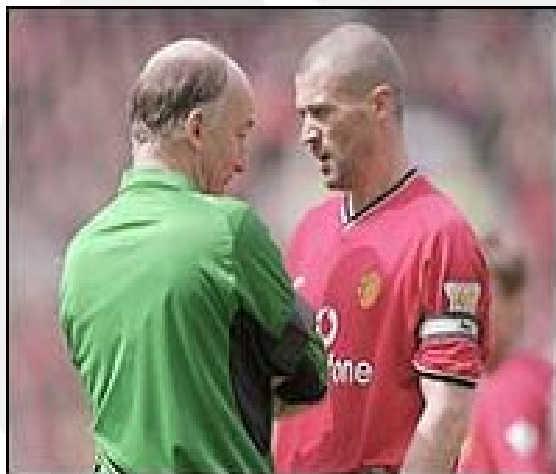


# NZ SOCCER REFEREES NEWS-4

## June 2006

### DAVID ELLERAY



David Elleray will be speaking at the following places:

Bay Olympic                      Auckland    Monday 24 July 7:30

Waikato University    Hamilton    Tuesday 25 July 7:00

Sport Manawatu, Palmerston North Wednesday 26 7:00

Cotswold Hotel            Christchurch    Thursday 27 7:00

The Caledonian            Dunedin        Friday 28 July 7:30

The House of Soccer Petone    Sunday 30 July 10:00

### RECRUITMENT COURSES

<u>FEDERATION</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>INSTRUCTORS</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Soccersouth	Timaru	Intro.	L. Ritchie	9	20.03.06
Soccersouth	Dunedin	Intro.	L. Ritchie	8	02.04.06
Mainland	Nelson	Inspectors	B. Hulton	4	02.04.06
Soccer 2	Auckland	L. 1	A. Maclennan	17	04.04.06
Central Soccer	Palmerston N	Intro.	D. Lawrie	21	12.04.06
Central Soccer	Red Sox AFC	Intro.	R. Pelosi	13	19.04.06
Central Soccer	Ruahine	Intro.	S. Smith, D. Lawrie	4	19.04.06
Central Soccer	Palmerston N	Intro.	S. Smith, D. Lawrie	12	26.04.06
Force 3	Tauranga	L. 2	G. Webber	9	03.08.05

### LAWS OF THE GAME

A player falls unconscious following a clash of heads. He is clearly concussed. Can the referee prevent him from continuing in the match?

*Although it seems in the best interest of the player for the referee to point out the dangers of a return to play (duty of care role), there is nothing in the Laws of the Game to support a refusal by the referee as to whether an injured player may return. In the Additional Instructions to Referees (p. 73) there is a reference to the referee being the only person authorized to allow an injured player to return to the field after injury. However, this refers to the time he can rejoin his team and should not be read as a judgement on the suitability of the player to return because of health reasons.*

*The Decisions of the International F. A. Board of Law 5 (p.24) protect the referee from prosecution over liability if he permits the player to return to the field and the player is subsequently taken ill or worse.*

# OCEANIA FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

## WOMEN'S U-20 TOURNAMENT

### APIA, SAMOA

Shannon  
Smith  
(Palmerston North)

Leigh  
Perry  
(Wellington)

Jacqui  
Stephenson  
(Wellington)

Lisa  
Benson  
(Palmerston North)



DATE	HOME	AWAY	REFEREE	AR1	AR2	NO4
30.03.06	Vanuatu	Tonga	S. Smith	L. Benson	J. Stephenson	
	Fiji	Samoa	L. Perry			
01.04.06	PNG	Fiji	S. Smith	L. Benson	J. Stephenson	L. Perry
03.04.06	Vanuatu	Solomon Is.				L. Perry
04.04.06	Fiji	New Caledonia	L. Perry			
	Samoa	PNG			L. Benson	S. Smith
06.04.06	Samoa	Tonga	S. Smith	L. Benson		L. Perry
08.04.06	Samoa	PNG		L. Benson		L. Perry

Please note that the following article from Lisa Benson has been abridged and edited for reasons of space.

The course before the tournament was more beneficial to others than it was to me. A number of the topics that were covered were very similar to those that had been covered in the recent Central Soccer Referees conference in Napier. In saying this it reinforced what I had already learnt. The practical sessions with Ingrid Jonsson (Sweden) and Segran Chandra (Fiji) were excellent to help improve technique and concentration.

Although a number of factors were far from ideal for the Fitness Test, ultimately I was undercooked fitness wise and overcooked temperature wise. Failing the fitness test was a hard lesson to learn with gear not given and allowances being cut. Not something that I intend on repeating. This will mean that I will need to train harder and wiser.

The most beneficial thing that I took away from this experience was the sessions with Alejo Perez Leguizamon. He taught me a great deal about fitness and even basic things like how to run properly. His delivery style was really inspiring.

This trip was really good to compare yourself with other countries in our Confederation. It was amazing to see the different standards and to hear the different resources that are available to referees within our own Confederation. I enjoyed working with other people that I had never worked with before although 4 out of 5 of my appointments were with Shannon Smith with whom I have worked with often. I found this a bit frustrating as I would have liked to have worked with others more to extend my abilities. It is always harder to work with someone that you haven't worked with before.



I was appointed to 5 games with the 5<sup>th</sup> being the 3/4<sup>th</sup> playoff game (see picture). This game was unquestionably the hardest that I had encountered. The referee was from Tahiti and had language/understanding barriers, which caused a few issues during this game. This was the worst performance of the tournament for me. Overall I thought that my performance during the tournament was of a high standard.

The assessments and debrief sessions during the tournament were very good. They made you assess your own performance as well as the performance of fellow referees as well as the performance of fellow referees. This was a new experience for me that I was not comfortable with at the beginning but the more you did it the easier it became, a very beneficial exercise.

The only complaint as such that I would have about the trip was the pre information that was available to the referees about the course and tournament. For instance basic information like where in Samoa we were staying. This was frustrating especially for those that have children and need to leave contact information at home in cases of emergencies. It would have been also nice to know that perhaps semi to formal attire maybe needed and women would probably require a skirt.

Apart from these minor issues it was an awesome experience, once the culture shock had worn off, that I would recommend to others and hope that this was the first of many more to come.

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