

Training Session

Prior to every monthly meeting an academy fitness session will take place at Leigh Harriers Athletics track located behind Leigh Sports Village.

Training will commence at 6:30 and approximately last for 45 minutes. It's free to attend and we encourage all members to come along.

Showers and changing rooms are provided and following the session we will all head over to the monthly meeting at Eastleigh Labour Club.

FA Cup Appointment

Congratulation is sent to society member Karl Evans for refereeing in the 1st Round of the FA Cup.

Karl refereed the tie between Hereford United v Dagenham & Redbridge.

The game finished a 0-0 draw and the replay that was played this past Tuesday resulted in Dag & Red progressing to the 2nd Round with a 2-1 victory.



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Articles needed

I'm encouraging all members to contribute to the magazine to ensure that it keeps being published once a month.

I'm willing to accept any type of article, whether it is your profile, pictures of your games (past or present), favourite match, recent points of play, match report.

Anything you wish to include then please send it me by e-mail:

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Next meeting

Don't forget next month's meeting is to be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month rather than the 3rd Thursday.

The date will be the 11th Decemeber and training will still be on before the meeting.

Hopefully the December meeting will finalise the details for the society Christmas outing, which is ten-pin bowling.

When you had thought you had seen it all

How often do we utter the words 'well I have seen it all now'? But as we also know the well known phrase 'anything can happen in football' and it usually does. I'm just going to share with you a few experiences of 'anything can happen in football', that I have experienced this past month.

Two weeks ago I was asked by our secretary to run the line in a under 14's inter-league game between Bolton Boys & Girls Fed v Wigan Youth League. The game was held at Atherton LR. About ten minutes before kick-off, a knock came on the door and in came the Wigan secretary with the team-sheet.

The referee asked the secretary;
"35 minutes each way tonight at under 14's isn't it?"

Which the secretary replied;
"No. It's 40 minutes each way at under 16's."

To our amazement the wrong team had turned up. Where Bolton had sent their under 14's, Wigan had sent their under 16's team. Bearing in mind it was now about five minutes until kick-off. However rightly so the game was called off and it was certainly a moment a few smiles and laugh were raised as it was certainly an unusual scenario.

My final story of the month occurred on a game that I was assistant referee as. I won't name the referee or the two teams for this as it would be unfair on them. It was yellows v blues, the score at 2-2 after 65 minutes. Yellows have possession at the edge of the blues area and take a shot at goal, the yellow is then fouled, and the referee blows the whistle for the free-kick. However when he looks up the original shot has gone into the net.

The yellows are appealing for the goal, and the referee gives it. Much to the despair of the blues, as their keeper runs 50 yards to protest to the referee. After a mouthful of foul and abusive language from the keeper, the referee then issues a red card to the keeper.

The referee then decides to take a deep breath and speak to the other assistant. Following this conversation the referee then decides to disallow the goal and award the yellows a free kick. To say the least both teams weren't happy.

What would you have done in this situation?
Was the referee right or wrong?

It was certainly an extraordinary incident and capped off a month of unusual incident for me.

Editor

Referee World

Kinnear to say sorry to referee

The Newcastle manager, Joe Kinnear, plans to apologise to Martin Atkinson after branding him a "Mickey Mouse referee". He made his remarks after the official failed to award a free-kick to his team shortly before Fulham won the decisive penalty in last weekend's 2-1 defeat at Craven Cottage.

Kinnear has been asked to explain his comments by the Football Association, and he revealed yesterday that he regretted the criticism of Atkinson. "I am sorry if my post-match comments at Fulham caused any offence and I will ring Martin Atkinson to tell him," he said.

"When I spoke to the media on Sunday I was deeply frustrated about losing a game I felt we were in a strong position to win. I have accepted that some of my comments were inappropriate and I will be calling Martin Atkinson to say that."

Former football referee becomes cricket umpire

Martin Bodenham will make a little bit of officiating history in 2009 when he becomes the first former top-flight football referee to also stand in county cricket as a full first-class umpire.

Bodenham's name was among a list of 25 full-time professional umpires unveiled by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Monday. Also promoted to the list was ex-England left-arm spinner Nick Cook as were former county cricketers David Milns and Michael Gough. "I am absolutely delighted to be on the full list," said Bodenham. "I began playing cricket when I was around 10 or 11 years old and love the game. "When I retired as a football referee ten years ago I took up umpiring and continued to play 2nd XI league cricket. Cricket is and always has been my major sporting passion. "After umpiring in the Sussex League, it was England head coach Peter Moores who encouraged me to apply for the ECB reserve list and I thank Peter for helping me realise my potential."

Respect Barriers Launched

Stuart Pearce and members of his England Under-21 squad joined The FA and the Football Foundation for the launch of the Respect campaign's Designated Spectator Area Barriers in Barnsley on Monday.

Over 40 youngsters from the college, local schools and youth football club, Barugh JFC, took part in the event that showcased The FA's plan to bring down abusive behaviour from the sidelines and highlight their ongoing Get into Refereeing initiative which is aiming for 8,000 new officials by 2012.

Grassroots football leagues from across the country that are committed to the Respect programme have until 31st March to order the Barriers on behalf of member clubs at a special discounted price from their local County FA.

Last season saw the Respect barriers piloted in 20 counties across England and the FA Respect Manager, Dermot Collins, was delighted with the feedback. "It showed that the barriers are an effective but inexpensive way of improving spectator behaviour and, as a consequence, it makes it a more enjoyable experience for everyone involved."

There are almost 70,000 youth football teams in the country and England Under-21 boss Pearce is right behind the Barrier campaign.

"I learnt my football in the non-League game and I fully support the Respect measures being introduced to tackle abuse in grassroots football," he said

"Refereeing is a tough job at any level and refs deserve to be treated with respect by players, coaches and spectators."

"I'm sure leagues and clubs will want to sign up for the Barriers to help improve behaviour and encourage people of all ages to get involved in refereeing," added Pearce.

Howard Webb is in no doubt that the Respect Barriers will boost the grassroots game, adding: "It's a positive step and ensures that players can play and referees can referee unhindered by outside influences.

Members Appointments

Competition	Fixture	Referee	Assistant Referee	4 th Official	Date
Northern Counties Youth	Cumberland FA v Westmorland FA	Alan Bennett	Nigel D'Arcy		22/11
Coca-Cola League 1	Carlisle Utd v Cheltenham Town	Karl Evans			22/11
LAL Prem Div	Lymm v Failsworth Dynamos	Gary Finch			22/11
FA Premier League Academy	Everton FC (U18's) v Bolton Wanderers (U18's)	Graham Ogden			22/11
LFA Under 18's Cup	Billinge Juniors v Ashton Athletic	Steve Eastwood			23/11
LFA Under 18's Cup	Leigh Genesis v Penwortham Town	Alan Bennett			23/11
NWC Prem Div	Maine Road v Atherton Collieries		Adam Eastwood		25/11
LFL	Leigh Genesis Res v Salford City Res		James Waterfall		26/11
NWC Prem Div	Runcorn Linnets v Winsford Utd	Graham Ogden			29/11
Unibond North	Radcliffe Borough v Garforth Town		Adam Eastwood		29/11
LAL Div 1	Thornleigh v Chaddertonians Res	Gary Finch			29/11
LAL Div 4	Howe Bridge Mills Res v Radcliffe Town Res	Nigel D'Arcy			29/11
LFL	Hyde Utd Res v Farsley Celtic Res		James Waterfall		3/12
LFL	Salford City Res v Workington Res		Nigel D'Arcy		10/12

LEIGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REFEREES' SOCIETY

20th November 2008 MEETING

AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16th October 2008

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

MATTERS ARISING

FOOTBALL PARTNERS

LEIGH YOUTH LEAGUE, BOLTON BOYS & GIRLS FEDERATION

LEIGH RMI / LEIGH EAST/ MEETING VENUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION /
LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

SOCIETY WELFARE OFFICER
KEN BERRY

JUNIOR REFEREE ACADEMY
ALAN BENNETT

TRAINING CLASSES / referee observer / coach including funding

SOCIETY WEBSITE

POINTS OF PLAY / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes of the Leigh & District association football Referees' Society

Meeting held Thursday 16th October 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: A Bennett, C Berry, K Berry, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, D Harrop, P Haworth, G Knowles, N Lea, F Mort, D Renshaw, D Sims, M Smith, R Thorpe, D Tighe, J Waterfall, D Wilson, A Eastwood, S Eastwood

Apologies from R Birchall, S Brockley, L Berry, G Finch, J Holmes, G Ogden

Minutes of the meeting held 18th September 2008 had been posted to the website (with additional copies being available at the meeting). The minutes were then proposed as a true record by

D Renshaw and seconded by D Wilson

Matters arising: None

Correspondence October 2007

Correspondence received:

- Eccles RA magazine
- Lancashire FA regulation and control of referees
- Tooled up invoice for mentors footwear
- Invoice PG Sports polo shirts
- Andy Burnham MP photo call invite
- Promoprint photo identity badges
- Greater Manchester Police community grant £500.00
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting minutes
- Community foundation grant meeting dates
- Cameras2U invoices for two DVD cameras, tripods and cases
- Football Association safeguarding children
- Atherton Charity Cup donation of £100.00
- Refereeing magazine
- PG Publication invoice (Mentors)
- North Walkden referee course payment
- Tooled up Limited invoice (mentors footwear)

Correspondence despatched:

- Greater Manchester Police grant request
- Lancashire FA training course information
- Leigh Journal advert for course
- Leigh Reporter advert for course

Promoprint request for identity badges

Matters arising: None

Leigh Youth League

No matter arising
Bolton Boys & Girls Federation

Mr Tighe informed members that U18's division only permits 5 from 5 when concerning substitutes.

Leigh RMI / Leigh Genesis

Mr Tighe confirmed that it was more than likely that Eastleigh Labour Club would be our meeting venue for the rest of the season. In addition Mr Tighe said that he was attending a meeting at Leigh Sports Village on the 14th November.

Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees Association

First of all Mr Tighe thanked Nigel D'Arcy for his current fundraising efforts as more applications for funding were currently in process.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers were at 52. The TSB account was at £202.55p The Halifax remained at £3,669.14p. In addition Mr Harrop has match record pads available at 25p per pad.

Welfare Officer – Ken Berry

Mr Berry introduced himself to the member present. He opened an offer to help any member with any problems they may have on and off the field. Mr Berry also offered to watch any member's matches for some support.

Society website

Mr Haworth said that the website was constantly being updated with various points of play videos. In addition he stated he would add Ken Berry's e-mail address to the website for anyone who may wish to contact Ken.

Training classes / Referee Observer

Mr Tighe stated he was currently running a course at Leigh Sports Village. He added that he had 19 people going through the course and that the course will finish on Saturday.

Academy

Mr Bennett reminded members about the fitness sessions that will be running prior to each meeting. Six members came to the first session in which an enjoyable and intense session was led by Karl Evans.

Points of play

Paul Haworth gave an interesting presentation on Law 11. The video presentation was from the PGLMO and the points of play from this certainly raised discussion from the members.

Any other business

The society Christmas outing was discussed and it was proposed that we will go ten pin bowling. Mr Harrop offered to find out some details and will report back at the next meeting.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 37pm