

Congratulations

Congratulations to society members Carl and Ken Berry for their recent appointment on the final of the Goldline Trophy.

The game as always was held at the Reebok Stadium and was between Atherton LR v Stoneclough. Carl was appointed as assistant referee with Ken as 4th official.

In front of nearly 1,500 people Atherton LR scored with two minutes left of extra-time to win the cup 2-1. This prestigious appointment is a massive achievement for Carl and Ken and as a society we congratulate them on this.



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FAMOA Meeting / Assessors Course

This year's FAMOA meeting will once again be held at the Lancashire FA headquarters in Leyland.

Speakers are to be confirmed, but the meeting is due to be held on Thursday 24th September 2009 with a 7pm start time.

In addition the LFA is also running an assessors course on the 6th September 2009 for anybody that is interested in becoming an assessor.

Referee World

Footballer puts wind up referee

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.

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.

Italian football referees banned from using social media

Channel4 reports that the new President of the Referees' Association in Italy wants to stop officials from participating in conversations on social networking sites and message boards, and refrain themselves from blogging. The President in question, Marcello Nicchi, was only elected to the position last month and one of his first moves was the release of a list of "rules for privacy and institutional communication protocols."

In Italy, it's generally forbidden for football (that would be soccer) referees to make any public statements in the media even after a game has finished. The memo presumably simply wants to make it clear to the officials what the Association understands 'media' to encompass, so it included a detailed list of what they should be avoiding. Literally, the message translates as: "referees are barred from making statements in public including via email, their own websites, mailing lists, forums, blogs or discussion groups such as Facebook and similar systems." Officials who break the rules will be deferred to the Disciplinary Commission.

Strangely, this contradicts earlier reports that Nicchi was actually thinking of 'revolutionizing' Italian football by scrapping the rule that prevents officials from being interviewed by the media about finished games.

Members Appointments

| Competition | Fixture | Referee | Assistant Referee | 4 th Official | Date |
|------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------|
| LFL | Chorley Res v Lancaster City Res | Alan Bennett | | | 17/4 |
| LAL Premier Div | Radcliffe Town v Horwich RMI | Gary Finch | | | 18/4 |
| LAL Div 1 | Horwich Victoria v Chaddertonians Res | Nigel D'Arcy | | | 18/4 |
| Coca-Cola Championship | Preston North End v Cardiff City | | | Karl Evans | 18/4 |
| Unibond North | Clitheroe v Lancaster City | | Alan Bennett | | 18/4 |
| LFL | Hyde Utd Res v Ossett Albion Res | | Nigel D'Arcy | | 20/4 |
| LAL Div 2 | Old Blackburnians 'A' v Rochdale St Clements Res | Nigel D'Arcy | | | 21/4 |
| Premier League Res | Wigan Athletic Res v Blackburn Rovers Res | | | Alan Bennett | 21/4 |
| LFL | Clitheroe Res v Leigh Genesis Res | Alan Bennett | | | 27/4 |
| LAL Div 1 | Little Lever SC Res v Howe Bridge Mills | Nigel D'Arcy | | | 2/5 |

Welsh Festival of Football 2009

By Danny Sims

This past Easter weekend, society member Danny Sims officiated at the Welsh Festival of Football. Below is Danny's diary of events from the weekend.

Friday 10th April

Around 12pm I set off from Westhoughton, picked Rory Spragg up and made my way down to Pontins Prestaytn which was where our accommodation was for the weekend. We arrived at around two thirty and went for a look round the site before meeting Lee and Ryan Willetts and Steven Brown and going into the referee meeting. Mathew Turvey the tournaments organiser gave us a ten minute talk on what he wanted us to do but it was difficult to hear because of the music in the room. We then received our room keys and our meal vouchers before meeting up with Lee Ryan and Steve in the bar.

Saturday 11th April

Saturday was a very early start as we had to be on the reception car park to find out where we were going to be for the day. I and Rory were placed in Denbigh which was a half hour drive from Pontins. We arrived at around 9 45 and my first match was at ten and I had two matches in a row at under 13s. The first game was NJ Wythenshawe v St Malachys from Ireland the game was quite straight forward with the scoreline being 3-0 to the Irish team however at the end of the game the Wythenshawe manager ran at least 40 year to let me know that he wasn't impressed with my refereeing so I put in my first misconduct report of the day. Second game was Carriglea vs. Denbigh no problems with the score line 4-0 to Denbigh. After those two games a referee gave me two points to work on, the first being wider on goal kicks and to use my whistle less. Then an hour's break before two games on the line with no problems.

My first cards of the day came in my last game which was between Rhyl Roma and Hillwood FC they were both for dissent. We finished at around 7pm and got back to the room around 745 where we met up with the refs and went up for a couple of drinks.

Sunday 12th April

Another early start as we got to the pitches for 9 am with two easy games at 10 and half ten before an hours break. Before being allocated to the first final of the day in the under 12s at 1130 am Rory Spragg was the referee and me and I Willetts were on the line, the final was between Denbigh town and Bridge Colts from Manchester the score ended up 3-1 to Bridge Colts the only problem in the game was a injury to the Denbigh centre back who suffered from ligament damage and the game had to be stop for the paramedic to assess the kid and get him to the first aid tent. I then had one of the funniest games of the weekend in the 3rd/4th place play off between Verona from Ireland and Biggin Hill form England they game ended 2-1 to Biggin Hill but right from my first whistle the subs form Verona were singing the songs included things can only get better, when they were losing to halo by beyonce, queens we are the champions, Michael Jacksons smooth criminal etc. the game was a very good game played in the right spirit and had no problems. Before finally I was given the under 16s cup final in the middle on a seven pm kick with my linesmen being L Willetts and R Spragg off between NJ Wythenshawe in blue and somebody else in yellow. In around the tenth minute a blue player elbowed a yellow player in the face so I gave him a straight red card for violent conduct and gave 3 yellows 2 for dissent 1 for persistent infringement. the game was mainly in the middle of the pitch and therefore ended up go to penalties yellows missed the first penalty and then we all scored up until the fourth when blues missed there last two leaving yellows to score there last penalty to win but he hit the crossbar it took a further 5 penalties each in extra time before the blues won we eventually got back to our rooms at 8 30 pm before going to the bar to socialise with everyone.