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M E E T I N G S T O C O M E .

25th November

16th December. Note this date is NOT the last
Monday. Quiz and Supper.

27th January 2003 "The art of the Assistant
Referee." -- Martin and Paul.

24th February

31st March A.G.M.

28th April

**The Annual Dinner Dance will be held on
Saturday, 8th February at Blenheim House,
Batley, at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. We need
your support.**

Tailpiece. FIFA finally realised that ball point pens
are not much good when the weather turns to rain so they
decided to spend £500,000 to develop special ink that
works well in rain. ---- The rest of us use a pencil !!!!

A Look at Local Football.

Heavy Woollen F.A.

12 local referees have applied
for up-grading and assessments
have already started for those
candidates.

A course run in September had
7 candidates who all passed the
first stage.

H.W.G.A.S.F.L.

Darren will be pleased to hear
from anyone who can help out
with the whistle on Sunday
morning as he is still looking for
referees.

Spn Valley League.

Hightown did not start the sea-
son and that meant the Premier
Division was down to 11 teams.

Most games have been staffed
by registered officials but addi-
tional referees would be very
welcome.

H.W. Minor Team.

The Minor (under 17) team
played Bradford on Sunday,
13th October and came away
with a 3 - 1 win. Their next game
is against Goole and Thorne at
Ossett Albion on 26th November
with a 7.30.p.m. kick-off.

Wheatley Cup.

The first round of the Wheatley
Cup was played in October and
referee's marks were good with
an average of 7.75.

Brook-Butler Cup.

The marks for the first round
were excellent -- no marks un-
der 7 and an average of 7.93.

In the second round they were
variable, ranging from 2 to 10
and an average of 7.43.



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"Injured" Players.

A Web Site Not To Be Missed.

There is a web-site
which all referees with
internet access should
have a look at. The full
site name is
**www.carosi.
freeserve.co.uk
/corshamreferee
/index.htm**

but an easy way to
reach it is to go on the
HeavyWoollenGate site
(www.hwgsafl.f9.co.uk
and click on the link
there.

The site contains al-
most everything you
could wish to know
about about refereeing
but don't go on it unless
you have plenty of free
time as it is quite
addictive.

At our last meeting there was a long and interesting
discussion about the law concerning injured players and the
F.A.'s instructions to referees about their treatment.

This season's new text states that *"the referee should stop
the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and
ensure that the player is removed from the field of play. An
injured player may only return to the field of play after the match
has restarted"*.

It was felt by many members that in local football it was very
difficult to operate this law as the F.A. suggests and it would be
very difficult to stop an injured player from being treated on the
field by the local sponge-man. Some members also pointed
out that to remove a player without a stretcher could aggravate
the injury and cause problems for all concerned.

After watching several professional games recently, I feel that
the problem still seems to exist, even at this level, because it is
very difficult to decide whether a player is being treated or
assessed by the physio. and it appears that the referees don't
seem to be sure whether the player should leave the field or not.
Even when they are made to leave the field the players are
signalled back within seconds of the play restarting which
wastes time rather than saves it.

**It is my opinion that the law has been formulated for the
professional game and has no place on the local park, but,
unfortunately we have to do our best to follow these in-
structions so as to try to give uniformity to the game. P.H.**

Was it a P.G.S.O.

I was at a game recently when a poor back pass from the full back to the goalkeeper
was chased by the attacking striker, who was just about to shoot with only the keeper to
beat when the keeper dived at his feet and gathered the ball.

The referee quite correctly gave an indirect free kick in the penalty area against the
goalkeeper for handling the ball after a deliberate back pass and nothing came of the
kick and the ball was cleared.

It did occur to me that the goalkeeper had definitely prevented a goal scoring
opportunity, and should have had a more severe punishment, but had he broken the law
apart from handling a back pass? **What do YOU think ?**

Referee is Banned for 20 games.

Byron Moreno, the Ecuador referee, who sent off Francesco Totti for "diving" as Italy crashed out of the World Cup against South Korea, is back in trouble.

Moreno has been suspended for 20 matches by the Ecuadorean Football Federation following a recent clash between Barcelona Guayaquil and Liga de Quito.

He played 22 minutes of added time but reported the game lasted only 90 minutes. L. de Q. were losing 2-3 after 90 minutes, but equalised in the 99th minute and then scored a winner after 112 minutes. Moreno immediately blew his whistle after the winning goal, provoking a riot by aggrieved Barcelona fans.

Commentators have accused Moreno of openly favouring the Quito side as he is currently standing for election to Quito City Council.

Barcelona's President Leonardo Bohrer said, "This man's handling of that game was an insult to Ecuadorean football".

Mr. Moreno facing an indefinite ban if found guilty of giving a false report, said, "If I made errors, I'm human".

Sponsorship.

Scottish referees are being sponsored to the tune of £1 million over the next four years by SPECSAVERS, the High Street opticians.

Maybe the next thing you know will be Huddersfield Town signing a deal with Winalot.

Aggro.

There was a time when players could be fairly confident that the only source of aggro during a match would be from other players. Now referees and ball-boys are joining in.

Last year a Ghanaian ball-boy ran on the pitch during a game and attacked the referee. Now Malaga defender Vicente Valcarce has been banned by the Spanish F.A. for hitting a ball-boy who provoked him.

And referees? -- In Chile, Francisco Caamano attacked a player he had just sent off. Nestor Contreras contested the decision and received a knee in the groin. Caamano said Contreras had stamped on his foot, but he was given the option of resigning or receiving a life ban. Unlike Contreras, he walked.

What Are Referees Worth?

The following is an article written by Matt Busby in 1966 soon after England won the World Cup.

"Angry players produce angry crowds and the only way to stop the hullabaloo on pitches is to appoint full time referees.

"Financial incentives have made the game more competitive than ever, so it needs full time professional handling more than ever. But whilst players' wage packets have fattened considerably the referees are paid £10.10s. a match.

"This fee is inadequate for the services of the most important man in the ground, packed with thousands of people, controlling players collectively worth hundreds of thousands of pounds and earning big wages and with the eyes of millions on the result.

"But referees are part timers, football is really a hobby with them, however much they love it and goodness knows, they really must love it to subject themselves to so much criticism and enjoy so little praise from fiercely partisan people."

You've Lost Us The Match, Ref. !!!

We've all met the situation.

After about 89 minutes in a game where the referee has done almost everything right and the players have responded well, the ball is in the centre circle, but the Red's centre back decides he doesn't like the face of Green's striker who is standing nearby and puts an imprint of his forehead onto his opponents nose.

The incident is spotted by the referee who awards a penalty and sends off the defender. The Green team score and win the game 1 - 0.

As soon as the referee blows for full time, the Red team players, manager and just about anyone else make bee-line for the referee, with the sole purpose of venting their frustrations at losing the game.

The usual expletives are fired at the referee -- "You were rubbish, ref." "You're a cheat and I'm going to report you to the league", "You must be joking" and the best of all "You lost us the game, Ref." We hear the last one from the managers in the Premier League most weekends.

The Green team, by the way, think the referee is the best thing since sliced bread.

"You lost us the game"

What does it really mean?

1. The referee actually took the penalty and scored the winning goal.
2. The referee was the Red defender who rearranged the face of the Green player.
3. The referee really did not have a clue and the WHOLE game was officiated badly from start to finish.
4. The referee is prejudiced against anything Red.
5. The referee is the Red team goalie who purposefully let in the penalty.

The referee is none of these things, but you can be sure that the most popular one is No. 3 even though he had had a great game for the first 89 minutes and the Red team also thought so.

Contrary to popular belief, referees are a hard working, genuine and fair. They are constantly berated for being cheats, (Contd)

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for not knowing the laws of the game, and for lacking consistency.

It is no good trying to explain anything to irate players or officials immediately after a match. Such post-match confrontations are ALWAYS a one-way affair, it always ends up as a one-way passage of information with your comments being completely ignored and tossed away in an irrational manner. That is why referees should always retreat to the dressing rooms as soon as possible. This allows frustrations to calm down and prevents further reports having to be written.

Football is about mistakes. The fact that players and referees do make mistakes actually forms part of the game itself. Take away the mistakes and you might as well not bother playing.

Often during a game a player will tell the referee he has made a wrong decision. Wouldn't it be novel if the referee was allowed to castigate players when they miss a sitter or pass to an opponent. From the referee "That was a rubbish pass. I could have done better with my eyes closed" or "You missed a sitter -- have you got your boots on the wrong feet?"

Eight Year Old Accused of Hitting Referee.

An investigation is under way by West Riding C.F.A. following allegations that an eight-year-old player hit a referee during a match at Ossett.

The youngster was playing for Honley under-nines in a mini-soccer game against Ossett Town, when, following a foul the referee called the boy and another player together and told them both to shake hands. The Honley boy refused and then hit the referee in the stomach and stormed off the pitch.

The match was abandoned and the matter was reported to the County F.A. who are investigating the matter.

A County spokesman said "The matter is subject to normal disciplinary procedures and anyone found guilty of such conduct can look forward to a considerable ban".