

WALTER THE WOLF

COUNTY CUP FINAL REFEREE



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Walter is a very talented wolf! He works incredibly hard at Westmorland County FA making sure football is safe, inclusive and fun!

One day whilst having a cup of tea, the Referee Development Officer was sat close by. He was worried he didn't have enough referees, so he persuaded Walter to do some referee training.

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Walter was very keen and loved the idea. He completed a referee course and was officially a referee.

He even downloaded the laws of the game app on his phone so he could revise at home.

He wanted to do the best job possible so the boys and girls he refereed could enjoy a safe game.



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Walter was then asked to referee his first game.

It was a lovely Sunday morning and two junior teams played. All the boys and girls were really nice and it finished 3-2. Everyone shook hands and left the pitch happy.

Walter was thrilled with how it went and his mentor was very happy too.

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Walter was on his tenth game and loving refereeing football.

However, his eleventh was very difficult. There were some angry shouts on the side and people told him he got the decisions wrong. Walter was only trying his best.

Some supporters shouted at the other team and called them rubbish. It was very hard to concentrate when everyone was so angry. The game was not good, but Walter carried on and was glad when it had all finished.

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Walter was keen to keep up refereeing and managed to do lots more games; he was getting very good. He refereed all the way to the end of season.

On Monday morning when Walter arrived into work all his friends were smiling at him, and saying "well done!" His boss said he would be surprised when he got home.

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Walter walked home feeling excited and when he walked through the door there was a golden envelope on the floor.

He opened the envelope to find a letter:



Dear Walter,



This season you have refereed really well. We are very pleased and would like you to referee a really important game next week.

The Zoo has its cup final, and the Lions will play the Giraffes.

The game is being played at the Zoo's pitch and kicks off just after feeding time!

Although very excited, Walter was nervous, he was worried the game might be difficult.

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The very next morning Walter arrived at the office.

He went straight to the stationery cupboard and got some colourful pens and paper and made some posters.



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Walter made sure the posters told the truth and celebrated what is wonderful about Grassroots football.

- Please do not swear at referees, we are still learning.
- Respect both teams, they just want to have fun.
- Everyone has the right to play football.
- Only shout encouragement

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It was cup final day and Walter got to the game early and put all his posters out.

He warmed up on the pitch and then led the teams out. By the time kick off came both sets of supporters were smiling, clapping and cheering!

This is wonderful thought Walter. The game finished 1- 0 to the Lions.

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On Monday when Walter was back at work, he was very tired from all that running.

He sat down in the office and all the staff team said he refereed the game really well.

Walter told them about the posters, and everyone agreed they really helped show supporters how to behave.

It made Walter think, if only someone else wanted to draw some.... Maybe you can?

THANKS FOR READING!

E-mail Walter Direct

If you have any questions or suggestions for Walter the Wolf please let me know by e-mailing walterthewolf@westmorlandfa.com

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