

# THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

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

September 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. You tackle an opponent, and land nearer his goal line than he. You release him quickly, get to your feet on "his" side of the tackle, and pass the ball to a team mate.

2. The opposition kick ahead from their own 10m line. Before you catch it, you place one foot on the touch line, and catch the ball 1m infield.

3. The ball is thrown to you in a lineout. You mis-time your jump, and deliberately head the ball forwards.

## CLUB RED AND YELLOW CARDS

This season sees the introduction of a club based red and yellow card system, they are aimed primarily at the youth side of the game. They are to be used if there are problems with abuse, inappropriate language, etc. by both coaches and parents/spectators. The referee society should not have any need to use these cards as they have the power to issue cards themselves, but referees should be aware these cards exist, and if they are aware of

any inappropriate actions ask that the home club use them. If anyone requires further information on these cards contact Dave Harris

## GAME REGULATIONS

As was outlined at the EGM, the RFU have revised and reissued their Handbooks. As I write (type), parts, but not all, of the document are available online.

I have attached a summary of replacements.

Other regulations of which you may wish to take account are:

### Approaches to Match Officials

No Club Official other than the designated 4th Official shall approach the referee at any time during the half-time interval to discuss any issue arising from the first half of the match or to discuss any other matter.

### Medical

Wherever possible, the home Club should ensure a registered medical practitioner or other suitably medically qualified person is in attendance throughout the match. Prior to the start of a match, the home Club shall inform the Referee as to whether or not a doctor or registered medical practitioner is available.

## SENDING OFF IN SCHOOL GAMES

Headmasters are responsible for the administration of discipline in their schools and will as a matter of course deal on the Monday morning with a boy sent off during the weekend. They will not await the sending off report.

The RFRU have agreed that they will not support a request from the schools that the referee should complete his report immediately after the game. However a Tick Box form, to be completed at the end of the game and before the referee leaves, has been devised by co-operation between the Referee Manager and the Schools Union to help headmasters who deal with such matters.

The school should supply the referee with the form. It should not be necessary for the referee to carry such around with him.

### **RECRUITING/RETENTION COMMITTEE MEMBER**

A volunteer is required as soon as possible with time and energy to devote to this essential task. We have an additional £2,000 granted to the Wessex Federation towards a recruiting campaign for the next two years. Last year we recruited 19 new referees. Those interested in the rewarding post will find a virtual job description in the latest edition of the Society Strategy (obtainable from Alan Avery if you do not have a copy).

### **FEDERATION TRAINING DAY**

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

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Our aim is to help every referee be as good and progress as far as his potential and ambition can take him.

Advising/Coaching. Attached with this Whistling Bustard are the Adviser/Referee groupings for the new season. Advisers are asked to contact referees and vice versa, to discuss aspirations and requirements for the coming season and to plan how often referees will be watched.

Reports. Every time a referee is watched he can expect to be debriefed immediately after the game and to receive a written report reflecting the debrief, which will also be copied to the Grading Secretary. This makes sure that you can be given an objective view of how you are doing and areas for development. It also gives the Grading Committee an idea of how you are progressing. Make sure that you get copies of your reports from your adviser.

Club Cards (Blue) These are an important part of the development and support process. Hand a card to each side at each game, get the captain or coach (junior games) to complete them and get them back before you leave the club. You can then post an envelope full periodically to Stephen Dowse, the Grading Secretary. Handing stamped cards to unidentified individuals and hoping they will be completed conscientiously and posted without your supervision may be overly trusting and optimistic. Cards are available at the monthly meetings or from the Secretary.

### **FITNESS ASSESSMENT**

This will take the form of the JAM Test and will be held at Larkhill on Sun 10 Sep between 10.00 and 12.00. The aim is give referees an idea of their state of fitness to referee.

Members of the Senior, Development and Referees with Potential Squads should make very effort to attend. Others are also very welcome.

Please book in, with car details (for security access purposes), with Stephen Dowse – [dowse@sdowse.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:dowse@sdowse.fsnet.co.uk) .

### **MILEAGE RATE**

Members are reminded that the rate has been increased from 20p/mile to 25p/mile. Referees and Advisers/coaches must tender their claims to the Treasurer by 31 Dec and as soon as possible at the end of the season annually.

### **TRACKSUITS**

Anyone who has not yet contacted Marc Young to express committed interest in purchasing a subsidised Society tracksuit this season should do so as soon as possible.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

We seek further sponsorship for more kit, so if you have any contacts please pass them on to Dave Harris our Fund Raiser (details in the Dorset & Wilts Handbook).

### **SEEKING REFEREE FOR DORSET & WILTS COACHING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC)**

The Society seeks a representative referee to attend the Dorset & Wilts CDC a few times a season. The next meeting is on Wed 29th Nov 06 at the Salisbury (Salt Lane) Cycle Club. Referees who have knowledge and experience of both coaching and refereeing would be ideal, but not exclusive. Names of those interested to the Chairman as soon as possible please. This is an important and influential forum on which we should be represented. The representative would give opinion and guidance on behalf of the Society, and refer any serious administrative or political matters to the Society Committee (via the Chairman or Secretary).

### **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.

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

### ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1. Play on
2. Your team throw in level with where the ball was kicked.
3. Play on.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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## COMPETITIONS REPLACEMENTS SUMMARY

<u>Competition Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Maximum Total Replacements</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Players Capable of Playing in Front Row</u>
D & W Adult KO Cup	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Cup	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Vase	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Plate	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
D & W Junior Competitions	U-17/18 Merit Table		7	4
	U-18 KO Vase		7	4
	U-18 KO Plate		7	4
	U-17 KO Shield		7	4
	U-17 KO Plate		7	4
RFU KO	Intermediate	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
	Senior Vase	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
	Junior Vase	Preliminary Rounds	4	5
		Semi Finals and Finals	7	5
Powergen League	5-8	N/A	3	4
	D & W 9-10	N/A	3	3
	D & W 9-10 Lowest/only side	N/A	No limit	3
	Other Counties 8 Downwards		May differ, see their Handbook	May differ, see their Handbook
Daily Mail Cup (Junior)		All	7	6

Please note that is a summary; the definitive documents are the RFU Handbook, 2006/2007 and the Dorset & Wilts Handbook.

**DORSET & WILTS ADVISERS, COACHES & REFEREE GROUPINGS 06-07 SEASON**

As at 25 Aug 06

**SQUADS****FEDERATION DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

COACH/ADVISER	REFEREE	L	REMARKS
Tony Spreadbury	Steve Penfold*	5	
Tony Spreadbury	Brendon Rice	5	With Mick Coleman as available

**SENIOR SQUAD**

COACH/ADVISER	REFEREE	L	REMARKS
Bob Cannons	Darrel Sinclair*	5	RFU TJ Health Check/exchanges
Stephen Dowse	Marc Young*	6	Health Check/exchanges
Richard Shore	Stewart Kilby*	6	Health Check/exchanges
Richard Shore	Geoff Worrall	6	RFU TJ Health Check/exchanges
Alan Avery	Adrian Lane	6	Health Check/exchanges
Mick Coleman	John Voss*	6	Health Check/exchanges
Bob Cannons	Dave Masters	7	Health Check
Jim Bischoff	Keith Peall	7	Health Check
Robin Miller	Andy Melrose	7	Health Check
Richard Shore	Colin Parks	7	Health Check

**SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

ADVISER/COACH	REFEREE	L	REMARKS
Mike Collis	Chris Bartlett	7	
Mike Collis	Bill Gould	7	
Mike Collis	Ian Binfield	7	
Mike Collis	John Swanson*	8	
Mike Collis	Andy Johnson*	8	

**REFEREES WITH POTENTIAL**

COACH	REFEREES	L	REMARKS
Mike Collis	John Lightowler	10	
Stephen Dowse	Nick Tilley*	10	
Richard Shore	Jez Spicer	9	
Alan Avery	Jon Read	9	
Marc Young	Andy Sear	9	Pending L8 subject to Society Ref Course

\* Service referee – mid week games probable

**DORSET GROUPINGS 06-07**

ADVISER/ COACH	REFEREES	L	REMARKS
Alan Avery	John Read	9	Advise and develop - <i>Referee with Potential</i>
	Colin Davidson	11	Advise and develop
	Stephen Clements	11	Advise and develop
	David Harris	10	Health check
	Alan Haggerty	11	Advise and develop
	Frank McCaffrey*	11	Advise and develop
	Adrian Lane	6	Health check/Exchanges – <i>Senior Squad</i>
Robin Miller	Peter Boenigk	12	Advise and develop
	James Cossins	7	Health check
	Nigel Cowley	8	Health check
	Steve Twinn	12	Advise and develop
	Tim Wynn	10	Advise and develop
	Martin Axon	U	Assess and grade asap
	Andy Melrose	7	Health check – <i>Senior Squad</i>
Richard Shore	Philip Runciman	9	Advise and develop
	Nigel Crompton	8	Advise and develop
	Harry Dike	8	Advise and develop
	Stewart Kilby*	6	Health check/exchanges – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Paul Young	U	Assess and grade
	Jezz Spicer	9	Advise and develop – <i>Referee with Potential</i>
	Geoff Worrall	6	RFU TJ Health Check/exchanges – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Colin Parks	7	Health check – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Alan Payne	9	Health check – check status
	Kevin Stephenson	10	Health check

ADVISER/ COACH	REFEREES	L	REMARKS
Martin Harper	Daryn Boylan	11	Advise and develop
	Ken Pipe	10	Advise and develop
	Peter Straughan	11	Advise and develop
	Geoff Beck	11	Advise and develop
Mick Coleman	Brendon Rice	5	<i>Federation Development Squad</i>
	John Voss*	6	Health check/exchanges – <i>Senior Squad (Nov onwards)</i>
David Harris	Simon Miles	U	
James Cossins			
Nigel Cowley	Phil Thornton*	U	
Geoff Worrall	Daniel White	U	Jnr ref. Needs FC Pt2

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#### ACTIVITY LEVEL TO BE CONFIRMED

Peter Wharf	7	Confirm status.
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WILTSHIRE GROUPINGS 06-07

ADVISER/ COACH	REFEREES	L	REMARKS
John Baldwin	Hadden Graham	11	Advise and develop
	Richie Woolls*	11	Advise and develop
Jim Bischoff	Keith Peall	7	Health checks
	Dave Wicks	10	Advise and develop
	Eric Bullion	5	Health check
	Martin Killick	U	Confirm status/grade asap
	Simon Young	U	Confirm status/grade asap
Bob Cannons	Darrell Sinclair*	5	RFU TJ. Health check. – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Mark Wheeler*	10	Advise and develop
	Dave Masters	7	Health check – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Steve Williams	8	Health check required asap
Stephen Dowse	Jerry Herbert*	8	Advise and develop
	Jarrod Hastings	(10)	L10 provisional subject to passing FC Pt 2.
	Marc Young*	6	Health check/exchanges – <i>Senior Squad</i>
	Nick Tilley*	10	Advise and develop – <i>Referee with Potential</i>
	Mike Bland*	(7)	Early grading confirmation required
Tony Freeman	John Whitmore	U	To be graded asap
	John Bond	U	To be graded asap
	Bill Mercer	8	Advise and develop
	Windsor Woon	8	L8 Health check asap
	Chris Elias	10	10 Advise and develop
Geoffrey Gould	Chris Seal	U	Confirm status. To be graded asap then coach and develop
	Shaun Chalker*	U	To be graded asap then coach and develop
	Gareth Williams	U	To be graded asap then coach and develop
	Dave Coward	12	Advise and develop

Dave Masters	Pete Jacobs	10	Advise and develop
	Brian Turner	8	Advise and develop
Marc Young	Andy Sear	9	Advise and develop Pending L8 subject to Society Ref Course

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	Chris Elias	10	Confirm status
	Chris Seal	U	Confirm status

