

Middlesex Coaches and Managers Association
Geoff Pike @ Princes Park, Monday 3rd November 2008



On Monday 3rd November, the MCMA held its fourth and final meeting of the year. This time it was Regional Coach Development Manager for the FA, Geoff Pike.

The event was attended by over 30 people and from the ideas that were put forward Geoff did a half and hour session on defending set pieces, incorporating 18 players into a session and concluded with questions and answers.

The session started with a 30 minute presentation on defending from set plays. Geoff used a presentation that the England youth teams follow in international football. It was very informative and certainly raised some talking points amongst the MCMA members.

Geoff then took the group outside and delivered his main session 'Incorporating 18 players into a session'. The players were split into three groups of 6 and were then shown on a white board what Geoff wanted them to do. The players went away and organised the session on their own.

Geoff left the ownership of the session to the players coming in to advise the players with technical information, rather than telling the players what they should do. This therefore gave the players more independence to do what they felt was best and not just the coach giving out orders and expecting players to follow them.

Feedback from the coaches was positive and definitely saw a different way in which they can coach players.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Geoff Pike and Princes Park Youth, who let us use the venue along with the U14 's who gave up their time to come along and take part.

The next session is due to take place on Wednesday 11th February. Details of the session will follow later in the year. For more information on joining the MCMA please contact Andrew Perren through andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com or call 020 8515 1927.