



The Magic Kingdom of Football (by Stanley Lover)

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MARCH 15TH ART CLASS

Fouls Around the Feet and "Hidden" Fouls

New member (relatively) Tony Geary, former English FA referee, will lead the class on this topic. Expect a lively discussion and the usual beverages, munchies and camaraderie. 7:00 p.m. @ Rose Kohn Arena. There will be a very brief Special General Meeting prior to the class.

We had stopped for petrol. It was hot. The West African sun blazed into the tiny car and I felt uncomfortable from the remains of a fever which had left me weak after a hurried vaccination had gone wrong.

Kurt, my companion, was busy with the attendant discussing quantity and price at the sole, sad looking, pump which must have been the original model designed when petrol was discovered. It looked as I felt -sick. In need of a rest, a coat of paint, elbow grease on parts meant to bright and cheerful but now covered with grime and brick-red dust from the bush road. My mouth was dry, my body beginning to burn from the heat and the fever. This was supposed to be the cool of the morning. Thin cotton shirt, white tropical shorts and open sandals, were all that I wore but I was drenched in perspiration. The worst was yet to come.

We had just started our business journey from the Ghana capital, Accra, to the Volta Dam. Could I last the whole day? Could I now suggest that we postpone our visit? Would Kurt agree to take me back to my bungalow where I had a stock of cold drinks and a large fan which swished lazily and coolly over my bed? I could rest there all day and be fit for the journey tomorrow. But no, it would cause too many complications.

I left the car and walked towards the nearest available shade by the wall of a small building which served as the house, office and storeroom of the petrol station attendant. He was now in lively conversation with Kurt, his wide hat flopping up and down rhythmically with the movement of his head as he made his point.

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CUSA Centennial Reunion

Quickly approaching, the reunion will be April 22 and April 23.

Hope to arrange for a Beer Tent. Also music from German Band and/or Pipers (not together !!!!)

Couple of extra Goalies for the youths shoot-out. Maybe we can consider a couple of Prizes. May have a Owen Hargreaves shirt as top prize ????

15 ex-players who live outside Calgary and are COMING

OLD TROPHIES RESTORATION - John TOLLENS is restoring 6 to 8 old damaged trophies, for display at the "Meet & Greet" day at the German Canadian Club.

If you need any more information, or want to help in the preparation, contact George Hunter <george.hunter@shaw.ca.



Alberta Sport & Recreation Leadership Summit

Mark your calendar for the Alberta Sport & Recreation Leadership Summit to be held at the Banff Centre, March 31 - April 2. This conference is targeted to board members, volunteers, practitioners, staff, coaches and officials. Information, including registration info, is here.

Chair of the Calgary Sport Council Receives Award

Mr. Daryl Leinweber was the recipient of a well-deserved "Special Recognition Award" from the Alberta Soccer Association for his dedicated and enthusiastic work in developing the Calgary West Soccer Centre project. The award was presented this past weekend at the Alberta Soccer Association's Annual General Meeting.

Old Referees

Two old retired referees were sitting on the park bench one afternoon. The first said to the other "ya know, I'm so stiff and worn out from all those years of running", how about you?. The other referee replied, "oh not me, I feel like a newborn baby no hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants.



Angry Brazilians Attack the Assistant Referee

4 angry Brazilian players vent their anger at a good call by the assistant referee. This was NOT a yellow card worthy dissent according to the referee. Beer bottles were thrown down onto the field by the Brazilian fans.. Orange Bowl security and the Miami Police did nothing about it. BTW,,, The US team won the Fair Play Award.

Brazilian Soccer Ref Hits Attacking Fan

By Associated Press

March 13, 2005, 8:23 PM EST

SAO PAULO, Brazil -- A Brazilian referee punched a fan who attacked him on the field during a soccer match Sunday, Pele's Web site reported.

Referee Luiz Carlos Silva fought back after the fan ran on the field and started punching and kicking him with 2 minutes left in the Minas Gerais state championship between rivals America and Atletico Mineiro.

Silva defended himself at first, then ran after the Atletico fan and punched him repeatedly in the face until players from both sides intervened to stop the fight.

"I had to do something, he was much bigger than me," Silva told Pele's Web site. "He would beat me up badly if I just stayed there."

Police rushed to the field to arrest the fan, who was shirtless and without shoes.

America beat Atletico Mineiro 1-0.

Thanks to Drew Fischer

May 17th ART Class

Pre-Game Preparation by Ann Blackwood (A brief Special General Meeting will be held prior to the ART Class to pass the budget). Plan to attend and learn how FIFA AR (retired) Ann Blackwood regularly prepared for her big games, and how you can benefit from simple planning ideas.

CDSRA Golf Shirts

As a bonus to members this year CDSRA is including a golf shirt as part of the membership package. Be sure to mark you shirt size on the membership form when you renew your membership.



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<http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpfw/Conferences/leadership/index.asp> or let [Leo Donlevy](#) know you're interested.

Membership Renewals

Reminder to get your membership forms and cheques in at the ART class, AGM or by mail. The form can be downloaded from the website (www.cdsra.com). Remember, all members will receive a CDSRA golf shirt as part of their membership package this year.

Referee Video Analysis

The June 21st ART Class will be a video analysis of a member in action in an outdoor game (Dave Stasiak will lead)



Volunteer Recruitment And Retention

Lack of time is the most frequent reason for not being able to volunteer. What if we could work at creating better experiences for volunteers? Join us to discuss various strategies on volunteer screening and security. Organized by the Calgary Sport Council.

Presenter: Anne Stock-Bateman
Thursday, March 17 6:30 – 8 pm

[Group Members Registration](#)

[Individual Seminar Series Registration Form](#)

AGM

April 5th is the 2005 Annual General Meeting. Positions of Vice President, Secretary and Elected Director up for election. Be sure to attend and lend your support.

Checking ID Cards

By: Richard Sansregret and Mike Seifert (Last Revision: Nov 9, 2003)

INTRODUCTION

Along with our duties to collect the players' ID cards, some leagues (CUSA) ask that the referees also check every player's cards against the name on the game sheet. The league wants to ensure that all players playing for a team are registered to the team and the players represented as playing on the game sheet are correct. Therefore this is a responsibility that should be taken seriously.

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Checking ID Cards

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PROCEDURE

In order to verify that all information is correct, the following steps should be taken:

1. Instruct the teams (coaches) to distribute the players' cards to the appropriate player.
2. Obtain completed game sheet before taking cards.
3. Ask for the players to present their cards to you individually and to state (show) the jersey number under which they will be playing
4. Compare the card picture to the face of the player.
5. Verify the name on the card to the name on the sheet and verify the jersey number.
6. Mark on the game sheet that you have checked the player's card.
7. Check the game sheet for any players without any of your checkmarks. Player's without a checkmark besides their name means, that you have not collected a card.
8. Count the number of dressed players against the number of players on the game sheet.
9. Collect cards from all bench personnel



Helpful hints:

1. This is a time consuming procedure. That emphasizes the need to arrive at the game well in advance of the start time in order to complete the procedure.
2. If the teams are late in preparing their sheets or distributing their cards, do not compromise the procedure. Do not start the game until you have all the cards and you are satisfied that everything is in order. Shorten the playing time as required, in order to finish the game at the appropriate time so that the next game starts on time.
3. This is a procedure you may assign to your assistants or you can take one team while one of your assistants takes the other.
4. Do not allow the teams to rush you. (See the War Story)
5. If the teams protest or complain about this procedure, let them know that it is required by their league and as referees do not have any influence over their league they are free to let the league know how they feel about this requirement.

War Story

The previous game was late finishing and the teams were anxious to get started. The coach brought the game sheet for the team and the players were trying to just drop their cards off and return to warming up. The referee asked the players to slow down and wait a moment while he got organized. The coach presented his card and that of another player stating it was #13. When asked where #13 was he pointed to a player warming up and wearing the #13 jersey. Accepting this the referee compared the name on the card and checked off #13 then checked the rest of the player cards.

During the game #13 received a time penalty. The assistant referee recognized the player and realized that the name on the game sheet was not that of #13. After the game, the coach of the team was asked to reconcile the discrepancy and present the card of the player who played under #13. He could not present the card and the incident was recorded on the game sheet.

The lesson here is that the referee allowed himself to be rushed by the teams which allowed the coach to falsely present a card. This shows that teams do, in fact, play players who are not properly registered and emphasized the need for the referee to follow the procedure.

The Magic Kingdom of Football

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Approaching the house I became aware of noise and activity on the balcony above the entrance. What I saw attracted my interest. Two small boys, no more than 7 or 8 years old, moved excitedly and happily on an area about three metres by two. They were playing football. Unaware of my presence as I watched, they were in a world of their own. Thin in body, poorly clothed, their faces carried constant broad smiles, displaying gleaming white teeth when their wide mouths broke into laughter.

Apart from their restricted playing field the only accessory was a ball - a tight bundle of rags. No goalposts, corner flags or officials, their imagination transported them into the centre of the most important match in history. They wriggled and jumped, kicked and pushed with wild excitement of free expression. One boy lifted the ball by gripping his toes on a stray end of rag. They burst into great shrieks of laughter and giggles.

In their world they were the great Pele or another idol, bobbing, weaving, beating opponents with a body swerve, a drag-back, swift acceleration and scoring the winning goal in the World Cup Final with a brilliantly judged volley crashing the ball into the back of the net. A joy to behold.



In reality the rag ball came spinning down and landed at my feet in a puff of red dust. Two excited faces looked down silently imploring me to throw the ball back. I did. It had hardly touched the balcony before a new World Cup Final began amid shouts, laughs and chuckles, in complete isolation from the real world. I, too, was transported into another world for what seemed an age and yet it was for just a few minutes. Minutes of joy and elation. My cares were forgotten.

"Are you coming?" cried Kurt. I fixed the images in my mind, said a silent farewell to the boys and returned to the car feeling refreshed after that invigorating journey into the magic kingdom of football where a child with a ball is king.

Yours in sport,
Stanley Lover
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Thanks to Mike Seifert

Upcoming ART (Advanced Referee Training) Classes

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

March 15th	Discerning Hidden Fouls / Fouls Around the Feet
April 5th	Annual General Meeting
April 19th	Outdoor Refresher
May 17th	Pre-Game Mental Prep
June 21st	Observe an Outdoor Game
July 19th (4 th Tuesday)	Free Kick Management and Card Presentation
August 19th	CDSRA Golf Tournament at Shaw-Nee Slopes

Non-members of CDSRA are most welcome and encouraged to come to an ART class to check us out. Snacks and refreshments are provided, and parents of youth attendees may attend free.