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Simeon says...

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Dear All,

Welcome to the new season and I guess some of you have already had either competitive or friendly matches.

First of all I would like to say congratulations to all those who achieved promotion last season. Although I can't mention you all in the short piece of space, there are two members to whom I would like to give a special mention.

Craig Hicks is now our highest ranking referee, at Level 3, within the Society. He will now be officiating middles on the Contributors Leagues, which include The Conference South and all Ryman Leagues. This is great achievement for someone so young, so I would like wish Craig all the best this coming season.

The other member is **Ryan O'Sullivan** - even younger than Craig - who has just been accepted to join the County's Referee Development Group. This a privileged group of referees who the County have selected as having, or showing, the potential of going all the way in Refereeing. I'm sure he will be looked after very well in this group. For a referee so young to get onto this group is by no means an easy path and I would also like to praise the support I have personally seen given to him by Robert Pizzy and, although not a member, Ryan's mother Jacqueline; who we all know from helping us out on the Charity night.

On the committee side we have a couple of new faces: **Keith Rodger**, who has taken over from Roger Brown as Treasurer; Roger has done a fine job for the past few years and I thank Roger for his efforts in doing so. Also joining is the mighty **David Laughton**; David only joined the Society last season but has shown so much enthusiasm, especially with the Chernobyl charity match, he has taken up the role of Vice Chairman. I'm sure David will bring his great passion and eagerness into the role. I'm sure both Keith and David will be great assets to the committee.

I not sure about you but where does the season start and finish nowadays? I can't recall a season ending so late as last season and starting so early this season. In fact I had a Pre-Season friendly booked up before I had even finished my last game on the Combined Counties. No rest for the wicked, I guess..!!

On the professional front, we have already seen the worst thing that can happen to a referee in the Bristol City vs Crystal Palace match and, although we all think this would never happen to me, all I can say is, 'thank the heavens the majority of us don't have TV cameras pasted round our grounds'. As a former Boy Scout, "Be Prepared".

As always I look forward to meeting you all on the 9th September.

Simeon



Front cover:

Action from the Chernobyl Childrens' Charity Match, May 2009: **Wayne Ingram** - in goal for Surrey Refs - spreads himself as **Robert Pizzy** shepherds a Leaseplan attacker wide of goal.
(Photo by: Lee Daubney)

Editor's Notes

Hello Everyone!!

Here we go again, then. A new season and a new series of [Touchlines](#).

Lots of things have happened since the last edition: The Chernobyl Childrens' Charity Match was a great success; much more about that later in this issue.

Three high-level pre-season games at Sutton Utd - against Brentford and teams from Crystal Palace and Tottenham Hotspur - gave six of us the chance to officiate on some decent games. Oh the harsh price we have to pay to be allowed to use Gander Green Lane's facilities for our monthly meetings!!

I hope everyone had a chance to take a decent break. Sometimes that's all we need to ensure any 'staleness' gets swept out of our systems. As I write this, I'm sitting on a balcony in Rhodes; the sun has just set; I've enjoyed a decent supper; there's a large vodka and lemonade sitting close to hand...and the kids' mini-disco has just kicked into life - well...nothing's perfect!!

It looks like they're short of someone to don the giant dog-mascot costume and entertain the little ones...Oh well - in for a penny!!!

See you on the park,
or at Gander Green
Lane.

Mike.



From the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to a new season.

Special thanks go to Craig Hicks, John Ryan, John Kasey, Wayne Ingram, Simeon Potter, Mike Coen, Robert Pizzy and David Laughton for helping out with the Sutton United pre-season schedule and I hope you enjoyed the games against Brentford, Crystal Palace and Tottenham Hotspur.

Many thanks must also go to the committee members who stood down at the last AGM. Their efforts and endeavours in past seasons are much appreciated.

There has not been much in the way of law amendment this year but there has been an interesting change in the wording of what is allowed to happen in the technical area during games.

The wording has been removed which stated that after a coach or manager had conveyed their instructions that they were return to the bench. I feel that this is a positive move as it will hopefully alleviate some of the "battle of wills" that develop on match day over whether somebody is allowed to stand or not but beware some competition rules may take a different stance.

Another addition is to the wording under law 11 (offside) as it now states: "Any defending player leaving the field of play for any reason without the referee's permission shall be considered to be on his own goal line or touchline for the purpose of offside until the next stoppage in play. If the player leaves the field of play deliberately, he must be cautioned when the ball is next out of play". Common sense prevails really.

I was watching Emmerdale the other night (as you do) and Marlon said to Paddy, "How could a man who had written '100 Things I Love about Fishing' be lost for words". It got me thinking if anybody could match that when it came to refereeing. As much as I have a great affection for the game, I could not come up with more than half a dozen. I will buy a pint for the first person who can come up with a list of 20 or more and send it to Mike for publication (for junior members that will obviously be of a non alcoholic variety; it's nasty stuff really)!!

In conclusion I just wish you all the best for the season ahead and hope to see you at the first meeting.

Kindest regards,

Barrie (*The Chair*)



Sutton's Super Refs

Barrie Gale

Sthrn Yth League Champnshp Playoff	Sutton Utd -v- Three Bridges	Fri 22 nd May
Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Crystal Palace XI	Sat 25 th July
FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round	Oakwood -v- Lordswood (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 15 th Aug
FA Cup Prelim Round	Chichester City -v- AFC Totton (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 29 th Aug
Surrey Senior Cup (Round 1)	Lingfield v Horley Town (<i>Assistant</i>)	TBC

Matt Westlake

FA Youth Cup Prelim Round	Carshalton Athletic -v- Burgess Hill Town (<i>Assistant</i>)	TBC
FA Vase 1st round qualifying U16	Lordswood -v- Crawley Down (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 5 th Sep
	Fulham U16 -v- Liverpool U16	Sat 22 nd Aug

Toby Westlake

U16	Fulham U16 -v- Liverpool U16 (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 22 nd Aug
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Mike Coen

Tour Game	USA Ladies -v- Reading Ladies (<i>Assistant</i>)	Thur 9 th July
Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Crystal Palace XI (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 25 th July
FA Youth Cup Prelim Round	Sutton Utd -v- Epsom & Ewell (<i>Assistant</i>)	Wed 9 th Sep
Surrey Saturday Premier Cup	Sutton Utd -v- Staines Lammas (<i>Assistant</i>)	Tue 29 th Sep

Robert Pizzy

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Crystal Palace XI (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 25 th July
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Ryan O'Sullivan

FA Youth Cup Prelim Round	Carshalton Athletic -v- Burgess Hill Town (<i>Assistant</i>)	TBC
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Craig Hicks

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Brentford	Wed 22 nd July
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Simeon Potter

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Brentford (<i>Assistant</i>)	Wed 22 nd July
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Wayne Ingram

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Brentford (<i>Assistant</i>)	Wed 22 nd July
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John Ryan

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Tottenham Hotspur XI	Tues 11 th Aug
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John Kasey

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Tottenham Hotspur XI (<i>Assistant</i>)	Tues 11 th Aug
FA Cup Extra Prel Round	Marlow Utd -v- AFC Hallen (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 15 th Aug
FA Cup Prelim Round	East Grinstead Town -v- Cove FC (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 29 th Aug
F A Vase	Ringmer -v- Deal Town (<i>Assistant</i>)	Sat 5 th Sep

David Laughton

Pre-Season	Sutton Utd -v- Tottenham Hotspur XI (<i>Assistant</i>)	Tues 11 th Aug
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Congratulations on Promotion & Achievement



Barrie Gale
Spartan South Midlands League
Runner-Up Assistant Referee of the year 2008-2009



Craig Hicks

4 to 3



Wayne Ingram

5 to 4

What have we Learned from Last Season?

Barrie Gale

With the new season now upon us maybe it is a good time to reflect on lessons learned from last season. Maybe they were learned from personal experience, possibly by word of mouth or from matches we may have been to or seen on the television.

When something does not go to plan or spirals out of your control, I always feel it is best to reflect on the possible causes that have created the situation once you have had time to ponder the subject with a clear head.

The big topic of last season was the goal that never was. This was well documented and shown on television many times and must have been hard to watch for the officials involved.

So what would Mr Atwell have learned from the experience?

Firstly, I would imagine, it would be a sudden realisation that the game can get away from you in a flash and secondly, not to be swayed from your original judgement (no matter how well meaning your assistant may be).

A more recent faux pas occurred at a Combined Counties League game towards the end of last season. Sheerwater were playing host to Knaphill in a Division One fixture with

the visitors requiring a win to keep the title chances alive.

Early into the second half Knaphill led 3-0 but Sheerwater hit back, scored two goals and were then awarded a penalty. The penalty was scored but the referee disallowed it. However, **instead of the kick being retaken he insisted on awarding an indirect free kick to the defending team.**



There were no further goals in the game so, not only did Sheerwater appeal against the result, so did other teams who were challenging for the title.

This resulted in the league declaring that the game had to be "replayed" with the league picking up the cost of the match officials. All very embarrassing for the league and the referee involved.

I am sure that the referee in question (who shall remain nameless) is now "tarnished goods" and he will be



reminded of his error at every opportunity. **Make sure you know the laws backwards and, if there is anything that you are unsure of, re-read them or seek advice.**

We all make mistakes but, if you apply the laws incorrectly, you will be found out. Ignorance is no defence.

Well!!! What did I learn from personal experience last season? Probably that you have to concentrate on the player who instigates a mass confrontation by either committing a poor challenge or by getting involved when there is no need to. On a couple of occasions I "lost sight" of the instigator but was lucky enough in that my assistants kept an eye on the perpetrator and were able to point him out to me.

I may not be so lucky next time!!

We all have shortcomings as officials - it is human nature - but we can learn how to minimise them and the effect they have on our match control.

CAPTIONS PLEASE !!!



Have you an an amusing caption for the picture?
Email your thoughts to me and I'll put the best efforts in the next issue.

... and Last Edition's Offerings



Simeon Potter:

-You put your Right leg in, your Right leg out, in out, in out, you shake it all about.

Nicole Turner:

-You put your left leg in, you put your left leg out...

Mike Coen:

-Contestants warm up for the annual windbreakers' championships.

- Scottish Football now so dull, the leagues are switching to Highland Dancing.

....in the Referee's Opinion....

Your Thoughts, Questions and Comments

In my opinion, the players should know the laws of the game:

How many times for example do we hear "*He should have been sent off as he was the last man*" despite the fact this "last man" rule does not exist? You can, however, be sent off for "*denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick*" which is an altogether different thing.

In other places the laws place emphasis on the referee's opinion. In other words there is no black and white, right and wrong, but if the referee thinks it was so, he will act accordingly.



Some years ago I was at a game where a penalty was awarded. The player took it and his shot hit the post. The taker responded quickest, put the rebound into the back of the net, and was visibly shocked when the referee did not award a goal and instead gave the other team a free kick. This was a professional player, yet he clearly did not know the rules of the game regarding penalty kicks.

Simeon Potter

Just a note for the Touchlines - The December Quiz is coming together, based on events of 2009 and entitled 'Sports and Pastimes', so could include anything from footy to fencing, mud wrestling to monopoly or egg rolling to Edgbaston. You have been warned.

Regards

John Martin

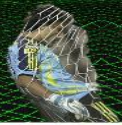


I do swear a lot, but the advantage is that having played abroad, I can choose a different language from the referee's.

Jurgen Klinsmann

Check the Net !!!

Snippets pulled from the World Wide Web



Motherwell Pay Penalty for Referee Blunder

Motherwell manager Jim Gannon says his side deserved a draw after watching them lose 1-0 to Flamurtari in the Europa League second qualifying round.

Striker John Sutton looked to have scored from the penalty spot after he was pulled back by Bledion Guga.

But Austrian referee Fritz Stuchlik, who had done well to spot the original offence, bizarrely ordered a re-take after encroachment by a **Flamurtari** player. Sutton's second penalty was saved.

"None of our players had encroached. So the referee needs to have a look at the rules," said Gannon.



Motherwell manager – Jim Gannon

Argentine game postponed due to absent referee

From the RA Website – 21st April, 2009

BUENOS AIRES, April 19 (Reuters) - An Argentine third division game was called off on Sunday because nobody told the referee he had been selected to take charge, officials and media reports said.



A club official said referee Ariel Montero was sleeping at his home, nearly 600 kilometres away, when worried colleagues called him two hours before kick off to ask his whereabouts.

The Clarin newspaper said that around 1,000 fans had travelled to see the game between Alumni de Villa Maria and Racing de Cordoba.

"The linesmen were in the hotel and Montero hadn't arrived and so they started to get worried," Alumni president Guillermo Morelatto said in a radio interview.

"They called his house and he didn't know anything. He was sleeping."

"Apparently, the Council (championship organisers) said that they hadn't told him. The assistants spoke to him and he said he hadn't been told. There was a mix-up."

Clarin said that Racing refused to accept a substitute official and the police would not allow the kick off time to be put back to give Montero time to arrive.

"I would never have dreamed in 1989 when I started that by 2009 I would referee in The FA Cup Final. There is nothing wrong with having dreams and every boy and girl who starts refereeing needs to set some realistic goals but they also need to have the mind that anything is possible, and think 'why shouldn't it be me?'"

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Massive blow jobs for Belmullet

BY COLM GANNON

The news that ICT Eurotel is to close its Belmullet base of operations has come as a huge blow to the area. The closure of the call centre will see 82 jobs lost and will be a detrimental blow to the community in the area. ICT Eurotel employed 38 full-time and 43 part-time staff in its Belmullet operation and is expected to have completely wound down its operations by October this year.

Minister of State for Labour Affairs Dara Calleary said: "This is devastating news for workers at the company and it is a blow for the Ffris region. I will do everything I can to assist those affected and to ensure that the full services of the State agencies will be available to them when the company ceases

we have all the sympathy for the people that have been made redundant, that's not going to pay their mortgages or car loans when they get laid off."

These were the jobs of the future

Cllr Coyne also went on to say that "two jobs in this region is a huge blow never mind 82. I know that we are going to hear about task forces being set up for the area, but the last task force that was set up the recommendations weren't followed through, like upgrading our roads to give us a fighting chance. We thought that these were the ideal jobs for an area like this, not manufacturing where things had to be brought in and out, but highly educated people working in the service sector. I will be raising this issue at



...and for those watching in Black and White

From Readers Digest (Apr 2009)

During a recent game being shown on MOTD, Arsenal's Cesc Fabregas was challenged by Manchester United's Patrice Evra.

The commentator's translation to subtitles for the hard-of-hearing announced that he had been 'tackled by a zebra'.

Maybe they should have been playing Newcastle! Ed.



Slow Quick Quick Slow

from Football365.com



'I see Gary Megson has accused Lucas of slowing down to get his man sent off by inviting a foul. As a Liverpool fan I can assure Gary that Lucas really is that slow all of the time.'

Charity Begins at Home

('Home', in this case, being at Sutton Utd FC)

Mike Coen

Tuesday 19th May saw the culmination of a great charity effort, which started with an appeal to attempt to raise £500 and finished with a marvellous charity match played at Sutton Utd's ground and a total of £2,611.47 for the Mid Surrey Link branch of the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity.

One of Sutton's referees, John Martin is involved with the charity, which brings a group of Belarusian children to the UK for several weeks each year. These children, who normally live on land still bearing the brunt of the Chernobyl disaster, benefit hugely from the exposure to a 'clean' environment.

David Laughton, who works for Leaseplan UK Ltd, took up the challenge and the idea for a charity match was born. Sponsorship from Leaseplan, with additional contributions from Bluestar IT and XL Insurance, were added to by Daniel Woolard's mini-league tournament, the pay-to-play donations and the raffle ticket sales driven by Jaquie Pizzy on the night itself.



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Both teams arrived early, determined to fully savour the chance to play in a better stadium than most of us would normally aspire to.

The Leaseplan Team were taken through what looked a thorough

warm-up routine. The (on average slightly older) Sutton Referees stretched out a few protesting muscles and jogged back and forth across the pitch. A few Beckhamesque free-kick attempts were in evidence at either end; worthwhile practice as things turned out but more on that later.



The Sutton Referees' changing room was not a place for those who enjoy a bit of peace and quiet. I believe the correct term is 'psyching up'; the reality is really quite loud.

The tension was somewhat broken with goalkeeper Wayne Ingram's appearance. He had taken as his inspiration, Chelsea's Petr Czech, and hoots of laughter greeted his appearance complete with under-eye striping and padded head-protector.

As kick-off approached, both teams were led out by referee, John Martin and assistants, Mark Ford and Lewis Gordon. A blast on the Thunderer and we were away.

I think it's fair to say that most of the referees expected to be given a bit of a run-around by the younger Leaseplan team and, sure enough, after just a minute, a Leaseplan forward was wheeling away in triumph after a neat one-two had been clinically despatched. The

celebrations were somewhat premature, though, as the assistant's flag showed that the experienced Referees' defence had stepped up to catch the scorer offside.

The early moments continued in a similar vein, with Leaseplan probing but the defence holding firm and the

defending midfield players dropping back to do their bit.

With ten minutes gone, a superbly struck pass finally cut through the defensive line. Wayne rushed to close it down and managed to reach the ball just a split second after the Leaseplan forward. The ball rolled goalwards as Wayne lay on the floor holding his head and kicking the ground.

Those of us who had seen a similar performance in January's five-a-side, after a mis-controlled shot ended up in the net, assumed that Wayne was demonstrating his frustration at having conceded a goal. On this occasion, though, the defence came to the rescue, the ball being trapped on the line before being hoofed away for a throw.

'Get up, Wayne. It hasn't gone in' got no reaction and we slowly realised that there was more than frustration being shown here. Knee had met



Head and, as is normally the way with these things, knee had won. Wayne's attempt at impersonating Petr Czech had been more realistic than he would have hoped and for him, with a bleeding head wound, the match was over.

Following treatment, he was able to leave the pitch under his own steam and that was where his Petr Czech eye-stripes came into their own as concerned spectators were heard exclaiming over how bad the injury must be:

'Did you see the bruising under his eyes?'



David Laughton on the line

So, enter Daniel Woollard to take his place between the sticks and begin what would be a superb performance in the Referees' goal.

The early Leaseplan attacks had had no end result and suddenly it was the Referees' turn to start passing the ball around and looking the more likely to score. Twice, excellent crosses just lacked a head dashing into the Leaseplan area and one long-range effort had the goalkeeper beaten but sadly sailed several yards wide.

Half-time with neither team having scored and the Referees were starting to believe they might actually get something out of the game. Simeon Potter was thinking about those two crosses.

'Push me up front', he said.

'Just get another of those crosses over and I'll score'.

Five minutes into the second half, we were thinking of changing his name to Nostradamus. At the very least, I'm getting him to pick my lottery numbers this year. A long ball sprayed out to the Referees' right wing and a deep, surely too deep, cross way beyond the left post. True

to his word, Simeon was charging in and leapt to defy the narrow angle and power a header into the Leaseplan net.

Jubilation reined as a posse of Referees charged back to the half-way line to celebrate in front of substitutes and supporters.

Leaseplan players exchanged glances. The old adage about failing to score when you're on top looked like coming true once again.

Neither side could take a firm hold for the next few minutes and attacks petered out at both ends. Then, with an hour played, a long-range Leaseplan effort struck the arm of scorer Simeon, now back helping out the defence. With all the referees on the pitch, possibly only one saw it as a deliberate use of the arm but he was the one that mattered and his whistle shrilled. Leaseplan had a free kick five yards outside the area and about ten yards left of centre.

Daniel placed his wall and positioned himself to cover the remainder of the goal but we may as well all have taken a lie-down as the free-kick that curled directly inside the angle of post and bar wouldn't have been

saved had we had two walls and three goalkeepers. A superb effort from Leaseplan's Martin Rea and one that would have graced any game at any level.

Once again, possession swayed from one side to the other. Young Daniel found himself called into action on several occasions whilst the Referees were showing that a level of fitness is something we all have in common.

At the other end, the efforts tended to be from longer range but the pressure continued.

Eighty minutes on the clock. It was starting to look like penalties and, on both benches, lists of potential spot-kickers were being compiled.

Then, disaster for the Referees; triumph for Leaseplan. A similar move to that which had led to the Referees' goal and this time it was a Leaseplan head rising highest and planting the ball wide of Daniel's outstretched hand.

So the Leaseplan Cup was won and lost but all agreed that the true winners were sportsmanship and the Chernobyl Children.



Simeon 'Like-a-Salmon' Potter in action for Sutton Referees against Leaseplan



**Pictures by Lee Daubney
and Laura Coen**



Cup Final goes to 'Plan' by Lee Daubney

Sutton United FC was alive with excitement on Tuesday as it hosted the first LeasePlan Chernobyl Cup Final between Surrey Refs (Men in Black) and LeasePlan FC.

The match, in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity, promised to be a close and hard fought encounter and didn't fail to live up to the crowd's expectations.

The first half saw LeasePlan dominating the play, threatening their opponent's goal on a number of occasions. However, a chaotic goal line scramble and a disallowed effort was as close as they came to breaking the deadlock, leaving the match tied at halftime.

A revitalised Surrey Refs Team came alive in the second half, controlling possession and attacking LeasePlan via both flanks.

Their efforts were rewarded with Simeon Potter heading home from close range to

take the lead. LeasePlan fought back strongly and ten minutes later Martin Rea hit an unstoppable free kick from the edge of the box to equalise.

As the clock counted down, the action moved quickly from end to end, with both teams coming close to securing the win; but, with five minutes remaining, it was LeasePlan's Joe Watling who settled the score, with an attacking header into the back of the net to give LeasePlan the 2-1 win.

The charity match raised an impressive £2,500 for the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity, whose efforts allow children, affected by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, to enjoy a four week visit to the UK, away from their contaminated land.

Event organiser, David Laughton, was delighted by the outcome.

'It was a great evening...The overall winner was the charity, as we exceeded our original goal [of £500] and can now pay for five children to come over'.

A Familiar Face at Stamford Bridge?

Barrie pointed out that Simeon must have impressed a few people at the Stamford Bridge Etihad Tournament at the end of last season.

He may be a great secretary but none of us expected to see him being appointed as a Premiership manager!!



Carlo Ancelotti



Simeon Potter

Is 'Carlo Ancelotti' really just an alias or are there really two of them? After all – you never see them together!!

I expect the new Chelsea boss to soon become heartily fed up with being asked, "'ere!! Ain't you that Simeon Potter bloke"?

Footballer puts Wind up Referee

Spotted by Simeon Potter on the BBC Website – 5th April, 2009

A referee ordered a penalty to be retaken in a Sunday league football game when an opposition player broke wind as the ball was kicked.

The Chorlton Villa player got a yellow card for the noise which was classed as "unsporting behaviour".

The team, who conceded a goal on the second take, went on to win the match 6-4 against International Manchester FC at Turn Moss in Stretford, Manchester.

Villa manager Ian Treadwell said their conduct was "normally exemplary".

"One of our players 'broke wind' and only the referee heard it and he booked the player," he said.

"The other player had the penalty saved because it was a bad penalty; it was nothing to do with any noise. They were as shocked as we were as to why."



Mr Treadwell said he was waiting for the Football Association to contact them after it had received a report.

The Manchester Publicity league club faces total fines of £97 for three dismissals and two yellow card bookings from the game.

'Just hilarious'

Mr Treadwell said: "We are not a dirty team and we like to play football.

"While I won't condone the actions of the players, it is an emotive game and some of the players were sent off for entering into conversation with the referee.

"This has come at a bad time in the season as we don't have sponsor and we are looking for a new sponsor for next season."

Pauline Riley, secretary and treasurer of International Manchester FC, said both teams were "very friendly".

"There's no animosity. It was just hilarious," she said.

We should get this guy to find a cancer cure, cause I tell you, he'll find it [*on an over-zealous referee*]

Andy Harper

Interview with a Referee

This month's subject: **Pete Rogers**

Current Level: **5**

Position in Referee Society (if any): **Member for 15 years**

How long have you been a referee? **15 Years**

What was it that led you to become a referee? **I was a manager of a youth team and found that hardly any refs were available. I then got injured playing for Sutton High Football Team on Saturdays, so I decided to ref both days.**

What is it that keeps you refereeing? **I still enjoy the game, plus it keeps me reasonably fit.**

What are your normal methods of game preparation and player communication? **Have an early night and loads of smiles for the players.**

What are the most prestigious games you have been involved with? **I have been selected twice to ref Surrey County Cup Finals.**

What are your main refereeing memories (best and worst)?

Best - Meeting my hero, Dennis Wise, when I helped out at Sutton Utd.

Worst - When a player tried to attack me for not allowing a goal scored from an offside position.

One piece of advice for up -and -coming referees: **Try to keep reasonably fit, so that you can keep up with play.**

Any other comments: **Learn from your mistakes. No matter how bad you may be on any day, most players will appreciate your efforts.**

Next issue's nomination: **David Laughton**



FAMOA Event - Thursday 12th November 2009

The annual Surrey County FA FAMOA Event will be held on Thursday 12th November 2009, at Sutton Utd FC, Gander Green Lane, SM1 2EY commencing at 7.30pm. Complimentary refreshments will be provided from 6:45pm.

Original Guest Speaker, PGMO Select Group Referee Martin Atkinson, is now unable to attend. The Guest Speaker will now be **David Elleray**. David is an ex Premier League and FIFA referee and is the current chairman of the FA Referees Committee.

An invitation from Surrey FA will be sent to all referees in due course and the information will also be on the County Website via a 'splash page' article nearer the event.

Further information can be obtained from Tim Lawrence at County Office.

Football's Lookie-Likeys

Submitted by Simeon Potter



Paul Weller



Stuart Pearce



PAULINE QUIRKE



PADDY KENNY



UGLY BETTY



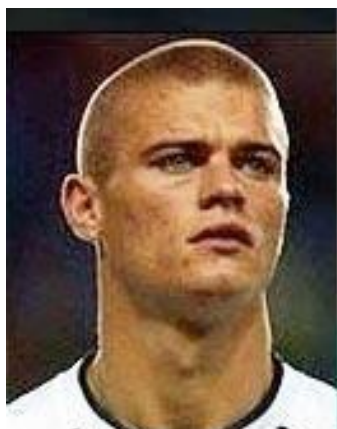
CARLOS TEVEZ



DONKEY KONG



GARETH BALE



ALEXANDER LITVINENKO



PAUL KONCHESKY



Obi Wan Kenobi



Olof Mellberg



WORF



JOLEON LESCOTT



Martin Fowler



Joey Barton

Colleagues,

A very enjoyable weekend was had in the company of Vic Skilton, Vic Rolland, Ray & Jean Mallery and David & Melanie Crick along with several other Surreyites.

Just a few "snippets" of interest picked up over the weekend:

From April 2010 the RA and RAE will return to being a single organisation (most probably retaining its previous RA title but will only include referees in England). At the same time Wales and Ireland will also introduce their own separate organisations but the close relationship that currently exists between the three parties will hopefully be retained.

Successful Conference with over 360 attendees at the Saturday meeting (Theme - Getting it Right). Particularly impressive was the number of "young" attendees, noting particularly the Sussex and Suffolk Academy Groups that went.

Keith Hackett - Will be succeeded by Mike Riley as General Manager PGM0 during the coming September.

David Elleray - Has succeeded Ray Lewis as FA Referees' Committee Chairman. David retains his UEFA role and is currently house hunting in Surrey (Kingswood area).

Ray Lewis - Was presented with a gift and sincerely thanked by David Elleray for services to referees whilst serving as FA Referees' Committee Chairman. Particularly mentioned was his successful "insistence" to FA Council, that the RA should have representation on it. As we know, Ray has recently taken up a position on the National Game Board.

David Elleray referred to an RA and FA Referees' Committee Meeting that took place last May, that put in place initial plans for an even closer relationship in the future between the two organisations (implementation 2010/2011 season?) which may include the following: -

- a) A new joint organisation titled RAFA (replacing FAMOA).
- b) All referees upon FA registration will join RAFA, will receive free affiliation to the RA and free issue of "Refereeing".
- c) "Free" access to Physiotherapy treatment for injured referees in membership, which will enable them to get back refereeing on the parks more quickly.

"Odds & Sods"

- a) Referee Registrations to date for 2009/10 - 26,000+ (not including L10 and trainees). This is already 1,400 up on last season.
- b) CRB Check Renewals - Still awaiting Government legislation clarification. Been outstanding since 200; anticipated resolution April 2010 at the earliest!
- c) Safeguarding Children Training - Complaint made regarding the delay in the information confirming completion being fed back to Counties. This to be investigated to see if the process can be speeded up, as currently Nottingham confirm to FA who in turn update CAS and leave it to Counties to access the latter for confirmation.
- d) Respect Programme - Somerset currently have 78% of their referees who have attended the Respect Awareness Training. East Riding 70%. When asked if the FA were disappointed with the response by other Counties, Ian Blanchard said 'No' and added that he was pleased with progress so far on what is a four-year programme.
- e) Non-active ex-referees, who are Assessors, Mentors or Coaches, may have "free" registration to L10 in the future (Ian Blanchard to propose this to FA Referees' Committee).
- f) Whilst speaking highly of the Coaching System he has introduced for L3 referees and above, Neale Barry emphasised that he in no way wished to diminish the importance of Assessors and their role. Not a surprising statement considering there are only 12 L3 Coaches and 240 Contributory Assessors! No increase planned in 2009/10 season for the Contributory Assessment £20 all-in fee. FA budget for Contributory & Supply Assessments and L3 Coaches - £300K.

Regards. Brian

Sutton Utd. Pre-Season

The 'arduous' task of providing officials for Sutton Utd's pre-season programme was once again tackled by the Society. Barrie performed his usual organisational wizardry and nine of us were very pleased to find ourselves officiating on games involving:



Brentford: Referee - Craig Hicks. Assistants - Simeon Potter & Wayne Ingram

Picture by: Mike Coen



Striding the Line - Simeon Potter
Sutton -v- Brentford

Picture by: Mike Coen



Born to Run - Craig Hicks
Sutton -v- Brentford

Picture by: Mike Coen



...Marks, Get Set - Wayne Ingram
Sutton -v- Brentford

Picture by: Mike Coen

Sutton Utd. Pre-Season



Crystal Palace XI: Referee - Barrie Gale. Assistants - Mike Coen & Robert Pizzy

Picture by: Paul Loughlin



Tottenham Hotspur XI: Referee - John Ryan. Assistants - John Kasey & David Laughton

Picture by: Paul Loughlin

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Sutton & District Referee Society
Minutes of April Meeting that took place on
15th April 2009 at Sutton Utd FC with 18 Members present.

Chairman

Opening address: Barrie Gale opened the opening by welcoming everyone to the joint meeting and AGM. He congratulated those that had achieved promotion during the year.

Apologies for Absence

Received from John Kasey, Pete Rogers, Alan Donovan, Norman Miles, Derek Tansil, Dolapo Odujimirin, Keith Slaughter and John Ryan.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These had been circulated in *Touchlines* and were signed in the usual manner by the Chairman, Barrie Gale. Proposed: Grant Sheavy; Seconded: Wayne Ingram.

Matters Arising

None.

Hon Secretary's Report/Correspondence

Congratulations to all those who gained promotion the ones I know of are:

Mike Coen 7 to 6

Matt Ackermam 7 to 6

David Laughton 7 to 6

Craig Hicks 4 to 3

The Secretary made the following mention of correspondence :

- a) Allocation for FA Cup tickets from County are not yet known but should be the same as last year's quota.
- b) Any referee wishing to attend a County Cup Final can receive free admission but only if priority contact is made to the Challenge Trophies Secretary Mike Jermey - mike@mikejermey.fsnet.co.uk / 01483 730072 - stating which final and date you wish to attend. No free admission will be allowed on the day
- c) No Six-a-side tournament this year due to lack of interest from OTHER societies.
- d) County renewals are now out and should be returned by 15 May.

Training Officers' Report

John Martin stated that there will be 2 courses run next season - in September and November respectively. All applications for courses are now dealt with by the County FA.

Supplies Officer

Mike has a supply for new socks for anyone wishing to purchase for their cup finals.

Mike also mentioned any orders under the price of £75 will now carry Post and Package charge of £2.

£156.46 worth of stock, £10.00 cash in hand, Balance £166.46.

Magazine Editor

Mike stated he had enjoyed his first year as editor and has received many accolades, not just from society members but also from further afield, as the magazine is quickly gaining a reputation as being one of the best out there. Mike also stressed that *Touchlines* is only as good as content he receives from our members.

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Hon Treasurer's Report

Although Roger was not in attendance, he sent Simeon a copy of the final accounts for season 2008-2009. Roger also informed him that he wished to stand down as Treasurer. Simeon thanked him for all the support he had given the society during his years as Treasurer.

Accounts 2008-2009

<u>BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS</u> <u>'EXPENDITURE'</u>			<u>BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS</u> <u>'INCOME'</u>		
			<u>BALANCE @ 01-04-08</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>£1652.34</u>
			<u>BUILDING SOCIETY</u> (A/C CLOSED 16-07-05)	<u>MONEY TRANS</u> <u>CURRENT A/C)</u>	-----
			<u>CASH</u>		-----
			<u>STOCK-SELF FINANCE</u>	<u>M. EWING</u>	-----
	<u>2008-09</u>			<u>2008-09</u>	
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
SURREY COUNTY R.A.	£42.00		SUTTON R.S.	£991.00	
REFEREES ASS.	£602.50				
		£644.50			£991.00
<u>TRAINING</u>			<u>TRAINING</u>		
LONDON BORO' SUTTON (TRAINING/SOCOLA FEES)	-----		LONDON BORO' SUTTON (AFFILIATION FEES)	£380.00	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
SURREY R.A.-CUP FINAL	-----		CUP FINAL TICKETS	-----	
WIMBLEDON R. A.	£55.00		SUTTON R.A. TIES	-----	
SUTTON UTD HALL HIRE	£75.00		SURREY COUNTY R.A.	£325.00	
SURREY F.A. (5-A-SIDE)	£30.00		S. HOBBS	£75.00	
C. JEFFREY (WEB I.T.)	£35.24				
REFEREES ASS. (DRAW TICKETS)	£130.00		REFEREES ASS. (DRAW TICKETS) (DRAW CASHBACK)	£130.00 £65.00	
S. POTTER	£102.19				£975.00
B. GALE	£40.00				
P. WATSON (MULTI-MEDIA)	£883.14				
		£1350.57			
<u>TOTAL</u>		£1995.07	<u>TOTAL</u>		£1966.00
			<u>BALANCE @ 31-03-09</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>£1623.27</u>
<u>HONORARY TREASURER: MR R B BROWN</u>					

R A Delegates' Report

Keith Glover mentioned that the Scottish are to break away from The RA and form their own Scottish RA.

Retention Officer's Report

Not in attendance.

Any Other Business

Draw for the FA Cup Final tickets took place and the lucky winners were Keith Roger and John Withey.

The meeting closed at 20:45

DATE

CHAIRMAN

Dates for the Diary

September, 2009

Sun 6 th	Promotion IST 7 – 6 & 6 - 5	
Wed 9 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
Wed 16 th @ 6:30pm	Level 4 Fitness Test	@ Kingsmeadow KT1 3PB

October, 2009

Wed 14 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
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November, 2009

Wed 11 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
Thur 12 th @ 7:30pm	Surrey FAMOA Event <i>Guest Speaker - David Elleray</i>	@ Sutton Utd FC

December, 2009

Wed 9 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
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January, 2010

Wed 13 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
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February, 2010

Wed 10 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
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March, 2010

Wed 10 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting	@ Sutton Utd FC
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April, 2010

Wed 14 th @ 7:30pm	Sutton Society Meeting & AGM	@ Sutton Utd FC
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