



Meet the Referee

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Q1 - Name (including any nickname)

Gordon Crawford (El Presidente)

Q2 - Category

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Q3 - Why did you become a referee?

I played amateur football until I was 30. I dislocated my shoulder and decided to stop playing. Jeff Banks suggested that I try the referee course. I did and haven't looked back since. I just wish I'd started younger!

Q4 - What challenges do you find in refereeing?

Time away from family. Injuries. Abuse from spectators, players and club officials.

Q5 - What's your most positive memory within refereeing?

Being assistant in an Everton friendly match vs Dundee.

Q6 - What's your most prestigious appointment?

Being AR1 in the Challenge Cup Final between Rangers and Peterhead.

Q7 - If you could change any Law within football, what would it be?

I would allow more than one club official to stand on the edge of the technical area so long as they were coaching and not being abusive.

Q8 - What's your secret talent that no one knows about?

I've been known to write the odd funny poem or change lyrics to well-known songs!

Q9 - Who is your role model within the refereeing movement?

Doug Yeats

Q10 - What is your ambition within refereeing?

To keep officiating at the highest level for as long as I'm able and to see more young referees emerging from the Perth area (including my son one day).

