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EDITORIAL

Well, they did it, and they've gone and done it. Our own Reading FC carried off the Simod Cup in style on their first appearance at Wembley. Ian Branfoot was confident but I wonder how many of the more objective observers would have given them even half a chance? And yet they're going down to Division 3 as well. It isn't the first time anyone has done that sort of double, but it's nasty when it happens to you or your favourite team.

How can it happen? Easy enough. For the Cup you need quality, and Reading produced it. For the League you need consistency over a longer period as well, and Reading couldn't produce it. In a way it was better to go down by not winning that last match than being put down by Sheffield United's win. Whatever the glamour (and profit) of a Wembley appearance and victory, I guess players and manager and most of the fans would have swapped both to stay in Division 2. Ian is capable of bouncing back. Let's hope the players are and they get the support they need.

It's the end of the season for us too, but demotions are rare for referees (too rare in my opinion). For many of us, no promotion or honours, just another season of enjoyment perhaps. For some, just relief it is over, wondering whether it's time to give it all up. Of course refereeing is getting harder, but that's no real surprise. Of course we're not always appreciated, but we didn't expect to be. Of course we're criticised, but we don't always get it right. Many referees do still enjoy refereeing and you can be one of them.

Have a good Summer - with or without refereeing. See you on the park next season.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

March

Whatever your politics, being excluded from our usual meeting room by a meeting of the local Labour party was not a good start! Although the main bar area we were given as a substitute is a pleasant enough room, it was pretty unsatisfactory for a guest speaker though, fortunately, he didn't let it cramp his style. The management was made well aware of our view of their incompetence in making a double booking.

The meeting opened on a very sad note with a minute of silence for Peter Jefferis whose death was referred to in our last magazine. George Mills spoke about his service to the Reading RA.

Among the items of business, Brian Papworth raised the hardy annual of referees' not dealing properly with correspondence. On the other side, one colleague pointed out the lack of response of one of the leagues to his letters - room for improvement all round.

The Guest Speaker, Ian Branfoot, manager of Reading FC, is no stranger to Reading RA and was warmly welcomed back. In his homely North Eastern accent he started by letting us into some of his personal secrets, not repeatable in print, and then a few humorous, but not **too** unkind comments on some of his fellow managers and players.

Ian tries not to be critical of referees. He understands the pressure they are under, but he's not sure the referees understand the pressure the manager is under. The game has progressed by leaps and bounds in the last 10 years, in terms of pace, ferocity and professionalism. Mustn't we rethink the case for professional referees? Players are bigger, faster, fiercer, stronger; the pressure from the crowd is much greater. It isn't the referees' fault, but managers and players believe you can't spot the nonsense/recognize what is really going on if you haven't played at the professional level. Players **will** cheat for money, even if they shouldn't. Moral standards generally have declined; disciplinary standards in the clubs have declined.

Part of the problem is ours. We don't glamourize refereeing enough. We should accept Ian's invitation to go and work with his players, learn about the game as they see it and play it. There

is a problem of amateurs in the FA too. A good deal in the game needs to change.

Ian believes it is time for an overhaul of the Laws. The offside law is being pushed to its limit; certainly he would approve of the 10 yards sanction for dissent as in rugby. He would actually favour a 2-referee system. He supports police intervention and criminal proceedings to curb the few really violent players (he cited Hicks' injury caused by Futcher). He firmly believes the club has a responsibility to deal with 'toppers' and players like Futcher. There **is** more nastiness about than there used to be.

Ian rounded off his talk with a few thoughts about Reading FC. They try to create goalmouth action and excitement, in contrast to what he sees as the foreign game. He is trying to turn football back into a family game at Reading and feels it has been reasonably successful this season, given that we don't have the fanaticism he knew in the North East. The season has been successful in terms of gates. Some support is traditional but more needs to be cultivated. He was confident about Reading's chances at Wembley and also about escaping relegation. [One right out of two in the event. Ed]

Ian then responded to questions from the floor with the same generous frankness, and members heartily endorsed Bernie's vote of thanks.

April

Vice-Chairman Dick Wilkins was in the chair and moved the meeting smartly through the routine business. Some 50 members in attendance, including a few from the recently completed training course. Mainly good end-of-season stuff: details of appointments to finals and announcements of small-a-side competitions of which two are still to come. The AFC Woodley 6-a-side will be held this year on 12 June. Contact John Billins on 697476 if you are interested - he may still be short of officials. The Reading 5-a-side is referred to later in this issue. Paul Hopes related the end of his personal hearing saga - also referred to later.

Alan Robinson, our Guest Speaker and old friend of the Society, arrived just over a year late. He was snowed in last winter when he was supposed to come to Reading, but he certainly made up for the delay.

Alan progressed to the very top in his 31 years of refereeing, and also managed to work for the National RA, especially as Overseas Secretary and now as P.R.O.

And yet no-one felt talked down to. Here was a colleague sharing his experience with us, honestly and modestly.

Alan took "misconduct" as his theme. After warming his audience up with a few funnies, he pulled no punches. Misconduct is the biggest cancer in the game and we have to be supported by Disciplinary Committees. The lead must come from the FA, because what happens in top level soccer affects the local scene as we all know. In fact, Alan believes, there is too much local soccer, certainly in the Portsmouth area, to the detriment of the game. There aren't even enough pitches.

The referee must observe, identify, act. Standards in this country are very high, as Alan knows from some of the elementary queries he receives from abroad. But don't be complacent; do keep on re-reading the Chart. And don't be frightened to seek advice. Referees even at the highest level can commit howlers - Alan gave examples - but, of the average 150 decisions we make in a game, we get most of them right.

Early impressions count, even the way you deal with the place kick. You must have the right attitude. Fouls will happen because we are dealing with a physical contact sport, but there's no such thing as a 'friendly' any more. Even a charity match has to be treated like any other.

Apart from your knowledge of the Laws, you need a knowledge of the game, the skill factors. You must judge intent. Look at the player's eyes. Try to pick up intimidation, there's more of it about than ever. Watch for holding off, standing on an opponent's foot, holding clothing, goalkeeper following through with his arm, player pushing his opponent into the area at a penalty. There are many instances of players gaining time e.g. by deliberate handling, or time-wasting e.g. by being undecided who will take a throw-in.

Are referees taking correct action for striking? Some only caution. What do they put in their report? 'Over the top' tackles are coming back. So are tackles from behind and those cynical fouls that stop goal-scoring opportunities. And so many players see themselves as peacemakers when there's a punch-up - gives them an excuse to join in the mayhem?

One good thing - all clubs have to have numbers next season. [I'll believe that when I see it. Ed]

Matches aren't just of 90 minutes, they have phases and flashpoints: first few minutes of each half, after a bad contact foul, contact on a goalkeeper (over-protected in Alan's opinion), a sending-off, a disputed goal, an equalizer, spectator abuse, the

final whistle. Some matches have special potential: promotion, relegation, local derbies.

As well as critical times, there are critical zones, areas of the pitch. Alan showed a transparency which graphically illustrated where the majority/minority of fouls occur. The penalty area is most critical. How carefully do you supervise a penalty kick? Do you keep charge of the ball? Identify the kicker? Warn him to wait for your signal? Inform keeper who the kicker is? Check players outside the area? Check linesman in position? Stop illegal tactics? Afterwards get away from the area?

Advantage. Too much is dangerous. A player's retention of the ball is not enough. Speak to offender and offended. Use the word 'Advantage!', not 'Play on!'. More difficult to get advantage right on the local park where players want the free kick. Much depends on the area of the field. Use common sense and the correct signal from the Chart. There is an amount of luck in using advantage and when it goes wrong it can lead to dissent.

Dissent is on the increase. You don't need to caution the first time, but do act. It's the way the player speaks or acts. Causes? Players' ignorance, the media, referees' mistakes, failure to see intent etc. And the referee can produce dissent: by attitude, mannerisms, too much whistle, lack of concentration or enthusiasm or fitness.

Gamesmanship is cheating. Caused by money. The biggest cheats are the Germans. Timewasting, especially by goalkeepers (who make illegal marks too). Players' dives. Barging into the referee.

As referees we are helped by knowledge, experience and man-management. Knowledge enables us to use our powers properly, but we must have the support of the disciplinary authorities. Alan quoted the case of a referee being asked which leg the player used to kick the opponent. Because he didn't know, the case was dismissed and the culprit got away with it. Experience. Referees learn by refereeing, by doing as many games as possible. Alan had discovered that, in spite of the national increase in cautions and sendings-off, his own had decreased over the years. He put it down to experience. Man-management relies on a knowledge of the game and of people. The ability to communicate is essential.

Alan concluded his theme of misconduct by reminding us that it is up to referees to curtail it and bring sport back into football. He ended with a quotation: 'Treat players as gentlemen until they prove otherwise.'

Alan then responded to a number of questions.

An excellent talk and one of the most comprehensive we have had, full of interest for the newly qualified and the experienced alike.

A RESPONSE FROM LEEDS

[In my last issue I invited other editors to let us know about disciplinary hearings in their area in response to Paul Hopes' letter about conditions at Maidenhead.]

Dear Brian,

Many thanks for your magazines. They make excellent reading and many of your 'topics' have been incorporated into both our magazine and discussed at our local R.A. meetings.

Your February/March edition, however, has a topic which is ALWAYS being discussed at Council or Members' meetings, that is the one regarding disciplinary hearings at County office.

In Leeds we do have separate rooms for officials and 'offenders', so we do not have eye-to-eye contact until we both go before the commission. We then sit side by side until the case has been heard. The referee is then asked to leave the building and the player waits for the committee's decision.

Our concern, as referees, is the 'sentence' handed to players who abuse the Laws of the Game. We feel that the punishments handed out to the players are not a strong enough deterrent, as is proved by the consistent increase in offences reported to the County F.A. Our discussions at our meetings range from: Are our reports worded correctly? Are the standards of punishment, as laid down by the County in their guidelines, strong or hard enough? Are those who sit at the hearings fully appreciating our feelings with regard to misconduct?

We in Leeds lose many of our referees because of the lack of back-up from County F.A. and the abuse we receive during and even after a game.

I fully sympathise with Paul Hopes and wholly agree with your comments. Maybe a concerted effort by other associations would help to highlight what is an area of growing concern.

If we are ALL of the same opinion, maybe a thought for the National Conference?

Just to highlight the problem a little further, I enclose a copy of the Halifax R.A. journal, Centre Spot, for your perusal. When you have read it, you will see our concern.

Keep the mags coming - even if you know that we 'nick' parts now and again and we know that you know that we know etc.

Kind Regards,

Tony Locke
Leeds & District R.A.

P.S. Congratulations to Reading on their Simod Cup win. Hope they can pull away from the danger zone in Div.2.

[Even Tony's best wishes didn't keep Reading up! 'Centre Spot' contained no fewer than four references to problems with the County F.A. - the clearest being in the report from the Council meeting where 'many members had expressed dismay at the leniency of County FA over some reported Referee assaults'. Ed]

END OF PAUL'S STORY

Paul Hopes reports that the player he wrote about in the last issue who failed to turn up for the Disciplinary Hearing, was suspended for **one month - from the 1st May**. No wonder referees are losing confidence in County FAs.

4TH READING FOOTBALL FIVES -forty referees needed!

Reading Borough Council Leisure Services Department is again organizing a major competition on **Saturday 9th July 1988** at Palmer Park, kick-off 10,00 a.m.

By now all members should have received a letter from Pat Monaghan who is co-ordinating the referees, giving the further details and inviting your participation. Please give your support. It's a great day.

FROM THE MIDDLE

Another of my articles which originally appeared as part of the series in the Reading FC programme.

The Penalty Kick

(first published in the Reading FC programme 5/10/85)

The penalty kick is the most serious and often the most controversial decision (apart from cautions and sendings-off) that a referee makes because a goal should always result.

We know from television that Football League referees usually get it right - even without the benefit of the slow motion replay - but not always. As they are supported by two qualified and very experienced colleagues as linesmen, it is the more surprising - but it still happens.

Some penalties, of course, are obvious to everybody: the blatant trip, the undisguised push, the clearly intentional handball. But many penalties, even most, are not so obvious.

Down to the referee's judgment again. Did the tackle take the ball or the man? Did the ball strike the hand or the hand strike the ball?

One lot of supporters is always going to find it difficult to believe it was no penalty when an opponent's hand and ball are in contact in his own 18 yard area - especially if the ball is easily cleared as a consequence.

Another difficult situation is when attacker and defender are jostling/holding/pushing each other. 50/50? Goalkeeper/attacker duels are also difficult to interpret, especially when you are dealing with clever professionals who are trying to con the officials and cheat their opponents.

Finally, two important points about the kick itself. Time has to be added on, if necessary, at the end of the half to allow a penalty kick to be taken. And the goalkeeper is not allowed to move until the ball has been kicked - the whistle is only a signal that the referee is ready.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE ATTACKS MISCONDUCT

The papers were full of it. 'Sweeping new measures to clean up football's tarnished image will be imposed from the start of next season' wrote Ian Ross in The Times.

The reasons are obvious enough - the increase in cautions and sendings-off, the wish to get back into Europe (and so the need to be seen to be taking effective action) and, perhaps most critically, the increasing intervention of the courts.

What is this 'master plan' - labelled by Gordon Taylor the PFA Secretary as 'the ultimate deterrent'? Put simply, the new proposal is that a club could lose League points if they accumulated enough penalty points for disciplinary offences. That sounds a pretty tough sanction. However, in reality, only four clubs in recent seasons would have been penalized at all - Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Blackpool and Southend United.

In addition to this new punishment for clubs, it is proposed to increase sanctions against players. A player sent off for violent conduct or serious foul play will face a three-match suspension instead of the present two-match ban, and suspensions for subsequent dismissals will increase automatically by one match for each offence, which means any offender sent off a second time will receive a four-match ban.

The proposals are expected to be agreed by the League in June and by the FA Disciplinary Committee. Reaction so far has been predictably mixed, as we can see from the response of some managers, but Keith Hackett has gone on record in support of the proposals. He rebutted any suggestion that they would place him and his colleagues under any more pressure when making their decisions.

'The referees' chart is clearly defined,' he said (to Clive White of The Times). 'We don't consider what action might be taken later. If action off the field can influence a player, we haven't got a problem. I welcome any attempt to reduce the number of red and yellow cards that are handed out.'

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN BRAZIL?

Zico, the Brazilian international, launched a crusade against violence in football yesterday by urging the Government to punish violent players.

'I asked the Education Minister, Hugo Napoleao, to order the National Sports Council to create a severe law against violent players,' Zico said. 'It simply calls for any player who seriously

hits an opponent to be banned from playing until his victim is fully recovered.'

Zico, aged 35, has been fighting injury since he rejoined Flamengo in 1985. Two other leading Brazilian players have been seriously injured recently.

(The Times, 22/4/88)

MATCH FEES

We understand that both Combination and District Leagues will be discussing a rise in fees for next season at their AGM's. Premier and 1st Division: £6; other divisions: £5.

AWARDS

These two awards are highly valued by the clubs, and rightly so, because the result is based on marks supplied by us, the referees. Or some of us. Alan Turner, whom we thank for administering the awards writes: '. . . Great thanks to those referees who did an excellent job. 130 forms returned covering 650 games. Yet on a sad note: who were the 17 referees who never replied?' Must try harder.

The Bert Newman Fair Play Award

1. Rockwell Collins (Combination)
2. DES (Combination)
3. Reading Exiles (District)

Linesman's Award

1. G. Haines (SG Cables)
2. D. Macdougall (Checkendon)
3. F. Grasspool (Reading Old Blues)

A DAMP SQUIB

What a pathetic celebration of the Centenary of the greatest Football League in the world. The wrong sort of festival, at the wrong time of the season. And all the regular fans could have told the organizers in advance - they did on the day(s) by not turning up. Even the TV commentator had difficulty in staying awake during the final. 'The terraces and the stands are dead - and there

isn't much life on the field.' The balloons were the best part

TRAINING COURSE

After a very successful course, 30 passed the exam and qualified as referees. The biggest problem turned out to be finding enough examiners for the orals, not the answers to the questions!

CUP FINAL TICKET

This year Peter Oakley was the winner of the Cup Final ticket we get via the County FA. Alan Robinson remarked as he pulled out the lucky number, that the Portsmouth RA gets **ten**. Have they got 1,300 members or is there some other explanation?

Stop Press Keith Dade and our golfers lost 4 holes and halved one (I think that was the message) and The Whistlers were beaten 5-2 away by a strong Slough RA team. They all say they enjoyed it.

THOUGHTS OF A FIRST YEAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE ASSESSOR

When I knew I would no longer be on the Football League Linesman list, I wondered what I would do. I had thought about assessing, but I was not sure if, firstly, the Football League would ask me and, secondly, if I would be accepted by the referees. So I made a point of asking referees I knew, how they felt about me assessing them on the League. All of those I spoke to said they would not mind; some even thought it was better, as during my time on the League as a linesman, I had seen a lot more referees than they had, and therefore knew what was expected.

What were my qualifications for the job? One point in my favour, I felt, was that I had completed the FA Instructor's course at Walsall, and was still a Referees' Instructor for Reading Referees' Association. I was pleased when the Vauxhall Opel League invited me to be on their referees' list for the coming season. I was very honoured when the Football League invited me to join their assessors' panel, and it gave me great pleasure to accept the appointment. So my season was set out as a Football League assessor and as a referee on the Vauxhall Opel League.

As a new assessor you spend the first four games with two senior assessors. In my case this was two games with Reg Paine and two with Eric Read. One of my duties as the trainee assessor was to contact the clubs and to arrange the tickets for us, and make any other necessary arrangements. Reg and myself had talked about what we would do, before the game, at half time and at the end of the match. The one item we did not talk about was the mark that

we would be awarding the referee. The same procedure was followed with Eric.

When I arrived home I then started to think about writing my report. I wrote it out in rough three times, checking that I had included all the points I had noted during the game. This report has to be typed in duplicate. A report then has to be written on the linesmen and again typed in duplicate. The writing of these reports took about six hours. The assessments I wrote when out with the senior assessor went from me to the Football League, from the League to the senior assessor for his comments and finally back to me via the League. I now find it takes me about four hours. I am sure this is because I have worked out how to set it out on a word processor. The main advantage with this method is that you do not have to re-write the whole report each time, just the paragraphs you wish to change.

The report on the referee covers the following sections:

- 1 Application of laws and control
- 2 Positioning and fitness
- 3 Advantage
- 4 Signals and stoppages
- 5 Co-operation and teamwork
- 6 Summary

The report on the linesmen covers the following sections:

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| 1 Attitude | 6 Ball out of play |
| 2 Co-operation and teamwork | 7 Players and officials |
| 3 Signals | 8 Fitness and positioning |
| 4 Fouls and misconduct | 9 Summary |
| 5 Offside | 10 Additional advice or comment |

As you can see from the above lists, the points covered are very comprehensive. You are also given an assessors' guide which you read each time you write an assessment and which goes through various items that may be included under each heading. This also acts as a useful reminder in case you have overlooked a point. This makes the overall assessment a comprehensive document if the procedure is followed, and ensures that the same standard is applied to all assessments.

The pairing up with a senior assessor on the first four games I felt was an excellent idea. You gain a great deal from their experience and they may gain something from a fresh approach by the new assessor. As in all aspects of refereeing, you are never too old to learn; there is always something new to confront you. Having been with two assessors on these matches, you have someone

to turn to if you come up against problems - this is besides your regional assessor who is also there to help.

After my first four matches I went out on my own. Between then and the new year I completed eight other assessments, four of which were Football League, the others Football Combination. Then early in the new year, I completed another assessment with both of my senior assessors to see how I was getting on. All assessments are checked by the Football League to ensure that I am abiding by the Laws of the Game.

If a referee or linesman wants a clarification of any of the points I have mentioned, he can request this from the League who then ask me to clarify the points concerned. This has happened to me on a couple of occasions for remarks I have made to linesmen and once by a referee. As in refereeing, it is a matter of an honest opinion of what I saw during the match I was assessing and nothing else. It was more difficult to get used to than I thought it would be, always trying to make the report as constructive as possible. I also have the option of signing the report or not. I have and always will sign mine, as I think it only fair that if I am prepared to write the comments, then I should sign it.

So far I have enjoyed assessing. I certainly hope I will be invited back on the list next year. As with refereeing, the appointment is for one season at a time, which again in my opinion is correct as it keeps you alert to what you are saying, and therefore conscious of the task you are carrying out for the Football League. I trust that I may be able to help some of my colleagues to improve their overall performance. If I can do that I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I have carried out the task I was asked to do.

The one point that concerns me is that, as an assessor, I am there to help the referee and not to run him down. I wish all referees would believe it! I know sometimes I am critical of points in the referee's performance, but if this is the case I try very hard to suggest constructively what could be done to improve this aspect of his game.

I strongly feel that more contact between the referee and the assessor on match day would be an advantage, especially with regard to his instructions to the linesmen. As it is at present, I can only assume that the referee has asked him to carry out certain procedures but cannot be sure. I therefore feel that the experiments being carried out by the League where this is happening, are a step in the right direction for all concerned and will do away with the idea of the assessor hiding behind a tree to catch the referee out and not to be recognized.

Another important consideration for the meeting of the officials and the assessor on match day is that then on the Football Combination League and the Vauxhall Conference, it would allow the assessor to give advice to the linesmen, whereas otherwise they would not receive any comment if their overall performance was satisfactory. I believe that if we can improve the standard of lining, it will make the referee's job easier and improve the whole team performance.

This is my aim as an assessor - to improve the team performance through helping the individual. If I can be of some assistance in this way, then I feel that I will have done what I set out to achieve.

David Keen

[I saw in 'Pheep' - the magazine of the Hounslow RA - that David was Guest Speaker at their February meeting. His talk on 'Lining' was reported in detail and obviously very well received. Ed]

IRONICAL

It was reported from the Sunday Youth League meeting that, for the first time for years, they were not bemoaning the lack of referees. But some referees were letting them down even after confirming. It would be a pity to have to get rid of officials after trying so hard to get them. (Not members of this association we hope.)

BROAD LINES

Have you noticed how **wide** some of the lines seem to be on Football League pitches? They certainly look wider than the statutory 5", and some penalty marks are very large 'spots' indeed. Does it matter?

NO COMMENT

(Mail on Sunday, 10/1/88)

NOT OUTSIDE THE LAW

Fines recently imposed on Butcher and Woods of Glasgow Rangers are a reminder that sportsmen are not above the law, but raise serious questions about the role of the police and the referee in controlling violence on the field of play.

There seems to be some agreement as in the case of the grievous bodily harm caused by Chris Kamara's assault on Jim Melrose. A normal disciplinary sanction was clearly inadequate. However, the Butcher and Woods incident, whilst extremely unsavoury, was of a different order, but introduces the other dimension - the possible crowd reaction. The referee, Jim Duncan, considered he had done enough and said he would consider giving up refereeing if police intervention became commonplace. Tony Higgins, secretary of the PFA in Scotland, foresaw problems for all contact sports and unnecessary pressure on officials if a bad decision could lead to police prosecution, though he did concede that cases of extreme violence had quite properly been treated in the courts.

THE MAGAZINE

Thanks from the editor to those who have made contributions to the magazine this season and the usual encouragement to every other member. Everyone has something of value to say - the trick is recognizing it and then either writing it down or saying it to me.

Special thanks to Derek, our secretary, who has the additional task of doing all my photocopying now, and to George who sends off the copies to those who miss the meetings.

THE READING WHISTLERS

Unlike most of his colleagues in the Football League, our team's manager, Martin Deacon, has retired with dignity and without pressure. We need a replacement. The main job is finding a team, not training it (he says)! But it is very enjoyable and worthwhile. And we are offering double the usual fee.

Anyone interested and preferably capable, please contact Derek Reigate. (It's serious, but not too serious).

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion (and commiserations to those who didn't make it this time). Special mention of Steve Green and Malcolm Mackenzie who were promoted from 3 to 2 only last season.

Class 2 to 1: S.J. Green, M. Mackenzie, C. Watkins

Class 3 to 2: M.D. Albury, J. Davison, B.C. Dibley, P.J. Hambly, G.R. Harris, B.A. Minhinick, A.W. Turner, E.P. Waters, A.P. Wellstead

THE PLUM TREE

Once again we congratulate all our members who have been honoured with cup and shield final appointments this season. The following are those of which I have been notified. Referee named first. Apologies in advance for any omissions (please let me know if there are any)

Berks & Bucks FA

Senior Cup: K.M. Parsons (line)
 Saturday Intermediate Cup: R. Highfield (line)
 Minor U15 Cup: P.C. Monaghan (line)

Reading Senior Cup: G. Crutchfield, M.D. Albury (lines)
 Reading Junior Cup: M.C. Hopson; A.W. Turner
 Reading Jubilee Cup: D.G. Smith (line)

North Berks League

A.G. Kingham Cup: P.J. Hanlon (middle)

Combination League

BTC Senior Cup: K.E. Hall; R. Butler
 All Champions Cup: P. Pittaway; J. Davison
 Invitation Cup: M.F.H. Shearn; J. Billins
 BTC Junior Cup: C. Watkins; A.R. Higgs

District League

Cyril Towner Senior Cup: N.C. Smith, R.G. Pedder (lines)
 Subsidiary Cup: J. Moore; B.A. Minhinick

Sunday League

Tilehurst Charity Cup: L. Carr; P. Jenkins
 Industrial Cup: B.D.E. Ford; G.D. Emms, F.W. Hawkins
 E. Cambridge Cup: P.R. Hitt; W. Wallace
 Ronald Nash Cup: I.R. McNelly; B.C. Dibley
 Harold Lusted Shield: J. Machin, A.D. Awberry (lines)
 John Lusted Trophy: P.V. Hopes; R.G. Pedder, A.P. Wellstead
 Treasurers Cup: D. Glasspool (line)
 Subsidiary Cup: N. Wrey; M. Bellman, E.P. Waters

Sunday Youth League

Vic Beasley Cup (U17): R.G. Allen; M.W. Barnett, M.E. Barnett
 Subsidiary Cup (U17): R.G. Allen, M.E. Barnett (lines)
 Roy Murdoch Cup (U16): P.J. Hambly; N. Wrey, E.P. Waters

Subsidiary Cup (U16): E.P. Waters; N. Wrey, P.J. Hambly