

## DEVELOPING A SIX-PACK



**THE SIX NEW REFEREES** to the National Panel and their coaches met last month (November) to share their early successes and key development issues, gain further knowledge through presentations from more experienced officials and to discuss the game and refereeing with a highly experienced team of referee coaches. Steve Leyshon the Panel Development Manager and Steve Savage, the Panel Development Officer, also joined the 'six-pack' squad.

Dr Mikel Mellick, Consultant Sports Psychologist to the National Panel Officials organised a series of workshops for the new referees including sessions on Media Training by Nick Clarke (National Panel Touch Judge & Director of Communications for the Anglican Church in Suffolk), Mental Skills Training by Dick Weaver (National Panel Referee Coach & Inspector with the London Metropolitan Police) and specific refereeing sessions by David Sainsbury and Greg Garner (Senior Panel Referees) and Andrew Small (RFU Elite Full Time Referee).

The six new referees are, Ross Campbell (Midlands), Gareth Hodges (North), Richard Kelly (South East), Paul Knowles (South East), Luke Pearce (South West) & Michael Tutty (South East).

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