



# AFA Development News

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## AFA Coaches & Managers Association

In conjunction with our coach education programme, we are pleased to announce the launch of the AFA Coaches & Managers Association (AFACMA) Membership is open to anyone over the age of 16 who feels that they may benefit from attending our meetings and sessions. Annual membership costs £10.00 (£7.00 for members of a Charter Standard club) Our first meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April at Norsemen FC, Church Street, Edmonton starting at 7.00. FA Regional Coach Development manager **Steve Rutter** has kindly agreed to deliver the session entitled Playing in the final third. For more info contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail [bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com](mailto:bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com)

## AFA FUTSAL LEAGUE



Following on from the success of last years tournament at the Park Club, we intend running a summer Futsal Tournament, hopefully at the Bank of England's indoor facility at Roehampton.

The tournament will start in April and run for ten weeks with each team playing one match per evening (20 minutes each way) with the winners going through to the FA National Futsal finals which are being held in Sheffield on July 21st—23rd

If you would like to enter a team or would just like to find out more, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail [bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com](mailto:bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com)

## Child Protection Workshop

The Development team are holding a Child Protection and Best Practice Workshop for Norsemen Youth FC at Edmonton Sports Ground, Church Street, Edmonton on Wednesday 15th March starting at 8.00pm There are still a number of spaces available on the course, which lasts around 2 1/2 hours and is a must for anyone involved in youth football..

If you would like us to hold a course for your members at your club, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail [bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com](mailto:bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com)

## AFA u 16's 1 v Kent 16's 2

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Kent deservedly came out on top in this Home Counties Youth Competition encounter despite going a goal down two minutes after the interval. In difficult conditions, goalscoring chances were few and far between and both defences had the better of the goal less first period. After **Adam Ali** broke the deadlock following a fine move involving **Matthew Stoker** and **Junior Boakye**,

Kent went after the equaliser with a spring in their step and were rewarded after 18 minutes when for once indecision in the AFA penalty area allowed them to get back on level terms. The winner came agonisingly 3 minutes from the end when a shot was scrambled over the line following a free kick.

The game was played in excellent spirit and was well controlled by the official's Peter Georgiou, John Spoerry and Tim Rowley. Thanks to HSBC for the kind use of their facilities and a special thank you to AFA Council members Malcolm Perks, Peter Langford and Tony Julien.

The under 16's next match is away to Surrey at Leatherhead FC on Wednesday 29th March kick off 7.00pm



## Middlesex u18's 3 v AFA u18's 0

A game that started in bright and breezy conditions and ended in driving rain mirrored the performance of the AFA Under 18 side who played their second Home Counties Youth Championship game in two weeks against Middlesex at Uxbridge FC. On a pitch that was showing signs of wear, the AFA dominated the early exchanges and were soon causing problems for the Middlesex defence with a stream of crosses from Captain Tom Morrill and left mid-fielder Sameer Butt. Morrill himself failed to convert the best chance of the first half narrowly failing to contact with a wicked cross from full back Lawrence Fernee while good heading opportunities were also spurned by Ryan Murray and debutant Matt Montack.

Middlesex broke the deadlock on 70 minutes following a defensive mix up and having competed so long for so well, the AFA resistance was swiftly broken with 5 minutes remaining when dreadful marking from two set pieces enabled Middlesex to quickly wrap the game up.

The remainder of the match was played in pouring rain, conditions that further dampened the spirits of an AFA side who got nothing from a game that, on their performance over the first 70 minutes. Thanks to George Snow, who represented the Alliance

**Hold a Basic  
Referee's  
training  
course at  
your club**

## Referee's Corner

The AFA Referee's Development Officer, Trevor Syms, has been extremely busy so far in 2006, organising basic referee courses at Potters Bar United, Sir Thomas More School (Wood Green) the North West Reform Synagogue (Golders Green) and Wilson's School, with over 75 candidates hoping to become qualified referee's. The Course consists of 16 hours contact time + 2x 2hour exams and costs £30 which is returned to candidates once they have completed 10 games. If you would like Trevor to set up a course at your club, for your members, please contact the office on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail [trev.viv@btinternet.com](mailto:trev.viv@btinternet.com)



## YOUTH CUP FINALS 2006

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This seasons youth finals will be held as usual at Norsemen FC, Edmonton Sports Club, Church Street, Edmonton over the weekend of 1st & 2nd April.

Saturday April 2nd, u11 Bealonians Youth v West Essex Colts-  
u12 Cheshunt youth v Whitewebbs Eagles -u13 Cheshunt Youth v  
Providence Hse -u14- Prydun Youth v Norsemen Youth u15  
Bethwin v Bealonians -u16 Forty Hill v Norsemen Yth -u17 Field  
Crusaders v Norsemen Yth -u18 Providence Hse v Hale End Yth

Sunday April 2nd, u11 Trent Park Youth v Potters Bar Utd- u12  
Whitewebbs Eagles v Southgate Adelaide -u13 Chase Side Youth  
v -u14 Prydun Youth v Potters Bar Utd- u15 Cheshunt Youth v  
Whitewebbs Eagles -u16 Cheshunt Youth v Forty Hill Youth -u17  
Cheshunt Youth v Field Crusaders -u18 Chase Side Youth v Bar-  
net Youth or West Essex Colts



## FA Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Football

As part of our coach education programme we will be holding an FA Level 2 Coaching Course at Norsemen FC, Church Street, Edmonton starting with the induction evening on Thursday 10th August 7.00pm-10.00pm. The practical and theory modules will be held from Monday 14th August through to Friday 18th August 9.00am-5.00pm In addition there will be a number of mentor evenings.

The course is intended to those committed to coaching football to young people or to those who hold either of the following. The FA Junior Team Managers Award, FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football, two years football coaching experience in schools etc or have played the game at a senior level. The cost of the course is £270.00

If you wish to enrol or find out more, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



## FA Learning/McDonald's Grassroots Coach of the Year

Football Coaches are so often the unsung heroes of grassroots football and anyone with a great coach at their club knows just what a difference they can make. FA Learning and McDonald's recognise this crucial role and so, for the second year, are running the 'FA Learning Grassroots Coach of the Year' in partnership with The FA's Community Partner - McDonald's. So if you know a great grassroots coach make sure that you nominate them and give your coach and your team the chance to win some great prizes, including: A training session at your club with Sir Geoff Hurst & Eric Harrison, presentation and 2 VIP tickets at the Charity Shield, £1500 worth of McDonald's training equipment. If you would like to nominate a coach from your club, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



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## Development News



## AFA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM SERVICES

The Football Development Team at the AFA is able to offer a number of services to affiliated clubs. Here are just some of them.

### Improving your facilities

- Helping you secure grant aid from the Football Foundation and a wide range of other sources
- Assisting you in negotiations with Local Authorities and other pitch providers
- Providing venues and establishing partnerships with adult clubs

### Coach Development

- Finding Coaches to coach your sides
- Training your people to obtain coaching qualification
- Organising specific coaching sessions for your players

### Volunteers

- Helping you recruit new volunteers and training your existing volunteers and EFCA

### Specialist Training

- Child protection, Refereeing, Medical Training

### Competition

- AFA Youth Cups at all age groups on Saturday and Sunday
- AFA Under 16 and Under 18 Representative Sides in Home Counties Competition

### Information Centre

- Sourcing information about any aspect of football
- Reference Library and database of contacts

### FA Charter Standard

- Helping clubs to become part of the FA Community Club concept
- Helping clubs to achieve FA Charter Standard status

### Communication

- Sending you all the latest FA initiatives
- Development News (Monthly) and AFA Record (Quarterly)

## Forthcoming Representative Fixtures

Seniors v Essex—**Wednesday 15th March**—Potters Bar Town FC kick off 7.30pm

Under 16's v Surrey—**Wednesday 29th March**—Leatherhead FC kick off 7.00pm

Under 16's v London—**Wednesday 5th April**—Dulwich Hamlet FC kick off 7.00 (TBC)

Under 18's v Sussex—**Sunday 9th April**—Potters Bar Town FC kick off 1.30pm

## The Big Boost

The Big Boost is an awards programme which has been created to encourage more young people in England to set up projects at school or in their communities that will make a real difference. The programme will support more than 12,000 young people over two years.

The Big Boost awards programme is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and is part of their Young People's Fund, Grants to Individuals programme, which aims to offer more opportunities to young people and help them improve local communities.

A Big Boost award is cash plus the support needed to help young people, make their ideas a reality. The awards are for individuals or for small informal groups of people, living in England. There are two kinds of awards; one for 11 – 16 year olds and one for 16 – 25 year olds.

To find out more visit the Big Boost website [www.thebigboost.org.uk](http://www.thebigboost.org.uk)