



# The Flag and Whistle

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### ANOTHER RECORD SET BY SSBRA; KEITH RAISES A STINK; GABRIEL TAKES THE PLUNGE

After making note of the relatively small gathering at the monthly meeting (possibly due to that other game having it's World Series on TV), President **Keith Gendler** asked **Warren Howell** to give the Secretary's report. Showing that he is acquiring the knack of speaking little and saying less, Warren quickly went through the usual stuff about initialing the roster (51 did so), making changes to personal roster information as needed (6 did that), remarked that several Members had been dropped, and mentioned that there was no reaction from the Members about the last Flag and Whistle (due to either low readership numbers, lack of errors, or both). He also said that, his October travels behind him, that he would be getting back to his usual level of service, trying to respond to all communications the same day he sees them and willing to supply whatever is needed either electronically or via the U.S. Postal Service.

Quickly tiring of this, Keith moved the meeting along to Treasurer **Tom Mallen**, who mentioned that there is about \$5400 in the SSBRA bank accounts. He spoke on suggestions to obtain audio and video equipment to better serve the Organization at meeting and during training, especially in view of our increased membership. He also reminded everyone that he still had 9 shirts for sale (one of which was purchased during the meeting),

at which point **Dick Eastman** set the tone for the rest of the evening by asking a question about the financial report - with the number present relatively small, more Members felt emboldened to speak, and there was a lively and welcome exchange of views throughout the meeting.

Assignor **Bill Cook** then took the floor, and as always had more interesting items to share. We were fully covered for the week-end of 10/29 - 10/30, which is no small surprise since there are 75 games scheduled for Saturday alone, the most for any one day in SSBRA memory. There will be no rest for the weary anytime soon however, as the following week-end sees SSBRA covering the annual UCLA business school and yearly J-league youth tournaments, in addition to league cup matches, CSL regular season matches and the J-league and SBPSL men's games. The assignment to SSBRA of the CSL league cup games in particular, all of which are U16 - U19, shows the rising reputation of our group, and the willingness of game organizers to reward us for good service. Speaking of that, Bill also stated that we had provided about 750 games so far this season with 100% coverage, a tribute to all of the Membership. **Jon Ziegler** had a question at this point; what are the field numbers at the HDC for the upcoming week-end (or any week-end) to which he, and others, had been assigned games? It turns out that no one has the answer to that, nor as to why corner flags are often missing from those fields, so the best you can do, according to **Gabriel Goldsman**, is get there early and look around. Bill also mentioned that long-time Member **Lloyd Lehrer** was not feeling well and taking medications accordingly, but we hoped that he would be recovered enough by the week-end to work his games.

Vice President **Ed McClure** then stood up and presented the impressive new scholarship/green-card proposal he has been working so hard on. While warning all of those present not to listen to anything **Lee Jordan** had to say about anything (!), he did ask him to post the document on ssbra.org for everyone's perusal. This is a topic of great interest to us, as was evidenced by the discussion that followed; **Rick Roberts, Ed Beverly, Mike Dewart, Dave Dillard, Dick Eastman, Dave Mallen, Keith Gendler, Bill Cook, Mike Takaki, Bill Mindlin, Derek Taylor, and George Heggie** all had thoughtful and insightful comments to make, with the group as a whole benefiting greatly from the exchange of ideas.

Keith then took the opportunity to raise, in his words, a Big Stink about referees being late to matches, as several of the Members have been lately. While sometimes this can happen due to "funky" scheduling (whereas Members are traveling from one field to another and sometimes getting to the second field late for that understandable reason), Keith strongly stated that referees are expected to be at the field ready to go 15 - 30 or more minutes before the start of the first game. Anything less only causes extra work and consternation for your fellow referees and the other participants, and gets things off to a bad start before the match has even begun. Continuing on, Keith felt the need to discuss the dreaded D. O. G. S. O. situations, the key elements of which he explained are denying the goal, defender numbers, distance to goal, direction of play (toward the goal), and distance to the ball. Gabriel, **Larry Savell**, and **Ralph Quiroz** also had comments. Keith then reminded us to keep giving those pre-game instructions, but to try not to confuse the A.R.'s by being overly esoteric or non-standard.

Lee, filling in for **Heidi Garlick**, presented two scenarios for the gathering's consideration, both of which ultimately having to do with referee communication during difficult situations. Seemingly everyone (including **Pablo Diaz**) had something to say in the ensuing discussion, and as always there was much to think about in the shared opinions and knowledge of the group.

Near the end of the meeting Keith had a private word with Gabriel Goldsman, and offered him the vacant post of Member at Large, **Steve McCall** having resigned due to a conflict of interest. Gabriel accepted the offer, and

was congratulated by those Board Members still present afterwards. At that point Warren told him that he had lobbied somewhat for Gabriel to be considered for the position, which resulted in a verbal comment from Gabriel. However, in order to protect our youth referees, and to promote family values in general, his remarks will go unreported here.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2005**

- The Board met with a Member to discuss a no-show situation. After hearing his side of the story, the Board voted unanimously, a fine was imposed and collected, and the Member was put on probation for one year.
- **Larry Stern** reported on the work of the ranking committee, and a long and often loud discussion followed.
- Ed McClure reported on the reworking of the "green card" program, that was also discussed at length.
- Tom Mallen reported a total of \$5936 in the SSBRA bank accounts, and proposed getting a sound system for use at the monthly meetings.
- Heidi Garlick encouraged the use of the CSL lecture system for training purposes. Lee Jordan will present the training at the next monthly meeting.
- Steve McCall has resigned his Board position due to a conflict of interest. Several possible replacement candidates were proposed, with Gabriel Goldsman being the first on the list.
- Bill Cook reported that Saturday 10/29 is all covered, and the annual UCLA tournament is coming up the first week-end in November. So far we have had 100% coverage of 750-800 CSL games, and received excellent league cup games, partially as a result of the good job SSBRA has been doing.
- No progress to report on getting the roster onto ssbra.org

## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, YUKON AND 182<sup>ND</sup> ST. AGENDA TO INCLUDE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND TRAINING.**

## **It's a funny old game**

**By DAVE MASTERS (submitted by Larry Savell)**

**Sun Online**

FOOTBALL managers can never resist putting the boot in.

Bosses like Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger are famed for their fiery exchanges through the Press.

And when it comes to verbal abuse, fans on the terraces are also experts at giving the opposition a kicking.

A new book by Jonathan L'Estrange - called The Big Book Of More Sports Insults - rounds-up some the funniest quotes, quips and chants ever heard in the world of sport.

Here, we've picked our favourites from the beautiful game to give you a giggle. But if you think you've heard funnier, email [yourviews@the-sun.co.uk](mailto:yourviews@the-sun.co.uk) with your name plus where and when the quote was made and we'll post the best.

**Bobby Robson on transfers:**

**"Football's like a big market place, and people go to the market every day to buy their vegetables."**

Gordon Strachan on Craig Bellamy:

"Craig was gobby with plenty of people, but then smaller lads generally are."

**Pundit Andy Townsend on Liverpool ace Jamie Carragher:**

**"It looks to me like he has a cramp in both groins."**

Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho on Jose Mourinho:  
"The Portugese Man Of War."

**Pundit Trevor Brooking on Arsenal star Martin Keown:  
"Martin Keown is up everybody's backside."**

Sung by Chelsea fans to Manchester United supporters after they signed Portugese star Ronaldo:  
"You've bought the wrong Ronaldo."

**Teddy Sheringham on first meeting with Brian Clough:  
"When I joined, he came walking down the corridor and said 'Ah, you must be Edward Sherringham.' I told him I was, but that I preferred to be called Teddy. He said 'OK, welcome to the club, Edward.'"**

"Le Grande Saucisse" - nickname given to former Arsenal star Patrick Vieira's willy.

**Sung by visiting fans to Cambridge United To the tune of She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain:  
"You can stick your f\*\*\*\*\* boat race up your a\*\*\*."**

Alex Ferguson when asked in January 2005 if Chelsea would one day replace Man Utd as England's No1 club:  
"That's the most stupid question I've heard all year."

**Sung by Bradford City fans to their Huddersfield neighbours:  
Their sisters are their mothers,  
Their fathers are their brothers,  
They like to f\*\*\* each other -  
They're the Hudders family.**

Sunderland boss Mick McCarthy reveals his team-talk away at QPR in 2005:  
"My magic words at half-time were f\*\*\*, b\*\*\*\*\*, b\*\*\*\*\*, crap and p\*\*\* poor."

**Sung by Man Utd fans at Tottenham supporters:  
"You're Spurs, and you know you are!"**

John Motson on Wimbledon's famous FA cup win over Liverpool in 1998:  
"The crazy gang have beaten the culture club."

**Pundit Gary Lineker on England boss Sven Goran Eriksson:  
"He's got a lot of forehead."**

Brian Clough on Ireland star Roy Keane getting sent home from the 2002 World Cup by boss Mick McCarthy:  
"Oh, I'd have sent him home all right, but I'd have shot him first."

**West Brom fans to Ron Atkinson to the tune of 'Da Doo Ron Ron'  
"Whose the fattest b\*\*\*\*\* in Division One?  
It's You Ron Ron Ron, it's you Ron Ron."**

How Alex Ferguson described Arsene Wenger in 2005:  
"Old vinegar face."

**Sun columnist Jimmy Greaves on England legend Gazza:  
"A man capable of breaking both leg and wind at the same time."**

Alex Ferguson after tiring of press questions on Seba Veron in 2002:  
"He's a great f\*\*\*\*\* player and youse are all f\*\*\*\*\* idiots."

**Thought of the Month** (by George W. Bush); “We are prepared for any unforeseen event, whether it happens in the future or not.”

(Also submitted by Larry Savell)

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) -- A Hartford, Conn., police officer said his jaw was dislocated when he was sucker-punched by a parent after he refereed a high school soccer game.

Jeffrey Rousseau, who lives in Springfield, said Martin Smith attacked him as he and another referee were walking to their cars after officiating at Central High School.

"I saw nothing at all," Rousseau told *The Republican* of Springfield. "Everyone said he hit me from behind, in front of 40 people." Rousseau, 28, said he planned to file assault charges against Smith, who lives in Springfield and is the father of two Central High players. Rousseau and Smith both have unpublished telephone numbers and could not be reached for comment Friday by The Associated Press.

In August, Smith, 41, pleaded innocent to charges he tried to run down a woman with his car following an argument at a gas station, Police Sgt. John Delaney said. He is due back in court for a hearing on that charge next month.

Witnesses told police that Smith shouted threats at the referees during Wednesday's soccer match between Central and Westfield High School. They said he was upset because a yellow card warning was issued to one of his sons, although Delaney said the other referee made the call.

Delaney said Smith confronted Rousseau and the other referee near the parking lot, and he punched Rousseau in the jaw. "You don't expect that to happen at a high school soccer game," Rousseau said.

**Rick Duvall** and Keith have recommended the following soccer sites this month:

<http://www.kenaston.org/LAWS/LAW-6.htm>

<http://www.corshamref.net>

**“I’ve never seen that before“** (by W. Howell)

A Sunday afternoon in October found a crew of SSBRA Members on the pitch at Casimir Middle School, with Warren getting welcome and able assistance from George Heggie and **Mike Doherty** in the officiating of a BU16 match. The referees were clearly earning their pay on this day, as the game was intense, and by the second half several cautions had been issued and there were many comments being offered by the participants. Suddenly a number of the players on team “A” started shouting and protesting as they pointed to one of the attacking players “B1”. Looking in the direction so indicated to see what all the commotion was about, the referee was able to confirm that “B1” did indeed have a water bottle in his hand, and in fact took a couple of sips while being observed racing down the middle of the field. The referee then came to the surprising realization that, despite many classes, training sessions and discussions of scenarios over the years, he had never heard of this exact situation being mentioned before, nor had he experienced it personally, and so his response would have to be made up on the fly. The referee whistled the game to an immediate stop, and he called “B1” over to issue a caution for unsporting behavior, as it seemed as good a thing to do as anything else that came to mind. The punch line of all this is that it was the second caution of the game for “B1,” so he was then shown the red card, becoming what is probably the first CSL player in history to be sent-off for possession of a water bottle.