

I enjoyed refereeing Trins. you were one of the more pleasant teams on the pitch and very welcoming off it. Although you had a couple of guys who would not believe that I was always right (joke!), I particularly recall a centre "giving me advice" on my decisions, I think called Henderson, I remember being told he was a very good cricketer. *(ed: no such person existed Clive, think Hooter gave you a false name in case you sent him off!).*

A few years back I had the fortune to bump into your former captain Howard Cooke, who I had not seen for years, meeting him at Luton Airport in 2002 on our way (and his) to Malta, to share some of the old times.

I remember refereeing a game when Jock Williams was captain, Jock was looking over his shoulder then changing his running line to obstruct a kick chaser behind him. When I penalised him, he looked daggers at me, but later told me with a grin that he usually got away with it!

However my most indelible memory of Jock was when he took the referees' course. We were quite informal about how long courses took in those days. We thought it was important that 'students' asked questions to clarify their doubts rather than cramming them with what we (the smart a***s) knew and thought that they should know. Normally, a course lasted about six weeks, but Jock asked so many questions that his course took about twelve! Others were learning from his questions, the level of which showed how knowledgeable he already was so I enjoyed his being there.

Regards

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