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EDITORIAL

Here we go, here we go . . . again. Welcome back to football! Or just welcome to those who never really stop refereeing - with 5-a-sides, 6-a-sides, friendlies and so on.

A new season. So, what's new? The changes to the Laws (referred to later) are hardly earth-shattering. Good news for the Reading RA - we're up to 94 members as this issue goes to press. We also have John Lambden back in charge of a stronger training team than ever, so it looks good for our new recruits. Expect developments too on the practical training front.

Refereeing generally? The usual stick in the Sunday press and some of it probably deserved. Did you see that programme 'On The Line' with a feature on refereeing? I did, thanks to Derek's video. Disappointing in some ways, with Brian Hill coming over to me as rather arrogant. The best bit was the final remark about the RA request to the FA to ban players for life if they assault a referee. That really is on public record now. Let's see whether we get a positive reaction . . .

Back to Society matters. Chairman Bernie Young is not yet fully recovered from his health problems of the end of the season, and after some improvement, has just had to go into hospital for monitoring. We send our best wishes to Bernie, Jill and family and hope to see him back with us in the very near future. Meantime Dick Wilkins, our Vice-Chairman, will continue to (try to) keep us in order.

Have a good season! Stay optimistic. You are not the only one who will have problems - the secret is to recognize them and do something, like talk them over with a colleague.

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PROFILE OF OUR NEW OFFICERS

President - Dick Sawdon-Smith

Dick has been an active referee since 1952 though he mostly controls representative schoolboys' matches now. He started whilst in the army and then qualified with the Berks & Bucks FA when he came out. He has refereed in the local leagues, served 14 years on the Isthmian League and holds the record of service - 25 years - to the Hellenic League.

As my distinguished predecessor, Dick edited the 'Reading Referee' for 22 years and wrote a weekly column in the Reading Chronicle for 20 years until 1983. He was Secretary of the Reading Whistlers - our own football team - for 15 years. It was Dick who devised a quiz on the laws of the game for local clubs (which ran for 13 seasons) and the Fair Play Award which is still running. He was Chairman of our Society from 1978-81. In recognition of his service to refereeing, Dick received the Meritorious Service Award of the national RA in 1984.

Membership Officer - Peter Hitt

We had the good fortune to inherit Peter from Plymouth (that accent is a bit of a giveaway Peter!).

After playing for several local teams in goal, Peter took up the whistle. After qualification eight years ago he went through to Class 1 in the minimum 2 year steps in that area. In his first season he was given the middle in a local league divisional final. He must have done well - he had one each year till he came to Reading. He has lined at Holme Park and Elm park (for the Reading Directors) and just done a middle for the Reading Directors v. Theale. In 1986/7 he was top Class 1 in Reading and had a line on the County Minor Cup final. Last season he missed his County Junior trophy middle because of a cartilage problem but did the Ted Cambridge final and a Hellenic Division 1 semi.

Fully recovered now, Peter is refereeing this season on the Hellenic and Suburban and our local Sunday League and, as Membership Officer, hoping to defy the national trend and increase our membership.

This year the editor managed to get the Handbook out in time for the August meeting. Obviously important for new members to have a copy of the Reading RA rules, but how useful is the rest of the information? In the three years since I produced the first edition, I have had one piece of (complimentary) feedback. There is so much one could put in, but what would you personally find useful that isn't already there? Is there anything that really seems unnecessary?

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

[Having a new President with such experience of editing and writing for the magazine was too good a chance to miss
It has to be admitted - Dick did respond very quickly to my threats.
Ed]

Back in 1971, I wrote the history of the Reading Referees' Association to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its likely formation. I was of course telling the story of the growth of the Association and in some small way a social history of the time. For instance, in the great depression of 1929, out-of-work members travelled free of charge to a social evening at Basingstoke. Other members paid 2/- [10p.]. In 1937, women were invited to the annual dinner for the first time. When there was clothes' rationing at the end of World War II, the Association had a ration of 12 clothing coupons to help purchase uniforms.

What I discovered most of all was that it wasn't a history of events I was writing, it was the many stories of the people that made up the Society over 50 years. Names in many cases long since forgotten even by our older members. They were stories of their service, of their contribution to this Society of ours.

I am very proud to be your President, and I thank you for the honour you have granted me, but I am just as proud to be a member of the Reading Referees' Association. Over the years we have been fortunate to have members of energy, members of foresight, members of devotion. We have achieved much and put Reading's name high on the list of Societies that have made a real contribution to furthering refereeing in the country.

There is, however, much still to be done, much to be achieved. If we are to progress further, it can only be done by us, you and me and all our members. We are the Society, and we can only achieve what we want to achieve and are willing to work towards. Our officers and committee are of course important, but without our support little that they do will be effective. It's very easy,

and sometimes tempting, to sit in the corner and complain about what the Society has or hasn't done. It is much more satisfying to make a contribution to the efforts of the Society.

Our new Membership Secretary, Peter Hitt, has written to us all and said that he wants to see the highest membership ever achieved in the Reading RA. A fine ambition, but I don't necessarily want to be President of the largest RA. What would give me the greatest pleasure is to be President of the best RA.

Dick Sawdon-Smith

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Reading RA AGM 19 May 1988

Our second AGM at the Trades Union Club and well attended. Could it be the free supper that attracts the waverers?

It was to be a poignant evening because President and doyen of the society, George Mills, was leaving office after completing his 5 years and having recently celebrated 40 years in refereeing. Some record!

After the presentations of Fair Play and Linesman's Awards, reports were received from the Secretary and Treasurer. In summary, the society continues thrive, though membership and attendance were both somewhat down - as elsewhere - in spite of the sterling efforts of the officers and training team. Although we had a £300 deficit for the year, the Treasurer assured us that we should not be worried in view of the assets we hold.

Dick Sawdon-Smith was unanimously elected President and took the chair. Stuart Gentle was confirmed as Assistant Secretary; John Lambden was re-elected as Senior Training Officer; Peter Hitt elected Membership Officer. Committee members Terry Gale and Mike Borland were stepping down and were thanked for their 10 and 4 years' service respectively. They were replaced by John Moore and Graham Stockton. The other officers and committee members were re-elected.

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The business meeting concluded with presentations. The Major Sainsbury Award was presented by retiring President George Mills to the local league 'Referee of the Year' John Moore. The Fred Porton Award for the 'most promising Class 3 referee' was presented to Frank Hawkins, and Chairman Bernie Young and retiring committee member Terry Gale received County Meritorious Service Awards for their long and valued contribution to the Reading RA.

Tribute was paid to Retiring President George Mills by new President Dick Sawdon-Smith and by David Keen, and he was presented with a special commemorative glass whistle engraved with his initials. Members gave George a standing ovation.

Supper was served to round off the last meeting of the season.

County RA AGM 13 June 1988

What a start, or rather lack of start! There was no President to chair, no Chairman to substitute for him, and no Vice-Chairman either. A blessing in a way that the meeting was poorly attended, with no representative from five societies. Ken Walker, Life Vice President and President of Slough RA, took the chair to enable the meeting to proceed.

Our Immediate Past President, George Mills, was elected President to replace Mac McTeague; the other officers were re-elected en bloc with Reading's Steve Green confirmed in his position as Training & Publicity Officer. There were no alterations to rule. The expected highlight of the evening - the presentation of the medal to the Senior Cup Final referee - could not take place. The referee was unable to attend. Mercifully the meeting lasted only 22 minutes.

It is to be hoped that George can inject some life into the County RA. Otherwise he may not have much to preside over.

DID YOU SEE THIS?

Confucius, he say, manager who relies on Scottish goalkeeper like man without compass. Many points lost.

Stephen Bierley, The Guardian, 23/8/88

AUGUST MEETING

First meeting of the season and, in spite of many absences because of annual holidays, nearly 60 members present. Vice-Chairman Dick Wilkins opened the meeting with an apology from Chairman Bernie Young, still convalescing after his period in hospital. With medication his condition is improving. Members echoed Dick's best wishes for his full and speedy recovery.

There was little routine business. A new Treasurer is being sought as Robert Barnard-Smith has now moved to London. Brian Papworth is to continue as Appointments Secretary for the Saturday leagues and will be assisted by Martin Deacon. All Sunday Youth League matches are expected to be covered by qualified officials this season. Kevin Parsons is making Allied Counties appointments

and invited interested members to contact him. Membership of the Society had already reached 87.

The next item was a nice surprise. Ted Cambridge, on behalf of the Berks & Bucks FA, rose to announce the recognition of the distinguished service of two of our members. The society's Immediate Past President, George Mills, had been elected a Vice-President of County FA, and John Lambden, Senior Training Officer, had been awarded the Lionel E. Gibbs Memorial Certificate of Service. Ted, who has known both for many years, spoke warmly at some length of their past and continuing work for referees and refereeing.

The second half was devoted to a training session. First, as is usual at the August meeting, John Lambden explained the changes of Law for the new season. Nothing radical - just tidying up. First, in Law 1, we are now told that 'the goal-posts must be of white colour' [to match the colour of the referee's stick presumably. Ed].

Second, in Law 3, further clarifications about substitutes (after the confusions and controversies of last season). The effect of the changes is to explain that the **rules of the competition** have to say

- (1) how many substitutes (up to 5) **may** be nominated and
- (2) of those, how many (up to 2) **may** be used.

i.e. 'the announcement of the substitutes is compulsory only if the **competition regulations** specify this'

If the competition's rules **do** require names to be given to the referee and they are not, then no substitutes can be allowed to play. John advised strongly that referees should use their common sense and take the initiative if no names were forthcoming. It could save problems later.

Lastly, the FIFA circular advised that the experiment with 'no offside direct from free kicks' did not 'produce convincing results' and so is discontinued, and that experiments with 'temporary expulsion' ('sin-bins') were 'so unsatisfactory' that it too will not be introduced into the Laws.

Next, John introduced a new feature for the season's meetings (new to Reading RA that is). Each evening would contain a problem spot. A member would introduce an 'it happened to me' item for discussion. Graham Stockton started the ball rolling as the first 'guinea pig'.

In one of his early, end of season, evening games as a Class 3, he had a player who appealed for everything and commented, audibly and continually but not aggressively, on all that was happening, including comments about other players. Graham gave examples, none of which alone seemed to merit action. He revealed that he did nothing, although he and other players were affected to the point that he had to caution two of them, in effect, for retaliation. He knew after the game that he was wrong and realised what he should have done.

There was plenty of discussion and advice and eventual consensus. What was happening was not accidental and therefore intentional; it was a form of gamesmanship, cheating, 'ungentlemanly conduct'. Suggested action was the private word; if necessary, the public warning; then, the caution.

READING FIVES

'I don't know what effect they'll have on the players, but by God they impress me.' Remark, owing more than a little to the Iron Duke during the Peninsular War, but heard in the Board Room of the new Palmer Park building as the dozens of referees packed in for Pat Monaghan's briefing. Impressive that all these experienced as well as innocent officials would turn up on a Saturday in July, which threatened rain, just to allow so many to enjoy themselves so much. The sort of event to give football a good name. And it finished before 9 p.m. this year!

FROM THE MIDDLE

Old members skip the next paragraph.

A few years ago I wrote a series of articles for the Reading FC programme. They were about the laws and refereeing. There were not intended to convert spectators into referees, but by covering points from all the laws by the end of the series, I hoped to have cleared up a few mis-conceptions, and generally helped our public to be just a bit better informed and possibly just a bit less prejudiced! The pieces were also intended to be interesting to read. I started re-printing them in our magazine when it was suggested that they were of interest to referees too, especially newcomers.

A Matter of Time

(first published in the Reading FC programme 6/11/85)

Everyone knows a soccer match lasts 90 minutes . . . and yet no match ever does.

Law 7 is about the 'duration of the game' and refers to 'two periods of 45 minutes.' But, as with all the laws, there's more to it than that.

To start with, the two periods have to be **equal**, genuine halves. Although a shorter game can be agreed upon before you start, say because of threatening weather, the new length must be divided equally. Anything else decided in advance would be unfair, but time can be added on to either period at the discretion of the referee for 'accident' (e.g. injury) or 'other cause' (from spectator intrusion or collapsing goalposts to timewasting). And, of course, for a penalty.

Cup competitions in this country usually allow for extra time to try to get a decision if the match is a draw at full time. Again, two equal periods - of 15 minutes each.

Interestingly, extra time is treated as a new match, new toss of the coin, choice of ends or kick-off. Older readers may remember when in cup ties, **extra** extra time was played until a goal was scored.

I was actually at the game which led to the change of law - Stockport County v. Doncaster Rovers in the Division 3 North Cup in 1946 - which lasted until about 6.50 p.m. after a 3 p.m. kick-off! Officially 3 hours and 25 minutes of play. Some spectators went home for tea and came back to see the rest of the match!

Have you ever wondered whether 90 minutes (or so) is the ideal time, although it's hallowed by tradition? Even at Football League level, few games have no patches of boring play. Why not 80 minutes? It might concentrate the game as well as the mind. It would certainly improve many of the games on the local parks.
NATIONAL RA CONFERENCE, Allesley Hotel, Coventry. 18 June 1988

More like old times with George Mills back among the Reading gang of four, after missing last year's event because of his convalescence. There had been some feeling that Conference was on the wane, but there certainly seemed to be a lot of delegates in the hall - including just one woman. Either there aren't many women in refereeing nationwide, or they don't come to Conference. Probably both.

We were accommodated about half a mile from the main hotel in the Post House. Very comfortable and the best breakfasts we could remember.

Friday evening was the Civic Reception in the Guildhall, and the Coventry society had cleverly arranged for the Lord Mayor this year to be a referee and member of the RA. He provided unlimited

free drink and the buffet supper. Unfortunately, yet again, the Friday evening didn't really work. There was confusion about where we should be and then we were left standing about till nine to get the supper.

The Conference day itself is the Saturday and we were officially opened by the Lord Mayor at 9.30. All the early business is routine. The first shock was the length of the obituary list this year - we speculated as to the reason. Could it be more notifications? Or is the age profile of the Association changing?

The Annual Report came as item 6 and disappointed. There is still no mention of policies adopted by the RA at previous Conferences and their progress (or, more likely, lack of progress). The annual accounts revealed a healthy balance, once the columns of figures had been appropriately re-aligned to make sense. A surplus of £16,420. (It was all the printer's fault apparently). The 'Football Referee' is still losing money and the price will be going up to 20p a copy. (Reading members will go on getting it free, thanks to society policy). The new building fund stands at £6,072, which the secretary surprisingly called 'encouraging'.

This year there were five nominations for Life Membership and it is when you hear the citations that you realise what service to the RA really is. One nominee had been Chairman for 32 years, another had trained over 1000 candidates, another served 50 years' as a member and nearly as long as treasurer. They were given a standing ovation. The 7 members present to receive Meritorious Service Awards for at least 20 years distinguished service were in danger of being an anti-climax.

The fun started after lunch with the notices of motion. Because of the debacle last year when the President called for a vote to decide whether a motion already on the order paper should have been there, the Liverpool Society had put down a motion to prevent it happening again. In spite of considerable support from successive speakers (and a spirited intervention about organization and democracy from guess who), two members of the platform spoke against and the motion was well defeated (3,386 for; 8250 against). I still find it extraordinary that we cannot organize a Conference which allows discussion to happen in a proper and open way.

A lively debate was next about legal expenses insurance to support any members assaulted. Everyone was in favour of helping members. The questions were to do with details: defining assaults, existing cover, cost and so on. 6,993 for; 4433 against. So for 45p extra, members will have immediate access to a Lawline for advice by telephone, and up to £50,000 worth of backing to fight a case in court.

Assaults again. It was proposed that Council should negotiate with the FAs to ensure that any player found guilty of causing actual or grievous bodily harm to a referee really will be banned for life from all football activities, with no possibility of the ban ever being lifted.

Two amendments were tabled: one to make sure that the period beyond the match was covered; the other to allow the possibility of an appeal after 10 years.

Speaker after speaker gave graphic support for fierce action and the second amendment clearly had no chance, though natural justice was referred to. Finally the motion as originally worded was carried by 10,301 votes against 1,481. We await the action of the FA with interest. Another proposal that will just be disregarded? Or referred to County FAs so that they can take no action? There was an amount of cynicism amongst the delegates I spoke to. We deserve a mention of progress on this policy if on no other in the next annual report. We shall see whether we get it.

And so to the evening. An excellent dinner followed by drinking and/or dancing and the famous Grand Prize Draw. We didn't win the car, again, though colleagues from Slough and High Wycombe did win watches. A lady from Redditch won the car. Derek was actually embarrassed that Jenny won a bottle on the tombola - it was alcohol-free wine!

Next year close to home - Southampton. A chance to take a few more supporters.

NEW TRAINING COURSE

Already started - last Monday, the 12th. The training team under John Lambden needs our support in two particular ways. First, it is late but not too late to encourage people to join the course. Second, the success of the practical sessions, which are a special feature of our training, relies on the support of more senior referees to be the 'training officials.' Note the dates - **Sundays 16, 23, 30 October** - and ask John or George whether they could use your help.

PROBLEMS WITH THE SIN-BIN (in rugby football) (The Guardian, 5/9/88)

THE REALLY SERIOUS SIDE OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

[Photo by George's camera. For newcomers and posterity - Derek Reigate, Bernie Young, Brian Palmer and George Mills]

THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Well, it came and went.

I wonder whether we are the victim of a continental European plot. It goes like this. The other countries all agree we are serious contenders, even favourites, whether we are or not, so that the pressure gets to our players. And . . . you know the rest. Alternatively, it could be that the competition is timed for the end of our season - the longest and most demanding there is - so that our players are shattered. They certainly played as if they were. Or it could simply be there was no plot at all and we were not good enough.

Not many of the games were memorable, including the final, but the first semi - Holland and West Germany - was a classic. You (one) couldn't help feeling though, that the second penalty decision was . . . unfortunate. Refereeing? I didn't see all the games, but I did see Keith Hackett and thought he had a bad one. I don't think we have any more room for complacency in our department than the players have. The lining, as always it seems, had to be seen to be believed.

Hooligans? Why do ours get all the press? Gangs of drunken youths terrorize a Sussex village and it's reported. But no-one suggests abolishing Sussex villages or even closing that particular wine bar to young people. Every Summer, groups of many nationalities, but especially British, drink too much and cause mayhem in Spanish resorts, and it causes a ripple in the press. But we don't have a Minister and a Prime Minister who suggest withdrawal of flights to Spain. And what about the crowd trouble at race meetings? It's been going on for about three years sporadically apparently. Early this summer there was a brawl at Lingfield and fights at Beverley and Redcar; a race-goer was stabbed at York in June and another killed in a car park brawl at Newmarket in August. Abolish horse-racing? Even control of alcohol looks unlikely.

I am as keen as anyone to stop all hooligans and especially soccer hooligans, but I wish those in responsible positions would use a bit of objectivity and actually look at the serious research evidence. There is some. It would be inconvenient, of course, because it shows the problem is complex and facile solutions won't work.

LEAGUES COMING AND GOING

The Reading Saturday leagues are to merge after many years of discussion of the possibility. The new league will be known as the 'Reading Football League'. The Secretary has been notified that the Middlesex Border League is being disbanded.

TAKE ONE

For seven local referees - Ray Emmans, David Keen, Peter Pittaway, Kevin Parsons, Richard Over, Keith Dade and Stuart Gentle - it was a close season with a difference. All took part in ten days of filming at Reading FC's Elm Park ground for a Channel 4 film series about a struggling 2nd division soccer club.

The series, to be titled 'The Manageress', stars attractive actress Cherie Lungi in the leading controversial role as the team's Manager(ess). The home side was made up from a team of actors, all of whom went through intensive training and coaching before the filming took place. Opposition teams were made up from local players and, when the series is screened, I am sure local referees will recognize some of their 'favourite' players. During the Autumn the cast are in Italy filming tour matches. Unfortunately they will be using Italian referees!

The filming was a real insight into the big world of TV. What surprised us most was how helpful and friendly all the cast and management of the set were. Particularly interesting for some of us was visiting Bray Studios to film a dressing room scene. Inside one of the studios were built replica dressing rooms and offices right down to final details, such as notices on the walls and dirty tiles identical to those at Elm Park!

The series, to be shown in six weekly parts in April, will feature short clips of a match every week. You should be able to pick me out sprinting 50 yards and Dave Keen is the one wearing the make-up!

Ray Emmans

[Thanks Ray, we'll look forward to it. Hope the shots of our stars won't all end up on the cutting room floor. By the way you don't mention that remark about not recognizing Cherie with her clothes on (Apparently she wasn't wearing the track suit for her part in 'The Monocled Mutineer') Ed.]

DID YOU SEE THIS?

People concerned that booze is playing too big a part in sport are alarmed that the message is now getting through to children.

Reading FC took their sponsor's name, Courage, off replica kits that are sold to minors - but the kids did not consider these shirts the genuine article and are having the name put back on.

Sunday Times, 7/8/88

AND THIS IS THE POLAROID SOMEONE TOOK

[That's certainly Cherie second from the left; Ray is unmistakable; the beard gives Kevin away; but is that Dave really wearing . . .
? Ed]

THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL

Liverpool not only won the League, they also won the PFA Fair Play Trophy for having the least number of disciplinary points last season - no-one sent off and only 35 disciplinary points in total. Always interesting to speculate whether skilful teams don't need dirty play or whether fair teams are rewarded for their virtue by good results. Pity, in that sense, that Wimbledon won the FA Cup.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

(The Times, 2/9/88)

SNIPPETS

Terry Venables continues to try to buy himself out of trouble and into success. His package of spending - £3.5 million for Paul Gascoigne and Paul Stewart - is a new record even for El Tel. Puts Reading's little dispute about the five figure fee for Colin Baillie a bit in the shade.

What a relief to hear that Tony Cottee, victim(?) of the highest transfer deal between two British clubs, didn't really cost £2.5 million - the VAT is apparently redeemable. It doesn't seem long since we reached £1 million. Same question - will it prove a good long-term investment? His first goal in 34 seconds and ultimate hat-trick in his opening game for Everton wasn't exactly a bad start
. . . .

Ian Rush returns (unexpectedly?) to Liverpool from Juventus after not the happiest time and at a fee which dwarfs even the Cottee and Everton extravaganza. Then Aldridge scores two at Wembley in the Charity Shield, including one blinder, and a hat trick in their opening game at Selhurst Park. Gives manager Dalglish an interesting problem. Embarrassment of riches.

John Martin of Alton was in the middle for the Charity Shield and, to judge from the TV edited version of the match, had to work and did a good job. What is particularly interesting is that John is beginning his second 'extra' season after the official retirement

age. At 49 he is said to be the oldest to referee a match at that level. Seems to vindicate the FA's change of heart and policy about automatic retirement.

Still on the Charity Shield. Fashanu seemed to be 'winding up' the Liverpool players according to the TV commentator. Then John Martin had a word with him and we heard no more about it. Interesting coincidence after the discussion at our August meeting.

The Chiltonian League has been granted feeder league status, now official. They are looking for linesmen as they have to put three officials on all their Premier Division matches. Ask John Lambden for advice if you are interested.

FAIR PLAY AND LINESMAN'S AWARDS

Every year members are asked to mark clubs and club linesmen so that we can award trophies to the most deserving at the end of the season. A modest extra burden, but for a very good cause. Please get your blank forms from **Alan Turner**, fill them in regularly and return them. Thanks in advance.

DID YOU SEE THIS? (The Observer, 4/9/88)

Referee Hedges, who did not end the game Highbury's most popular man, confused the start of the second half by forgetting whose turn it was to kick off . . .

REFS TO BE WIRED?

Among the innovations ITV is considering, apparently, is a microphone (radio of course) for the referee. He would then be able to comment instantly on his decisions as in American football. If we are all about communication, as we claim, why not?

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

The national RA, through Alan Robinson, agreed to run a nation-wide soccer quiz (including questions on the Laws) for the National Association of Boys' Clubs. Derek Reigate and George, Graham and John of our training team gave up several evenings to look after the local competitions. And one of 'our' clubs - Earley St Peter's Boys' Club - won the national final held at Barclay's Sports Ground near Wembley! In addition to receiving the Trevor Brooking Trophy and individual medals, they were guests at the Charity Shield match. Great! (I assume we've got all their names down for a future course John)

CONGRATULATION LOST

When I pointed out last May that two out of our Class 2 to 1 promotions had gone from 3 to 1 in two seasons, I didn't know we had done even better than that. It was three out of three. Cliff Watkins had done the same, but I missed it because he wasn't on **our** last year's list. Congratulations Cliff, even though it's a bit late.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

September 15	Training Evening
October 20	Guest speaker - to be confirmed
November 17	Guest speaker - Maurice Evans, Manager, Oxford United

SOCIAL EVENTS

October 19	Trip to Wembley: England v. Sweden (see Steve Green)
Date for the diary	Dinner & Dance (and cabaret)
Friday, March 3, 1989	Wokingham Town FC (details later)

DID YOU SEE THIS?

'Our record looks worse than it actually is', Wimbledon spokesman, after eighth successive annual appearance before disciplinary committee.

The Independent, 6/8/88