martin Callaghan	28 Kevin Millett	44 Tom White
13 Trevor Crouchley	29 Mike Neary	45 Tom White
14 Andy Dobson	30 Mick Osborn	46 Vince Yeudall
15 Tony Dorling	31 George Panayi	47 Stan Rosenthal
16 John Faithfull	32 Chris Proud	

There are still a considerable number of Members from last season who have yet to rejoin the Society, so I anticipate that this list may well have changed by the time the Normidian is published. A full and up to date list will be published in the October magazine.

If you would like to join the 100 Club for the coming season, complete the form below.



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### NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY 100 CLUB

Application for/Renewal of Membership - Season 2001/2002

I, ....., wish to become a member of the North Middlesex Referees Society 100 Club, and subscribe to ..... shares each month.

I agree to make payment:-

By Cheque

By Standing Order (details will be provided on request) (Delete as Appropriate)

The initial term of membership is 12 months; renewal details will be distributed with the 2000/2001 Society Membership Forms.

Please forward the completed Application Form to Gary Cobden, Hon. Treasurer.

For Society Use:-

Numbers Allocated: .....



### Brimsdown Rovers 5-A-Sides

The Youth Section of Brimsdown FC held their annual 5-a-side tournament from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. Society member Ien Willcock organised the referee contingent; many of them were NMRS members. Over 50 teams took part in what was an enjoyable event





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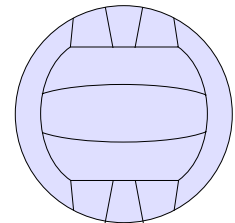
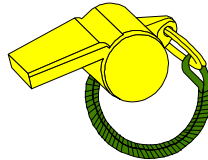
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### **North Middlesex Referees Society**

would like to express their appreciation to



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A streetcar named.....      2530

I am certain we all like to set new records; attain higher standards; or achieve as only a small number of North Middlesex colleagues have achieved. It is now my proud boast that I have moved into the latter category and can say - with considerable pride - I HAVE TRAVELLED TO MY GAME BY LONDON TRAM.

Many of our old friends who have moved to that dressing room in the sky would have been able to say ~so did I", but amongst current Members?

Maybe, and looking at the list of fellow Life Vice-Presidents, they all might have although surely Messrs Hayne, Jagot and Ward would be too young, especially bearing in mind 'Last Tram Week in London was during July 1952.

So, you ask (I hope) how did you get to your game by London tram. Well on Saturday 3rd March 2001 I received a Capital League appointment to line Croydon versus Havant & Waterlooville. Living in Hertfordshire a car journey to South London did not seem attractive so via WAGN to Finsbury Park; Victoria line to Victoria; and Connex to East Croydon I then had the pleasure of new Tramlink route 2 (West Croydon to Beckenham Junction) to Arena station, right outside the Croydon ground.

In the middle for the game was the legendary Dave Axccl from Southend-on-Sea. Now there's a man who must have seen a tram or two in his time<sup>1</sup> My challenge therefore to Society colleagues is, if you have been to your game by tram write to the Editor of Normidian - a large drink for you if the game concerned was before July 1952 and you are currently a Life Vice--President. George Basten, Frank Collins, Ron Hounsell, Frank McNeil, Arthur Stewart and Owen Venning I am waiting to hear from you.

## ***NMRS has successful Recruitment Day in Enfield***

North Middlesex hired the Football Association's Recruitment Stand on Saturday 23 June, and manned it all day long in Palace Gardens Shopping Precinct in Enfield Town. Society Officers Gary Cobden; Robin Jagot; Mick Osborn; Michael Mackey; Vince Yeudall; Percy Brown; Martin de la Fuente; Jeff Till; and Tom White were all in attendance during the day. Former President, Tony Ward came along during the morning to lend a hand, and the stand was also visited by North Middlesex members John Taverner (crutches and all!), and Stan Rosenthal.

Commenting early on in the proceedings, Treasurer Gary Cobden said that 'if we can get 30 people interested in a taking a Referees Course, then we will have had a good day'. As it turned out, come close down at shortly after five o'clock, we had seen interest from in excess of forty people who had completed the inquiry form - including one of the staff from the cafe opposite the stand – and many others took away some of the literature that was on display. Visitors to the display had the opportunity to watch videos, and also take part in a touch-screen quiz on the laws of the game.

All those who showed an interest have now been contacted by Society Training Officer, Robin Jagot, with details of the next two training courses which start on October 1 at Brimsdown FC and October 2 at Old Owens, Potters bar, and if we can get half of those who actually completed an enquiry to take part in a course, then we will have been very successful.



Gary Cobden (Society Treasurer and organiser of the event, left) pictured with Robin Jagot (Society Training Officer) with the FA Recruitment Stand in Enfield just prior to the start of proceedings.

### **MEETING DATES - SEASON 2001-2002**

From Season 2001/2002, we will be holding our Monthly Meetings at Cockfosters Football Club, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9GJ, and all meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month

Meeting Dates - with all Guest Speakers for the forthcoming Season now confirmed:-

- **12 October 2001** Gary Willard - National List Referee
- **9 November 2001** David Ackerman former Society Chairman talking about Football – Gamekeeper turned Poacher
- **14 December 2001** Social Evening - no Society Business
- **11 January 2002** The Training Centre – with some instruction
- **8 February 2002** Major Ron Roberts - if you have not heard him speak, do not miss this meeting. He has not been to North Middlesex for over 10 years!
- **8 March 2002** Joe Guest, Referees Officer, The Football Association
- **12 April 2002** to be confirmed
- **10 May 2002** Annual General Meeting

## TREASURERS OPENING BIT – SEASON 2001-2002

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**F**or those of you who have paid your Membership Fees, and did not receive a membership Card at the end of last season, you should find a Membership Card enclosed with this months Normidian. If yours is missing, it may be because I have only just received your money - if this is the case, you should receive it next month. However, if you paid some while ago, and have not received a Membership Card, please give me a ring to check I have received your cash. If you have not yet paid, you will find a Membership Form enclosed with the Magazine, which I would be grateful if you could complete, and return to me as soon as possible. If you receive a Membership Form, but have paid recently, please look at the date on the Membership Form, as, due to printing deadlines and holidays, these have had to be produced early. Remember, the longer your fee remains unpaid, the longer you go without Referees Association Insurance cover.

Details of the fees due are as follows:-

- Full Members - ie those who do not belong to any other Society, or pay their RA Membership through another Society - £21.50.
- Associate Members - ie those who belong to another Society, and pay their RA Membership through that Society - £12.00
- Junior Members - £12.00 if over 14 years of age

Remember, the longer you leave it, the longer you remain uncovered by the RA Insurance, and it could cost you dear. Additionally, you will receive a final reminder with the October Normidian, and, if you still have not paid, will receive no further magazines.

### **100 CLUB**

**T**he Society also runs a 100 Club to assist in raising funds, and, for a contribution of £1.00 each month, you could also win a cash prize. The number of Members is currently in the high thirties, and there are still some members from last season who have yet to rejoin for the current campaign. So come along, sign up, and increase the numbers - it would be nice to have more members, so that

the monthly prizes can be increased in cash terms. Each month we pay out 70% of the contributions, with 40% as First Prize; 20% as Second Prize; and 10% as Third Prize. In February and August, the full 100% of contributions is paid out, with the prizes being increased accordingly. Should numbers increase significantly, I will take a poll of subscribers to see if they would like more monthly prizes, whilst keeping the same level of cash payout.

You will find an application form elsewhere in the Magazine, or, alternatively, if you still have to pay your Membership Fees for the season, just check the box on the Membership Form, and include the appropriate additional amount. To be included in the September draw, I must receive your monies at or before the September meeting.

### **100 CLUB - SUMMER WINNERS**

**T**he prize winners over the previous months are shown below. The May Draw was undertaken at the AGM; the June and July Draws at the Society Council Meeting held during the close season. These Draws had 49 Shares subscribed, resulting in payouts of £34.30. All the winners cheques are enclosed in this copy of The Normidian.

The August draw will be made at the September meeting.

For those who have subscribed already this Season, your numbers are listed elsewhere in the Magazine.

### **SUMMER WINNERS**

#### **MAY**

First	26	Mick Osborn	£19.60
Second	8	Gary Cobden	£9.80
Third	46	Terry Hayne	£4.90

#### **JUNE**

First	28	Mike Sibley	£19.60
Second	30	Stan Szplit	£9.80
Third	27	Stan Rosenthal	£4.90

#### **JULY**

First	15	John Faithfull	£19.60
Second	24	Bob Martin	£9.80
Third	22	Charles Lifford	£4.90

**Gary Cobden**

**Honorary Treasurer**

## **Gear Supplies**

The Umbro Primo range is available, with either long or short sleeves. Pre-embroidered County FA badges can be supplied for a small additional charge.

Likewise, the Referees Association own kit is available.

Socks are available with either plain white tops or with hopped tops. Cushioned-feet socks can also be supplied. Boots and Tracksuits are available to order.

County FA badges, and Referees Association badges, for kit use £3.00

### **Prices are as follows:-**

Umbro Primo Range Short Sleeve - £32.00	Long Sleeve - £33.00
Umbro Primo Range Shorts - £23.00	
Umbro Classic Range Short Sleeve - £19.45	Long Sleeve - £19.95
Umbro Classic Range Shorts - £16.75	
Referees Association Short Sleeve - £19.00	Long Sleeve - £19.00
Referees Association Shorts - £16.00	
White Topped Socks - £5.00	County Badges added to
Reinforced Foot - £5.50	Shirts - £7.25 extra
Hoop Topped Socks - £5.50	

### **Other Items available as follows:-**

Boot Laces	£1.00
"Football Referee" Magazine	£0.70
North Middlesex Referees Society Ties	£6.00
North Middlesex Referees Society 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tie	£7.50
Referees Association Tie	£6.00
Laws of Association Football (Chart)	£4.00
Football Association Diary	£4.00
North Middlesex Referees Society Credit Card Holder	£3.30
Referees Association Baseball Cap	£3.30
Crested Holdall	£16.00
Football Boots	To Order

### **Christmas Specials - Prices Held Again!!**

Christmas Cards - Packs of 30	£2.00
Christmas Wrapping Paper - Packs of 10 Sheets	£2.00
Birthday Cards - Packs of 12 Cards	£2.00

## **Gear Supplies - continued**

### **Touchline Flags and Flagsticks**

Choose from Quartered or Super-Quartered, Plain, or Premier.

Premier and Super Quartered are manufactured from high visibility solid warp knitted polyester yarn (125gm). Plain and Quartered are manufactured from high visibility warp knitted polyester yarn (52gm).

Flags and Flagsticks are also available separately. Alternatively, why not buy a complete set with Flag bag. If your existing Flagsticks are damaged, and require replacement end-caps or inserts, these can also be obtained (in pairs).

If you are looking for Flags, but do not wish to pay quite so much, the RA's own flags and sticks are also available. Offered in quartered or plain styles

#### **Prices are as follows:-**

Quartered; Super Quartered;	) From £14.95
Premier; or Plain Flags	)
Flagsticks only - £13.00	Flag Bag - £5.10
End-caps - £2.10	Brass Inserts - £1.10
RA Flags Plain - £5.00	RA Flags Quartered - £5.00
RA Flagsticks - £3.00	

### **Matchday Accessories**

Normal matchday accessories are also available.

These include Match Record Cards and Holders; General Purpose Postcards; Red and Yellow Cards; Wrist Lanyards; a selection of Whistles including the ever popular Fox range, and some with finger grips.

Pressure Guages are available to order.

#### **Prices are as follows:-**

Match Record Pads - £0.70	Metal Whistle - £2.60
Red and Yellow Cards (set) - £1.10	Plastic Whistle - £1.10
Red and Yellow Cards and Wallet - £2.00	Pealess Whistle - £1.30
All Purpose Postcards - £1.20	Lanyard - £1.60
Plastic Whistle With Grip - £1.30	
Match Record Pad Holder - £0.70	
Red/ Yellow Cards/Wallet/Pencil - £2.30	

#### **All prices subject to change**





## North Middlesex Young Referees

### From the 4<sup>th</sup> Official to the Man in the Middle – Jeff Till

When County Cup Final appointments come around you always hope there is a chance you will get an appointment. So it was with great surprise that I was informed I had been appointed as 4<sup>th</sup> Official for the Under 16's Cup Final, with Tom (Chairperson) White as the Referee.

One of the Assistant Referees was Barry Bardens, also from the Society. So I thought that I would have a nice relaxing day out; Tom would drive and everything would be OK.

A couple of weeks before the game, Alan Porter (Middlesex Sunday Youth Appointments Secretary) told me that the Senior Assistant had pulled out of the game and as I had just received my promotion to Class 2, I would be taking over the job as Senior Assistant Referee.

Everything was going to plan, and I called Tom the night before the match to make sure of the arrangements. Tom had previously told me that he had a problem with his leg but after his holiday he was OK. The following day, the match was called off due to the rain.

The following week everything was fine and we all set off to Brook House FC; I asked Tom in passing how his leg was and he said everything was fine and he had been training during the week.

We got to the ground, met the 4<sup>th</sup> Official and went to look at the pitch. Tom gave his match instructions to all of us and we went back to the changing rooms.

I told Tom I was going to have a warm up before the game. The other two officials came out with me; Tom said he would be out in a minute and that he didn't want to go mad "just in case".

We went to the far side of the pitch and then Tom came out and started warming-up near the dressing rooms. After a couple of minutes, Tom called us over and said his leg didn't feel right and did I have any "Ralgex" or "Deepheat". We all went back to the dressing room and I gave Tom what I had; he said his leg felt better.

I hadn't finished warming up, so I went back out with the other lads. We were on our way round the pitch when Tom came out and started to run. When we got back to the dressing room, Tom told me that he could not run properly and that I would have to take over as referee. He would take over as 4<sup>th</sup> Official. There were 15 minutes to go before kick-off.

The game itself was another story altogether, 3 players having been sent off!!

So, in closing I would like to thank Tom and Barry for their help, during and after the game.

Remember, you never know what is going to happen, so always be prepared.  
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