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"Foot" Notes.

Shaun Goater, the Manchester City forward, had to be replaced against Birmingham last month after kicking an advertising board to celebrate Nicholas Anelka's goal and injuring his foot. "I have been getting some stick from the gaffer. I will not be celebrating in that fashion again", said Goater. Lucky he didn't score himself!

Darius Vassell has injured himself attempting some DIY surgery on his big toe. The Aston Villa striker had a blood blister under a nail and tried to drill a hole through the toenail to drain the wound. "He shouldn't have done it," said boss Graham Taylor. "It caused a blister and an infection. He's now had to have half the nail removed".

A Look at Local Football.

Heavy Woollen F.A.

The latest referees course has started with 22 candidates on Tier One. It is expected that 6 - 8 will continue onto Tier two.

John Byrne has attended a Football Association Course for Referee Instructors and has attained the required standard and is now classified as a F.A. Accredited Instructor.

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

Graham Tierney has taken over as the League's Referee Appointment Secretary.

The weather made the start of the new year a disaster as all games were called off on the first Sunday and on the 11th January only 11 out of 32 games were played.

Spenn Valley League.

The first Saturday of the year saw over half the games called off but the cup competitions are on target and League fixtures only a little behind.

H.W. Minor Team.

The under 17 side are having a good season beating Bradford (3 - 1), Goole and Thorne (8 - 0) and Keighley (5 - 0). Their game against Leeds was called off and the fixture against Huddersfield will be played on Saturday, 22nd February at Syngenta Huddersfield.

Wheatley Cup.

Referees' marks in November were variable with a couple of 5's and a couple of 10's. The average mark was 7.46. The December marks averaged 6.64 with three 5's and the top mark being 9. January had only three games and an average of 8.5.

Brook-Butler Cup.

2 matches were postponed in November and marks averaged 7.22, but in December only three games were played which put the competition a little behind and the January date was used to catch up when marks had an average of 7.5.



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Recent Meetings.

In October we had a visit from Bob Faley, who is in charge of the County F.A. referees Assessment scheme and he told members about the new set-up at County F.A. regarding assessments and promotions of referees. Whilst the evening was not as thought provoking as Bob's last visit, when he showed video clips of offences, it was still an interesting occasion and enjoyed by those present. He was accompanied by Alan Carter, who works at County F.A. and deals with refereeing matters there and Alan gave an insight into the workings of his department and the problems relating to appointments and disciplinary affairs.

The November meeting included a very enlightening talk on "Fitness" by our own members, Alan Kaye and David Fuller. Alan gave an insight of his diet, in preparation for his weekend game, starting with the meals he eats on Friday and detailing his food and liquid intake until after his Saturday game. He told us that he eats pasta, chicken and lots of fruit the day before a game with vast quantities of water. On match day it is beans on toast or porridge for breakfast, a drink at lunchtime and again lots of water in preference to glucose drinks. After the game it is time for a good roast beef dinner or something similar with wine or beer.

In December, we had a further talk on the Laws of the game from Kevin, which was followed by an enjoyable quiz devised by Roger Blythe and this was followed by a Pie and Peas supper.

A Matter of Courtesy.

More and more referees are going to local league matches on Saturday and Sunday already changed and who can blame them when you look at the changing conditions in some of the local parks. However problems can arise by doing this if a bit of common sense is not followed.

When you are contacted by the home club during the week before the game tell the secretary that you will not be using the changing facilities. Then, on match day, report to the dressing rooms as you arrive to let the teams know you are there. This is specially important if the dressing room is a distance from the field. Don't go straight to the field and wait for the teams to arrive. A few weeks ago this happened and the teams were waiting at the dressing rooms for the referee, whilst he was at the pitch waiting for them, and this led to a very late kick-off and also a bit of ill feeling even before the game started. It is surely only common courtesy to let people know what is happening and if you show a good attitude, perhaps they will also.

The fact that you are not changing should not be an excuse for arriving five minutes before kick-off as I have seen several times this season. Can you do a proper pitch inspection (the playing surface, the nets, the corner flags and the markings) and then give assistants instructions, call together the captains, toss up and STILL start on time -- all in FIVE minutes?

It Happened 50 Years Ago.

At the beginning of the 52-53 season the government increased entertainment tax by 3d. This meant that the cost of watching a First Division match on the terraces went up to 1 shilling and 9 pence (9p).

Jimmy Glazzard scored five goals as Huddersfield beat Everton 8 - 2 in the Second Division. The goals were all headers and all came from crosses from left winger Vic Metcalf. Town were promoted to the First Division at the end of the season, after being relegated the previous year.

Chelsea and West Bromwich needed four matches and 420 minutes to decide their fourth round F.A. cup tie. Chelsea, who finally won by 4 goals to 0 had to play the next round three days later.

1953 was the year of the "Stanley Mathews" cup final. Mathews was 38 and he was in his third final but did not have a winners medal. After an hour's play Bolton were leading Blackpool by 3 goals to 1 but Mathews was never a player to stop chasing lost causes and with 22 minutes left he made another run down the wing to cross for Stan Mortenson to force home after the keeper dropped the ball. With 3 minutes left Mudie was given a free kick just outside the box and Mortenson crashed the ball into goal. From the kick-off Blackpool regained the ball and Mathews left three Bolton defenders standing confused and his centre from the goal line was put away by Perry. Although Mortenson scored a hat-trick the final was always known as the "Mathews Final"

In November 1953 Hungary, who were 1952 Olympic Champions, became the first continental side to beat England at home when they outplayed England and won by 6 goals to 3.

Knifeman Stops Match !

Whilst many matches were postponed due to ice, snow or waterlogged pitches on Saturday, 11th January, Lower Hopton had another, rather strange, reason for not playing their game.

They were due to play a West Riding County Cup tie against Baildon Trinity at Baildon and, as the teams were warming up, a man ran onto the pitch wielding a large kitchen knife and threatened the players whilst waving the weapon around. The two teams were immediately taken off the pitch by the referee and the man fled, threatening to return with a machete and a gun.

When police arrived, they told the referee and players to stay in the dressing room in case the man came back and it was decided to postpone the game.

Police said later that a kitchen knife had been recovered and a 24 year-old local man had been arrested and charged with possessing an offensive weapon.

YORKSHIRE CUP

The 2003 Annual International Tournament will be held on Wednesday, 30th July until Saturday, 2nd August at Leeds Road Playing Fields, Huddersfield. Entries have already been received from America, France and Italy and it seems to be heading for the same standards as in previous years. Referees will be invited to officiate at the Tournament so if you are interested contact Mavis Ward (Tel 01274873987) or Maureen Holroyd (Tel. 01484 234098.)

Managing Serious Situations

by George McCafferty

Serious situations can occur in any game, fortunately they tend to be infrequent but they can be unexpected and will develop even further if you are not properly prepared to deal with them.

So what is a serious situation? A significant confrontation between two or more players, violent pushing, fist fighting or head butting etc. During training an attempt will have been made to provide advice but nothing can prepare you for the very first Serious Situation. Consider the following practical pointers if you ever find yourself in this situation.

There are three areas that can be considered --

- Before the situation
- During the situation
- After the situation.

Before the Confrontation.

Usually a Serious Situation does not occur out of the blue. There are usually warning signs before the event. If the temperature of your game is rising, you must keep your cool and composure. To maintain your control or to get the game back, consider penalising all offences, however minor, for the next 5 or 10 minutes, firmly and with confidence. Hopefully, this will have the effect of breaking the chain of events that has put the game into this state. You may take some questioning/dissent for the sudden change in attitude in that you penalise anything that moves, however, this may be better than letting the players take justice into their own hands. Try to slow the game down and do not apply the advantage law. Slow down the restarts and take time with substitutions. This may allow players to get back to concentrating on playing the game.

During the Confrontation.

Try to anticipate the confrontation before it happens. Sprint to the incident and use your voice to prevent the player's actions from escalating. Your presence and positively taking charge at this point is critical. If nothing serious happens then you won't need to take further action, however if your anticipation was correct and you have two players "going at it" you are now near enough to see what is happening. Use your voice and loud long blasts of the whistle (*difficult at the same time*) This is intended to have two effects. First it shows all others (players, bench and spectators) that you have seen it and are taking action and it might snap the players involved out of their "red mist" confrontation. Hopefully your actions up to now will have convinced other players that you are in control, but sometimes a third player arriving at the scene makes the matter worse. Do your best to keep this player from getting involved. Expect others to congregate, but they often arrive to pull their team mate away and calm down the situation, so use this help if it is there, so long as excessive force is not used.

After the Confrontation.

Match control may be regained by Cautioning/Sending off the offenders as quickly as possible. You will again be sending the message that you are in charge and in control. When dismissing a player from each side it is essential that you leave sufficient time between procedures to ensure that the players leave the field separately, thereby avoiding the risk of further confrontation. Some consider that you should always send off the away team player first which makes the home crowd happy and they may not notice you have then sent off their player. The other option is to send off the away player last leaving the home crowd cheering. Always ensure that players sent off leave the playing area.

On Monday morning, a Premiership referee went into the Building Society to make a deposit, but as he went in he tripped and fell full length knocking himself out cold. When he came round he said to the paramedic, who was bending over him, "Where am I?" "You're in the Nationwide", replied the paramedic. "Oh no!" said the referee, "I didn't think I was that bad on Saturday"