



MORE AND MORE YOUNGSTERS AIM TO BECOME TOP REFEREES



The man in black is the man to watch according to a trio of St. Ambrose College pupils who have completed the The FA's Basic Referees' Course.

More and more youngsters want to become involved in the game but not necessarily as players rather as referees according to three young Ambrose officials who have all completed the FA's two day Basic Referees Course and will start officiating in youth football leagues this season.

Pictured from left to right are Adam Murray, Luke Howard and Daniel Barry-Inglis.

Luke Howard, 14, from Heaton Chapel, said: "I just want to bring fair play and justice to the game and make sure I get every decision right." He added: "Since completing the course I watch the referee, where he positions himself and how he handles the players, as much as I watch the game. I'm not too bad as a goal keeper but I think I can be a better referee."

Daniel Barry-Inglis, 14 from Timperley, added: "You have to know the laws of the game and you have to be confident in your decision making, you must command respect."

Adam Murray, 14, from Timperley added: "I was never really that good at football but I love the game and I want to be involved and getting good referees is so important to the future of the game."

The FA Course costs £115 and involves two days of both theory and practical assessment from a forensic examination of the laws of the game down to pitch inspections and report writing of misconduct.

For the boys there was still only one man to beat, "Howard Webb is the best there has ever been," said Luke and Daniel though Adam added: "Antony Taylor is the best current referee."

St. Ambrose College Principal James Keulemans, a former international rugby player, said: "There are some similarities between refereeing and teaching: good decision making, impartiality and maintaining discipline so I wish these young men every success and applaud the local FA for reaching out to young talent."

