

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SEASON 2003-04.

31 members have already paid their subscriptions for next season but if you are not one of them then

your Subscriptions for Season 2003-04 were due on 1st April. The amounts due are listed below.

Referees' Association	£7.00
Insurance	£2.85
West Riding Referees' Association	£1.50
Heavy Woollen R.A.	£5.65
TOTAL	£17.00

If you are not refereeing and wish to become an Associate member these fees are reduced to £14.00

If you are over 60 years old you do not have to pay the West Riding R.A. fee of £1.50.

To summarise :

Active and under 60 : £17.00.

Active and over 60 : £15.50.

Associate under 60 : £14.00.

Associate and over 60 : £12.50.

Please send your cheque, payable to H.W.R.A. to

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Common-sense ?????.

This article was originally titled "Manager Thanks Referee" but events after I had written it deemed that a change was needed.

Alan Kaye was thanked by Leeds manager Peter Reid after their "friendly" match against York City, recently, for sparing star striker Mark Viduka from a potential suspension at the start of the new season. Alan suggested that the Australian be substituted when he had been cautioned after an incident with Andrew Jordan, son of Joe Jordan, when Viduka was penalised for fouling Jordan and then in frustration threw the ball at his opponent's head.

Reid said, "The main thing was that the referee was sensible because we could have been in trouble had there been a similar incident, so I decided on a substitution with the help of the referee."

A week later, the FA decided that Alan had not done his job properly. In their wisdom the people from Soho Square have taken Alan to task for "less than proficiently applying the laws of the game" and he may end up with a suspension.

When I was refereeing (admittedly rather a long time ago) there was an unwritten Law 18 which suggested that you should always use your common-sense but it seems that referees are not allowed to do this any longer. I wonder whether this is really in the interests of the game or will the Premiership teams stop playing Pre-season friendlies against the likes of York or Halifax for fear of their best players getting suspensions at the start of the season because referees are not allowed to use common-sense. This would cut off a useful bit of income for these lower placed clubs.

Perhaps you think the FA are correct and the referee was wrong. Let me know your feelings.



NEW SLETTER

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Round the Local Scene

Heavy Woollen District FA.

David Fuller has taken over as Secretary of the H.W.D.F.A. following Roger's resignation due to ill health. Peter Hodgson retired as President and his place is to be taken by Bob Secker.

HW GASFL.

The League will operate with 6 divisions next season. There are 7 new clubs and several teams have changed their names.

The new Appointments Secretary is Gary Scott, 22, Catherine Street, Brighouse HD6 2DZ

Spenn Valley League.

The League will run with two Divisions again next season. Overthorpe have moved to the Wakefield League and Lord Nelson have disbanded their Saturday side. Newcomers are Woodsome Warriors.

Mavis Ward, 22, Moorside, Cleckheaton, BD19 6JH is Appointments Secretary. Her telephone number is 01274 873987.

W.R. County Amateur League.

The league starts on 23rd August and has a new Appointments Secretary who is Vinny Gleder. I have no other details.

MEETINGS FOR SEASON 2003-04

All meetings will start at 7.30p.m. and will be held at HECKMONDWIKE SPORTS CLUB, Cemetery Road, Heckmondwike on the following dates which are all MONDAYS.

18th August : Law changes and General Problems -- D. Fuller.

29th September : County Training Team -- R. Faley. (To be confirmed)

27th October : Speaker -- Nigel Bannister

24th November : Speaker -- Alan Roantree : The future shape of the RA of England.

22nd December : Quiz and Supper.

26th January : The Role of the Assistant Referee -- M. Atkinson and J. Waters.

23rd February : Speaker -- T.B.A.

29th March : Annual General Meeting.

26th April : Supper and Preparation for next Season -- J. Byrne.

At each meeting time will be set aside for members to bring forward any problems they may have met.

On October 21st Leeds RA have John Baker (Head of Refereeing, Football Association) as a Guest Speaker and they have offered an invitation to anyone who would like to hear him. See John for more details.

Internet Auctions

Have you any Football Memorabilia that is gathering dust in your cupboards? It might be worth quite a sum of money. A friend recently found the ticket stubs from his visits to the FA Cup finals in the late 1990's and instead of throwing them in the bin he decided to put them on the Internet Auction site of E-bay. To his amazement two of the stubs were sold for over £20 each and the other one sold for £7.50. A 1996 FA Cup final programme also recently sold for £63.50.

