

PRIME MINISTER

Report from Football Association on Membership Cards

As you know the FA have now submitted their report to Neil Macfarlane. The Minister for Sport has sent you a copy (Flag A) under cover of his letter (Flag B).

For six weeks' work, it is a pretty puny effort. It does not even deal with the particular point about overseas matches which the FA were asked to address themselves to. As you know, it is not clear how much mileage there could really be in a membership card scheme within the UK: the system seems more likely to be effective in controlling hooliganism in matches abroad.

At this stage, it seems sensible to leave Neil Macfarlane to argue the toss with the FA.

Content to leave the Minister of Sport to pursue the matter with Mr Croker?

*Yes mb*

*Duty Clerk*

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