

## GWENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – MARCH MEETING & TRAINING NOTES

The development group met again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March with this time, a number of distinguished figures from the Gwent County FA present.

<u>Development Group</u>		<u>Assessors</u>	<u>Gwent FA</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Mark Gardiner	James Williams	John Pisani	Glyn Jones	Mark Dyson
Sam Emery	Oliver Cross	Chris Parker	Peter Aston	Mark Munday
Paul Jones	Nigel Baldwin	Pete Gilbey		
Ian Gallimore	Dan Newberry			

**Total 15** Apologies were received from Kevin Jones, Alan Watkins, Eddie Cox, Mike James.

On behalf of the group, may I thank all Assessors/Guests etc for taking the time to attend the meeting as it was of great benefit for the younger members of the group to meet with such dignitary's and now be able to put a face to a name. At the end of the meeting all assessors and guests expressed a wish to attend again, such was the intensity of discussion of the video clips the 2 hours soon passed.

The evening started with me highlighting the activity since January in the scheme ie members of the group now receiving appointments on the Cardiff Academy with myself, where they are then coached from start to finish ie before during and after the game. Two members Paul Jones and Mark Gardiner had accompanied me to a Welsh Premier Match at Neath, where they witnessed pre-match instructions, sat with the assessor Steve Hames (who talked them through the game) and then witnessed the debrief, both said they found the experience invaluable. Some of the group I have managed to get to work together on the Cardiff Ladies Academy, where Mark Gardiner, Dan Newberry and Oliver Cross officiated. This coupled with a couple of Welsh League and Welsh League Youth appointments, promotes team bonding within the group. All were being assessed and assessments coming to me.

**Also present was Mark Dyson who at the age of 25 has achieved the prestigious appointment of attaining FIFA Assistant Referee and follows in the footsteps of Mr Phil Bates and myself. We would like to wish Mark a long and enjoyable European Career. This was great for members of the group to see what can be achieved with dedication and hardwork.**

We then moved onto the main topic of the evening:

### **SUBJECT – DENYING AN OBVIOUS GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY**

The subject chosen was very pertinent to what had occurred over the weekend in the League Cup Final at Wembley and at the start of the evening I asked should he have gone? As expected a mixed reply was received, from referee was correct to yellow and then red. Thus I said over the next couple of hours let's see if your opinion changes.

Thus I then showed a number of clips which brought out the following points for the Referee to consider when considering whether a goal scoring opportunity had been denied to the attacker such as:

- PROXIMTY** - How far from the goal is the attacker. Distance is an issue as if he is in the penalty area or just outside its more likely to be an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
- CONTROL** - Thus he have full control of the ball.
- DIRECTION** - Is he heading towards or away from the goal.
- PROXIMTY OF OTHER DEFENDERS** - Would that defenders actions if he had not been there Prevented an obvious goal scoring opportunity. Were other defenders able to get to the ball if he is a long way from goal.

