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REFEREES COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

25 January 1980

Hi, Ladies and Gents, hope you all had a good Christmas. I wish you all a prosperous and happy New Year.

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are advised that an International Referee Course will be held in MADRAS, INDIA, during the period 11-17 March 1980. Particulars are as follows:

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Place: Madras, India.

Lecturer: Mr. K. Ikeda, Member of I.A.C.

Language: English

Expenses: All travelling expenses and lodging must be paid by the candidates.

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"Dear Bob,

Well the guys have gone home and we're (Ken and Wife) just relaxing for a couple of days in luxury before we fly out to Athens. From there we will buy our ticket home- via. Thailand for a couple of months. Thought I'd use this time to write you a very informal report on the championships as the Australian referee.

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Iraq and Iran. New Zealand never supplied a referee, while the two (2) Japanese members were members of the S.O.C. and thus that country never had an active referee in the tournament.

Because this was such a large international tournament and there have been very few tournaments in Asian Zone in the past couple of years (the last Pan Arab Championships was 2 years ago) there were many referees seeking to gain international experience. Because the championships were held in the Middle East, with two Arab officials in the S.O.C., referees from that part of the world were treated preferentially in the allocation of top matches. Thus all the top matches were given to the two invited referees plus Middle Eastern referees. The Chinese, Korean referees, and myself were not appointed to any of these matches; even though the standard of refereeing in the Middle East (reflecting the standard of play) often did not measure up to the standard required of National Referees in Australia.

I do not offer this as a complaint. Arguably it is good policy to give preferential treatment and therefore vital match experience to referees from the region where the championships are held. Did this not happen at the 1st Asian Championships in Melbourne? I merely wish to point out to future touring referees, the sort of situations that they may face in a similar championships.

I refereed 3 matches and umpired 3 matches over the 6 days of the tournament. There was a similar allocation, in terms of the number of matches, to all other referees.

Because of the large number of referees there was little group discussion of rules interpretation; standard of calling, etc. Thus I can only say the rules' interpretation in Australia is up-to-date and that the standard of refereeing at National level in Australia is very high compared to all other countries. As I attended the European Championships in Paris in October, I can also add that our international referees (and by inference our National Referees) would fare very well in Europe.

Recommendations/Conclusions:

Some points of interest and recommendations that I would make regarding my observations in the Asian and European championships would be as follows:

- a. In Bahrain, all referees stayed in the one hotel and not with their National Teams. This would seem a very desirable thing at Australian Championships level. It would assist promote the independence of the referee; facilitate the whole organization of refereeing in terms of allocations of duties; the holding of formal and informal discussions seminars; and generally promote the image of professionalism and level of comradeship among referees.
- b. Red and Yellow cards were supplied. They were attached to the referees' stands during the entire tournament. Two sets of cards purchased by A.V.R.C. would thus solve the problem of Australian referees having their own, each of different size, material, colour shade, etc.
- c. The S.O.C., in an attempt to ensure that every referee knew when he had to officiate, gave each individual a written copy of his duty and made individual sign a mastersheet with the match; time; venue, clearly written on it- this could help overcome the occasional problem of referees not knowing when they had to officiate.
- d. It seems high time that the A.V.R.C. had its own calling cards printed, the reverse side of which could be used to put the name and address of the Australian referee. This would obviate the need for individual referees having their own cards printed and, more importantly, be a good source of international publicity for A.V.R.C.
- e. With the appointment by the A.V.Finc. of a National Executive Director, and Australian Volleyball moving into the era of sponsorship, it seems to me that A.V.R.C. must wish to ensure that all International Referees

no reason why the A.V.R.C., through the National Executive Director, could not obtain for international referees, Mizuno (or whatever) white shirts, possibly pants, refereeing shoes, and white tracksuit jackets, plus towels or whatever else is going.

- f. Also on a National level, the possibility of sponsored shirts, at least, should be looked into. As well, companies like Tachikara and others produce red and yellow cards, whistles, etc.
- g. With the prospect of a significant increase in the number of international tours-both to Australia and overseas- we need to urgently look at ways of providing more financial assistance to our referees. Especially as there look like being many more tours by Australian Teams other than our first National Team.... We need continued international experience for our referees and need to urgently look at ways and helping those referees finance such trips.

Bob, I would like to move some of these recommendations as motions at our next A.G.M. in Devonport. Sorry I could not type this or anything, but you understand! Will be home in early March.....

Regards

Ken Breen"

Ken's recommendations b. and c. will be put into effect at the Nationals in Devonport. I consider that recommendation a. has high merit. This matter has been tentatively suggested to operate for the 1980 Pacific Rim Championships in Canberra next August.

See you all in Devonport on Saturday 29th March?

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