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## January 18th ART Class Watch a Ref in Action

Nominated National Assessor Dave Stasiak will moderate the discussion before, during and after a game on January 18th at the Soccer Centre. Note the start time is 7:30 in the Boardroom at the Soccer Centre. Afterwards there will be a de-brief and then CDSRA will buy the refreshments in the Lounge.

## Stanley Lover Mini-Series

Stanley Lover is a well respected writer, presently living in Paris.... He has written several books on football.... His writings cover a wide range of topics, however, more often than not, he involves the referee and/or the Laws of the Game as his "foundation"....he provides interesting insights into the Game.....

1. Open letter to all players (by Stanley Lover)

Don't learn the rules!

".....if you knew all the rules, and respected them, we'd be out of a job.."

Dear player,

Don't - please, don't - learn the rules of the game! If you have ever witnessed a match between two teams of soccer referees you will understand why I make this plea.

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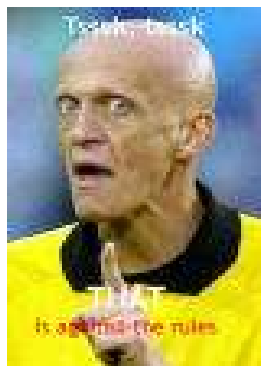
## Upgrade Prep Course

Nine people are taking the CDSRA sponsored upgrade prep course which began on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks once again to Mike Seifert and Kieran McGarrigle for offering their services as instructors.

## Elections

It's hard to believe that in less than three months the AGM will occur! Up for election this year are the positions of Vice President (incumbent Drew Fischer has been nominated by Malachy McGreevy and has agreed to run), Secretary (incumbent Terry Day has indicated he would like to step down), and Elected Director (incumbent Malachy McGreevy is willing to run).

Nominations can be made in advance in writing to the Secretary or at the AGM. The nominee and nominator must be members in good standing and of course, the nominee must agree to accept nomination.



## **Hitmen Game 50-50 Sellers Needed**

On January 26th CDSRA is selling 50-50 tickets at the Calgary Hitmen game. Sales take place before the game and end after the second intermission, so a bonus is being able to watch the third period. For those that participated a couple of years ago this is a lot of fun and CDSRA makes a few bucks as a bonus. Please call Terry Day at 256-9641 or [tnlday@shaw.ca](mailto:tnlday@shaw.ca) if you can help out. We need about 16, but a few more would be even better.

## **Grey Cup Pool Follow-up**

This year's pool was a very successful with almost all of the tickets sold. A big thanks to all the sellers and especially to **Steve Papp** for organizing the fundraiser.

*Leo Donlevy*

## **Woman barred from men's football**

Football's world governing body, Fifa, has ruled that a leading Mexican woman footballer is not eligible to play for a professional men's club.

Maribel Dominguez signed for Mexico's second-division club Celaya this week - a move which would have been a first in North and Central America's sport.

But Fifa's executive committee said that "there must be a clear separation between men's and women's football".

Dominguez, 26, has scored 42 goals in 43 games for the national women's team.

### **No exceptions**

The decision by Fifa's executive committee was taken after a weekend meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.

In a written statement, it stressed that the gender-separation principle in football should be maintained.

"This is laid down in league football and in international matches by the existence of gender-specific competitions, and the Laws of the Game and Fifa's regulations do not provide for any exception," the statement said.

Celaya agreed to abide by the Fifa ruling. It also said that signing the player was a publicity stunt.

### **'Marigoal'**

Dominguez was Mexico's top scorer at the Athens Olympic Games, and was also ranked 25th in Fifa's top women players in the world for 2004.

The striker - who is nicknamed "Marigoal" - had said earlier this week that she would begin a special training regime to get match fit by mid-January.

"The hard thing is going to be equalling the physical force of the men, but the technique, the desire, the willpower, those are things I already have," she said.

Last year Italian team Perugia announced it had made an offer to German World Cup winner Birgit Prinz which would have made her the first female player in Serie A.

However she did not end up with the club, which had also pursued Sweden's Hannah Ljungberg, prompting suggestions it had been a publicity stunt.

*Thanks to Mike Seifert*



## Stanley Lover Mini-Series (Cont'd)

In these encounters all the players know every word of the rulebook, back-to-front, inside out, every nuance of interpretation. Does that make them ideal models of the way soccer should be played; within the timeworn codes of discipline and fair play; respecting the Referee's decisions with the dignity of ancient gentlemen amateurs? No, Sir ! Don't go out of your way to see one of these 'games'. You will be horrified, especially if there is an element of rivalry between local referee groups. They usually form part of pre-season training, intended as a fun-event, followed by drinks for all in the bar.

Cunningly, the teams approach a promising young recruit to take the whistle. An irresistible invitation, a golden chance to show senior peers what a treasure they've found. Ah, innocent youth ! Those twenty-two players (a loose description) have three common aims :

- (a) to show how well they can play,
- (b) to purge accumulated frustrations and revenge for hard times suffered over the seasons from players, fans and parents, and,
- (c) to give the 'little treasure' a memorable baptism of fire.

And what a baptism! Before the match starts there will be testing questions. "Referee, this surface is bumpy and probably dangerous. Have you checked it out? Where is the medical help? Did you notice that one goal seems bigger than the other? Where is the fourth corner-post (we've hidden under kitbags)? That ball's a bit soft, is it at the right pressure? Is their keeper allowed to wear the same coloured socks as us? Are you starting with only one goal net? Our coach wants to play the first fifteen minutes - OK? We've agreed the Offside Rule won't apply to this game - OK?" etc. etc.

From the first whistle - mayhem ( an inadequate word to describe what follows)! Within seconds comes the first protest, "REFEREE! Their number 10 was a yard inside our half when the ball was kicked-off! What about Law 8?"

One minute later a five-star official, who's been getting all the best games and publicity, is thumped skywards from a vicious studs-up tackle from behind. "Went for the ball, Ref!" yells the culprit, with a suitably pained expression - what an actor!

So it goes on throughout the match. "He was offside from that throw-in, Ref". "e's got razor blades fixed to 'is boots! Check 'em out REFEREE!" "No! Ref, I was swearing at myself - honest !"

During the battle double-red cards are often justified but they never appear - our learner ref wouldn't dare.

At least there are no mom and dad comments from the touch-lines for, as we know, these players have no legitimate parents. But the subs, committeemen and 'friends' for each team, provide plenty of banter to goad the players to higher levels of mischief.

I've been there, done that, still got the bloodstained T-shirt and the scars as souvenirs. At least I survived. Many don't.

Dear players, if you knew all the rules, and respected them, we'd be out of a job so just learn a few to help you play to your talents and leave the rest to us. OK?

Thanks. Have a good season.

Yours in sport,  
Stanley Lover  
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## Upcoming ART (Advanced Referee Training) Classes

Our ART classes are held at the Rose Kohn Arena, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, starting time of 7:00 pm. Remember to mark these dates off on your availability.

Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	Observe a Game at the Soccer Center
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dealing with Serious Incidents
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Discerning Hidden Fouls / Fouls Around the Feet
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Refresher
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Game Mental Prep
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Observe an Outdoor Game
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Free Kick Management and Card Presentation

Non-members of CDSRA are most welcome and encouraged to come to an ART class to check us out, and parents of youth referees can attend free.

Snacks and refreshments are provided.