

# THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DORSET AND WILTS SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES

October 2006

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly Training Meetings will be held as follows:  
DORSET at the Langton Arms on Mondays at 1930 hrs:

October: 2 Oct, The Tackle, by Colin Parks.

November: 6 Nov, A Club Coach will talk.

December: 4 Dec, Scrum at Bournemouth Sports Club.

February: 5 Feb, Game Management.

March: 5 March, The Training and Advancement of Rugby and Football Referees, and Cricket Umpires.

WILTSHIRE at Devizes RFC on Thursdays at 1930 hrs:

October: 5 Oct, The Tackle, by Colin Parks.

November: 9 Nov, A Club Coach will talk.

December: 7 Dec, Scrum.

February: 8 Feb, Game Management.

March: 8 Mar, The Training and Advancement of Rugby and Football Referees, and Cricket Umpires.

A Joint Meeting will be held on January 15 at Salisbury RFC; Steve Harland SW RRDO will be presenting.

## LAW POSERS

1. Red play the ball into Blue in goal, where Blue field the ball, mis-kick for touch, the ball bounces in the field of play, bounces backwards and hits the corner post.

2. Red are awarded a penalty try. As the kicker runs up, Blue charge the kick, and charge it down.

3. Red are awarded a free kick on Blue 10m line, and kick for touch. Blue full back, with one foot in field, and one foot on the touch line, catches the ball on the full, and simultaneously cries "mark".

## CRB CLEARANCES

The RFU will be strictly enforcing their rule on CRB clearance with effect from 1 January 2007. This means that the Society will not be able to appoint a referee to a game for players at ages of 18 or under unless he/she has been cleared by the CRB through the RFU. The "proxy" clearances which

were previously obtained by registering with the RFU those already obtained through other organisations - e.g. education authorities or other sports bodies - will no longer be acceptable. Clearances are valid for a period of 3 years after which they have to be renewed. In order to provide the greatest flexibility for the Appointments Secretary in providing referees for schools and junior club matches it would be ideal if all referees were to be cleared. It would also mean that there would be no restrictions in providing referees with variety in their games and opportunities for development.

CRB clearance is obtained by completing an application form and showing several documents to a checker. Forms and advice on their completion can be obtained from the Secretary and checking can be carried out at Society meetings or at separately arranged meetings. Alan Avery, Richard Shore or Dave Harris can perform the checks and it would be advisable to give the checker notice if you intend to complete the application at a Training evening. At present about half of the Society's referees have been cleared so that there is a need for many further applications if we are to approach our target to increase the ability to cover junior games and also to avoid restrictions in providing further opportunities for referees. Please tell the Secretary if you are cleared through a club or another CB.

## MATCH RESULT CARDS

Referees are reminded that they must have the Match Result Cards before the start of the game, and that they must complete them before leaving the ground. A high proportion of cards have not been completed by the referee. This not only reflects poorly upon both the referee and the Society, but also undermines the integrity of the competition concerned, and any subsequent challenge to the result will be more difficult to resolve.

Please also note on the card if there have been uncontested scrums, time, duration, score at the time, and circumstances.

### **INTERNATIONAL TICKETS – RBS SIX NATIONS 2007**

The home Six-Nations games are :-

England v Scotland Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007  
Kick-off 16.00

England v Italy Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Kick off 13.30

England v France Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Kick-off 15.00

Ticket prices for the Scotland and France games are £70, £65, and £55.

Ticket prices for England v Italy are £65, £55, £50, £40 for adults with corresponding prices of £32.50, £27.50, £25, and £20 for Juniors.

(Junior prices for the Italy game are for those up to and including 15 years. A junior must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian or other adult who is responsible)

Requests for tickets accompanied by cheques to cover their cost should be sent to Alan Avery, 24 Wetherby Close, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0JN, to arrive before 18 October 2006. Cheques should be made payable to Dorset & Wilts Society of RFU Referees.

The away games are:-

Ireland v England, Saturday 24 February 2007  
Kick-off at 17.30 at Croke Park.

Wales v England, Saturday 17 March 2007 Kick-off at 17.30 at Cardiff.

Requests for the number of tickets for the away games should again be sent to Alan Avery by 18 October. The prices of the tickets that will be available are not known and no money is required at this stage.

### **SOCIETY TRACKSUITS**

It has been agreed that the Society should go ahead and purchase D&W Referee Society tracksuits. The chosen tracksuit will be supplied by RAM Rugby, a specialist rugby clothing firm. The tracksuit will be predominantly black with green on the upper chest, shoulders and arms with white piping. It has several pockets & comes with a cotton lining. It will be the same version that is used by the Hampshire Referees Society. In addition to our D&W logo we are looking at getting the RFU Community Rugby logo added.

**Cost to members will be £20.00 which is approximately half the cost price of each tracksuit.** The Society will subsidise the balance of the cost, so this represents a really good deal.

Marc Young is now taking orders for the tracksuits which are available in the following sizes.

Size	Top	Trousers
M	38/40	32/34
L	42/44	36/38
XL	46/48	40
XXL	50/52	42

If you want to order a tracksuit then please email him with your order stating the sizes that you require.

**Orders are required by 15 October in order that we can get the tracksuits purchase as soon as possible.** As a guide (for those that know Marc) he will be getting XL trousers and jacket – although he is certainly not a 40 inch waist!!

Do not send any money or cheques at this stage, however once you have placed an order you will be committed to buying.

Finally if there is demand out there we are looking at getting other items of D&W clothing including rain jackets – more to follow once we have sorted out the tracksuits.

Marc Young

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### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR**

There is a risk that some games, particularly at U-18 level, may be marred by obscene and abusive language and behaviour by players, coaches and spectators. We are not talking about the occasional expletive in the heat of the moment, but excessive, persistent or offensive actions.

Such behaviour is totally unacceptable in Rugby, is forbidden under the Code of Conduct and is particularly inappropriate in the Junior Game.

Indeed, verbal haranguing of minors is a form of child abuse within Child Protection guidelines and is aggravated by the use of obscene language.

Warnings against poor behaviour should be included in pre-match briefings. Coaches and captains must be left in no doubt, before going onto the field, about what is required.

Referees have a duty to the Game to take a zero-tolerance approach in this area. Sanctions should be applied firmly and early. After due warning, the issue of yellow cards is appropriate and red if offending is persistent. Players, coaches, assistants

and spectators may all be dismissed from the playing area.

**DEVELOPMENT REFEREE COACH:** Will be run on a Federation basis if needed.

### **ADVISING AND REPORTING**

There has been an encouraging number of advising and assessing reports received by the Grading Secretary in the first month of the season. This is a tribute to the time and effort put in by our 'watchers' in getting out and seeing our referees in action. As a referee, if you have not been seen yet, contact your nominated adviser to arrange a viewing. In the meantime, make sure you get the blue cards completed by both teams and send them to Stephen Dowse, the Grading Secretary. Cards are available at training nights and from Alan Avery. If you have any queries about advising, grading and progression contact Stephen Dowse.

### **FEDERATION TRAINING DAY**

No date or content has yet been agreed. Members will be notified when details are known.

### **REFEREES' and REFEREE COACHES' COURSES**

**FOUNDATION PART 1.** A course will be held at 0930 on Sunday 10 September at Devizes RFC. Nominations to the Training Officer by 28 August, please. This will be the last run by the Society, before the implementation of ELRA on 31 October.

#### **FOUNDATION PART 2**

Anyone needing to take Part 2 of the Foundation Examination may do so at any time, without retaking the full course. Please contact me, and we can arrange a mutually acceptable time and place to take the paper. I can provide a list of questions to assist your revision. **YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN FOUNDATION PART 2 AFTER PART 1 TO CONTINUE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SOCIETY AS A REFEREE AND BE GRADED.** If you have not passed by 31 October, then you must enter the ELRA system.

**TOUCH JUDGE:** Will be run if needed.

**SOCIETY REFEREE:** This will be run on 19 and 26 November 2006, at Devizes RFC, starting at 0930. Nominations to the Training Officer by 28 October, please.

**SOCIETY REFEREE COACH/ADVISER COURSES:** Stephen Dowse will arrange a course if necessary.

**DEVELOPMENT REFEREE:** Will be run on a Federation basis if needed.

### **CHANGES IN REPORTING SERIOUS INJURIES**

Clubs, schools and referees are required under RFU rules to report serious injuries within 48 hours of the event. The definition of a serious injury has been changed in the 2006/07 Handbook It now reads :-

An injury which results in admission to a hospital intensive care unit, high dependency unit, specialist spinal or head injury unit.

Deaths which occur during or within 6 hours of a game finishing.

Any injury that is likely to result in an insurance claim to the RFU insurers.

The definitions thus rely mostly on what happens after the injured player has been taken to hospital. It will therefore be necessary for the referee to ask a club official to inform him if the club decides to submit a serious injury report so that he can do likewise.

The form for reports is available on the RFU website, [www.rfu.com/health](http://www.rfu.com/health), or from the Secretary and it should be sent by e-mail, fax or post to:-

Sports Injuries Administrator  
Community Rugby  
Rugby House  
Rugby Road  
Twickenham TW1 1DS  
Tel. 0870 143 2421  
Fax 0870 143 2423  
e-mail [sportsinjuriesadmin@therfu.com](mailto:sportsinjuriesadmin@therfu.com)

### **ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS**

1. Award a 5m scrum to Red.
2. Allow the charge down.
3. Throw in to Blue, level with where the ball was kicked.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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