

# Jack Boardman Trophy

**Well after a ten-year wait, the Jack Boardman Quiz is up and running again. Young members from Leigh and Wigan Society will compete against each other to win the trophy. Traditionally Warrington takes part in the quiz but unfortunately they were unavailable to take part.**

Jack Boardman was a distinguished member of Leigh, Wigan and Warrington referees' society and passed away in 1977. Following his death, Jack's widow donated a trophy that would be competed for in a quiz between the three societies that Jack was a member of.



**From the left - Roy Birchall, Tommy Richards, Edith Boardman & Jack Boardman Jnr**

Leigh are the current champions and have held the trophy on thirteen occasions. Wigan have held it six times and Warrington only on one occasion. I'm sure tonight's contest will be interesting and entertaining as the quiz has not been held since 1997.

On behalf of the society I would like to welcome Wigan society to our meeting. I hope that once again we regain our title and continue our dominance in the quiz.

Unfortunately I will not be present at tonight's meeting so I wish both societies the all the best and that we keep the quiz running for many years to come.

**Alan Bennett - Editor**

# Members Update

**Interesting past few weeks that's for sure. It seems that every Premiership weekend can't go by without a sending off for a two footed tackle. And what are your views on a possible 39<sup>th</sup> game in the Premiership season?**

As a society we have just taken one step on the ladder to gaining charitable status. The forms have been filled out and sent, so we are now anxiously waiting to see if our bid has been successful.

Jordan Holmes – Just recently Jordan has experienced his first Lancashire Football League game up at Darwen. From talking to Jordan he thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Operating on this league gives good experience of running as an assistant referee at a higher level.

Daniel Sims – Like Jordan, Daniel this past Tuesday had his first Lancashire League game up at Woodley Sports. He was out with society member Alan Bennett for this game, and Alan commented how well Daniel performed and firmly believes this experience will further his progression.

Lewis Clarkson – In January Lewis LFA U15's Cup tie at Prestwich Heys was finally played and according to reports he performed very well. In addition to this Lewis is regularly officiating on the Bolton Boys & Girls Federation.

Karl Evans – Karl is getting prepared for the Dallas Cup which begins next month. Last Saturday he was in charge of the Peterborough v Barnet game which Karl said was a difficult game especially in the second half. This Saturday Karl is in charge of the Chesterfield v Brentford game.

Alan Bennett – Recently Alan has had few games of late, however he enjoyed taking Daniel Sims out on the line with him at Woodley Sports this past Tuesday. In addition he was on the line for the Northern Senior Counties Semi-Final between Cheshire FA v East Riding FA.

Gary Halliwell – Like Alan, Gary was also appointed as assistant referee for the Northern Senior Counties Semi-Final. The game was played at Cammell Lairds FC and following the game Gary and Alan were treated to a three course meal.

Duncan Tighe – Most recently Duncan as he describes it 'came out of retirement' to run the line on the Lancashire League for Alan Bennett. However he didn't get the chance due to a floodlight failure (see next page for more details).

# Lights Out

**Around two weeks ago Alan Bennett was due to referee the Lancashire League fixture between Lancaster City Res v Burscough Res. However he was one assistant short and after lengthy negotiations he managed to tempt Duncan Tighe to run the line for him.**

On what was a hundred mile round-trip on a Monday night, no-one could predict what was going to happen. On arriving on the ground we met the two secretaries and were directed to the changing rooms. As we went to walk down the tunnel to the changing rooms, the floodlights went out. However it was just us that were suffering. Immediately as the lights went out, the sound of several house alarms went off and the trains on the train station across the road were stranded at the station. Our initial thoughts were that the power had gone in the whole area.

So what is the procedure when an incident occurs like this?  
I was fortunate that Duncan was on my line that night as I would have had no idea what actions to take.

Three questions should always be asked;

1. Is there a certain time that the lights need to be off by?  
As at Salford City the floodlights need to be off by a certain time as agreed with the surrounding houses.
2. Ask the away team whether or not there coach/transport has to leave at a certain time?
3. And the most obvious one, are you trying to get hold of the electricity board?

After asking these questions as a team we agreed with the club secretaries to wait until kick-off time (7.45pm) and see what the situation is then. At around 7.40pm we received word from the electricity board that power may only be restored at around 4.30am the following morning. It was then agreed that the match was abandoned and have to be replayed at a later date.

# Members Appointments

Competition	Fixture	Referee	Assistant Referee	4 <sup>th</sup> Official	Date
L.A.L.	Horwich R.M.I. v Rossendale Amateurs	Gary Finch			23/2
L.A.L.	Astley Bridge v Chew Moor Brook	Nigel D'Arcy			23/2
League Two	Chesterfield v Brentford	Karl Evans			23/2
L.F.L.	Salford City Res v Lancaster City Res	Alan Bennett			25/2
Premier League Res	Wigan Athletic v Newcastle Utd			Alan Bennett	26/2
L.A.L.	Bury GSOB v Mostonians	Gary Finch			1/3
L.A.L.	Ashtonians v Accrington Loyal Amateurs Res	Martin Smith			1/3
L.A.L.	Thornleigh 'A' v Ashtonians Res	Keith Swindell			1/3
N.W.C.	Runcorn Linnets v Ramsbottom Utd		Alan Bennett		1/3
Unibond North	Rossendale Utd v Lancaster City		Alan Bennett		4/3
L.A.L.	Lymm v Rochdale St Clements	Gary Finch			8/3
L.A.L.	Ainsworth v Bury Amateurs Res	Keith Swindell			8/3
L.A.L.	Lymm 'B' v Bury GSOB B	Nigel D'Arcy			8/3
L.A.L.	Tyldesley Utd v Spotland Methodists	Nigel D'Arcy			15/3
L.A.L.	Thornleigh v Castle Hill	Gary Finch			15/3
L.A.L.	Lymm A v Horwich RMI A	Keith Swindell			15/3
Unibond North	Bamber Bridge v Skelmersdale Utd	Alan Bennett			21/3

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# Referee World

## JEWELL DEMANDS MORE RESPECT

Derby County manager Paul Jewell has accused his Premier League counterparts of showing a lack of respect.

Jewell was unhappy that Tottenham Hotspur's club secretary John Alexander handed in the visitors' team sheet ahead of Saturday's game at Pride Park.

The Rams boss says other clubs adopt a similar policy and believes referees are not receiving enough respect on the issue.

"I take the team sheet in," said Jewell in *The Sun*. "I am the manager and I think the referee deserves a bit more respect.

More respect than the club secretary taking the team sheet in. A lot of managers don't take the team sheet " in, but it's one of my things.

***Mr Jewell rating and raving again, funny how that at near enough every professional and semi-professional club in the country the secretary takes in the teamsheet. Don't worry Jewell it's the same in the Championship too.***

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## I'M ALL FOR FA ATTACK ON FOUL LANGUAGE - POLL

The FA have announced a crackdown on players swearing in amateur matches — and it can't come soon enough. Some 20 leagues will take part next season, which means more than 3,500 players will have to mind their language or risk an early bath.

The hope is that the policy will be extended to the highest level of the game. Well, I know it's difficult, but imagine the scene. . .

Liverpool's Jamie Carragher is sent off by a referee for swearing. Then as he makes his feelings known about it, Steven Gerrard also swears and is sent off, too. On the touchline Rafael Benitez swears at the fourth official and is sent to the stands.

Would people congratulate the ref for taking a stand or would they say he had ruined the game?

Because this is what could happen if the FA want to stamp out one of the scourges of football.

Swearing at officials does not occur in rugby union because they have a zero tolerance approach to it. In football this hasn't happened and it needs to. There could be carnage at first but it would be worth it.