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OLD WILSONIAN'S
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Every Monday
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER 2025 **

1st XI – Hayden Nguyen
2nd XI – Jack Shelton
3rd XI – Busia Joshua
4th XI – Lucas Orchard
5t XI – James Doyle
6th XI – Nathan Carter
7th XI – Walid Djebali
Vets – Andy Free
Supervets –

OWFC Business Code of Conduct / Annual Subs

A new season is upon us . With a further influx of juniors and schoolboys , plus training and a couple of teams playing through the summer. Our hopes are high. We have 7 teams on Saturday & the Vets on Sundays playing league football . Supervets will continue to play friendlies on Sundays.

We have kept annual subs for 21s & over in employment to £150 & under 21s in employment £75, both pay £10 weekly subs . If you are playing 4 or less games you will pay £20 match fees , but no annual subs. Junior members paying annual subs to the junior section & schoolboys pay no annual subs but pay £5 weekly subs. Vets due to the number of games pay annual subs , Supervets pay £50 annual subs & £10 per game match .

Unemployed please chat to your skipper or Stu Dunk (treasurer or me (asst treasurer) and we will agree something that is workable for you as we want you to play . Annual subs are due on 30th September 2025 . We are using Pitchero & you should have an email to confirm your details, receive newsletters , about events also paying your annual subs or outstanding fines like yellow and red cards.

Why the rise in annual subs ? our rent to the association has gone up by 7.5% this season taking it above £24,000 per annum . The reason is ground maintenance (looking after both hayes & Hawesdown) costs £71,000 per year (up from £60,000 last season due mainly to the extra cost of running Hawesdown), utilities has gone from £21,000 in 2021 to over £54,000 in 2025. So it is important you pay your annual subs on time as we look to break even. Its also important you support events not only so you meet players from other teams but also have some fun & hopefully we make a bit of money , which will hopefully keep your annual subs as low as possible Also find a code of conduct we expect all our member to follow. Please read them as this is the minimum we expect as a club. Here's to a great season , good luck & enjoy

Alex Forbes OWFC Assistant treasurer

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct

As a representative of the Old Wilsonians Football Club, I agree that;

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off the pitch.
- Report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Not to abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such.
- Adhere to the club's safeguarding policy, rules and regulations.
- Attend the match with correct kit, this includes black shorts and gold socks.
- Arrive on time. If for any reason I may be late, I will inform my captain as soon as possible.
- Respect the decisions made by my captain.
- Not drop out from the game at short notice. This is unfair to other players who may have been left out, so that I could play. If I have a valid reason, I will inform my captain. Failure to contact my captain will result in being reported to the disciplinary committee.

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

Selection, finances and expected conduct.

- I understand, if I have made myself available to play, I will be expected to represent any team within the Old Wilsonians football club, as per rule 11 of the OWFC rules.
- I will sign up to the FA Matchday app.
- I will pay my annual and weekly subs on time. If I am unable to do this, I will inform the club treasurer who may be able to assist.
- I will conduct myself in such a manner as not to bring the Old Wilsonians football club into disrepute.
- I will not be involved with/under the influence of any drugs or illegal substances whilst representing the football club, in line with the OWFC drugs policy.
- When playing at home, I will help when required to offer hospitality to the visiting teams and complete requested duties.
- I understand the expectation that I support the club with fundraising events and activities.
- I understand that I need to provide the club with any personal data required for registration and/or safeguarding purposes.
- I will refrain from any criminal activity. I will represent the club with integrity and honesty.

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

I understand: If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:

• Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.

• Be asked to apologize to whoever I have offended or abused.

• Be disciplined by my club via the disciplinary committee, including being substituted, dropped, given a formal warning, suspended from training or matches or a permanent suspension from the club. This will depend on the nature of the offence.

• Be disciplined by the County Football Association, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.

• Be handed a permanent exclusion by the FA or County Football Association if the offence is deemed serious enough. Declaration: I agree to abide by the conditions above and follow any guidance or policy as set out by Old Wilsonians football club, The AFA (County FA) or the Football Association.

Join the 100 club today . All funds are sloughed back into the club, so any support is appreciated. Also, if you are a gold member you get £50 back to spend across the club ie you could use it for annual subs
It's easy to enter follow the details below
There are 3 levels to the 100 club :-

If you pay one lump sum you get 2 months for free !

Gold £25 per month or one off £250 per year. For this u get £50 off annual subs or can be spent within the club on merchandising or events
Silver £10 per month or one off £100 per annum
Bronze £5 per month or one off £50
15 draws a year . one number across all 3 colours . Drawn monthly with one of the big 3 every 4 months

Prizes
Gold top prize 1 x £5000 , 2 x £2500 and 12 x £500
Silver top prize 1 x £2000, 2 x £1000 & 12 x £200
Bronze top price 1 x £1000, 2 x £500 & 12 x £100

We would love you to participate .Let me know what you have picked which colour works for you (if any) and I will let u know your lucky number - alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk
Bank details are :-
Either The Old Wilsonians' Association or OWA
Sort code - 20-05-57
Account number.- 00015431

Men Of The Hill

Its good to talk. Its ok, not to be ok.

Several Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times.

Talking about how we feel is something we all find hard to do whether you are a Man or a Woman.

About

This group has been set up to help anyone connected to the Wilsonian Sports club, whether they be friends of friends or family members.

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

To access the group search on Facebook or Click Here.

Not So Old Boys

Kicking taboo out of the game

After meeting through football and becoming a close knit group of friends.

They decided to launch a podcast to discuss taboo topics and just let the world know what it's like to play on Saturday football.

Follow the adventures of the Old Wilsonians Football Club through this Podcast and on Instagram.



Available on popular streaming platforms

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers for the weekend of 10th January 2026.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Actonians	2-2	G Jeevan, S Wright
OWFC 2Xi	Old Ignatians	0-1	
OWFC 3Xi	Actonians	1-1	Austin
OWFC 4Xi	Brent	2-3	J Graydon, T Duffy,
OWFC 5Xi	Wandsworth	3-4	A Mountain, M Mountain, Holmes
OWFC 6Xi	Actonians	3-3 (lost on pens)	James K, Darin, Stridey
OWFC 7Xi	Merton	2-3	Jack Curtis, Ryan Russell
OWFC Vets	BPR	2-2	Bonsels, Mandeville
OWFC SuperVets	No Game	n/a	

OWFC 1st XI v Actonians Association (10/01/26) (2-2 D)

The 1s boys were back with a top of the table clash for the first game of the New Year, after a hiatus of 5 weeks since their last competitive game. The changing rooms were bouncing, with Steadford particularly so; stretching his resistance band to its absolute limit, and trying to run the team talk with a tactics board fit for Ben Stokes' Ashes XI!
Pitchside, the boys were up & at it. Barely a minute played and Beatson found Jeevan striding into the box, who wasn't able to bring it down to get a strike on goal - Actonians warned. Minutes later, Jeevan was found again, this time from the head of Farmer. Jeevan collected nicely this time, and threaded his effort into the far corner - the OWs sideline celebrating as soon as the strike left his foot: 1-0 to the good guys.

With that, the 1s buzzed - Beatson crunching the midfield, James winning anything coming towards our half, Farmer & Wright pressing the self-called "A's" defense high, it was a great start. Before long, the home boys had a second. This time Beatson battling with the A's #1, who could only parry for Wright to vollay into the corner from 8 yards - ave summa dat. Not long after, a smart reverse ball from J Eves found Wright again just inside the box, whose left-foot finish coolly found the far corner - only to be flagged offside by the ref.

Aside from the goals, all memorable chances were firing towards the Actonians net. Farmer played through on goal which drew a smart save. Steadford's effort from range fired wide, and James rose highest from a corner but couldn't keep his header on target. The best two chances fell to J Eves, on the end of a couple of special deliveries from Jeeves burgers - Eves first guiding over the bar, then firing off the post from just yards out!

2-0 at HT, and we were in a great spot, looking threatening up top & comfortable at the other. Even so, we knew we needed a third to put the game to bed. The 1s rang the changes at HT, as did the A's for round 2. Despite a strong start, the 1s were pushed back, with the oppo picking up more of the second-balls from some long-ball play. They'd soon pulled it back to 2-1, with a cross clipping the bar, only to be fired home by the Actonians winger. Their second came soon after, with OWs unable to clear our lines in the box, and Actonians were able to bundle it home. A momentum swing and with 15 mins to play it was all up for grabs.

The 1s bounced back, taking control of the game and created more chances. Jeevan's header from close range found the net, only for the ref to rule out the second of the game. The best chance of the game came with minutes to play. Wright skipped past the A's defense on the byline, picking out the man you'd put your house on. Jeevan, open goal, yards out, Fortress end, Peckover teetering - but it wasn't to be. The ball stuck under Jeeves' boot, dribbled to the keeper; and soon sounded the final whistle.

Though the moral victory for Actonians, and OWs feeling 2 points dropped; it was a great return to league football, and a helluva game. Great to be back at Hayes, with both regular and irregular fans out inforce. The Nguyen's sporting a particularly chirpy fan-base, which sparked much post-game intrigue. Still top of the league, we go again at home to Ignatian next week where we'll celebrate 3 points, warmer showers and Coops' 32nd birthday for all those whole celebrate - UT1s.

Squad: W Humphreys, N Cooper, S James, N Eves, P Kirby, O Beatson, K Steadford, G Jeevan, J Eves, S Wright, T Farmer, H Nguyen, S Forbes, H Earing

Goalscorers: G Jeevan, S Wright
Assists: T Farmer, O Beatson

Match Report 10/01/2026: Old Ignatians 1-0 OWFC 2s

On a crisp Saturday morning, the boys had the delight of travelling across the entirety of London for a cup quarter final. Although, not all seemed entirely up for the occasion as Clutterbuck was quick to announce how hungover he was upon greeting the boys on the train, what a legend! Nonetheless, we arrived in Enfield with hopes to seal a place in the semi finals.

The game started in fast fashion with the referee continuing the Christmas spirit, gifting Old Wils a penalty after a dangling Amrane leg was swiped by the opposition goalkeeper. Penalty, second minute of a cup quarter final, what could go wrong? An unnamed, mysterious player with bright pink boots and a headband stepped up & sent the ball sailing over the bar, landing back in Bromley. The next period of the game was a scrappy contest, perhaps the Old Wils' boys spirits had been slightly hampered by the missed penalty, as the opposition began to grow into the game, winning second balls and progressing up the field. Fitzgerald and Clutterbuck were kept busy clearing the ball frequently with their heads, mustn't have helped the hangover. Half way through the first half unfortunately, the opposition scored the only goal of the game after a throw was flicked on into the path of the same aforementioned unnamed player's man whose effort off his shin looped over Tumkaya's head into the back of the net.

Not much to report from the rest of the half apart from the away side growing in confidence, carving out a few half chances thanks to the work of O'Sullivan and co. Old Wils certainly began to dominate and settled down in the cup affair, with the boys finally managing to string some passes together. 1-0 down at the break but there were positive signs that a second half turnaround was on the cards.

A similar trend continued in the second half with Old Wils possession and the boys finding themselves in some promising positions, especially down the flanks. However, this was to no avail as chances were not converted despite the away side being camped in the opposition's half. To make frustration worse, the midfield players on either side not only saw themselves stuck in an absolute bog of a pitch, but they also had to endure Catton's running commentary, with his opposite man begging him to improve his chat after 60 minutes of being stuck next to him. Another constant of the second half was the opposition manager turned voluntary lino screaming that every Old Wils attack was offside or that our centre halves had their arms all over their strikers. Maybe Clutterbuck couldn't keep his hands off as he was keen to replicate the Dirty Dancing lift he executed perfectly with his girlfriend the night before, less Patrick Swayze, more Patrick Bateman.

As the game continued to progress, Amrane and Binstead both found themselves with opportunities but were unlucky not to get on the scoresheet. Then all of a sudden, the ball came rolling out to Mansfield enticingly 30 yards out, when he unleashed a venomous strike that flew over the bar landing in the nearby Tottenham Hotspur stadium. Despite the constant pressure from Old Wils, we did our best Tottenham Hotspur impression as our woes in front of goal continued being unable to capitalise on countless set pieces and scrambles in front of goal. Unfortunately, the home side just about managed to survive the onslaught and keep a clean sheet, something which Tumkaya could only dream of.

A courageous and positive performance from Old Wils was not rewarded with progression into the next round as we were sent home across the capital after losing 1-0. A tough loss to take given the circumstances and the domination, however plenty to build on.

OW 3s vs Acton 4s

The first game of the new year saw the 3s play host to Actonians 4s , with the 3s eager to extend their unbeaten run following their mid season promotion.

A strong 3s team took to the muddy hawes down pitches bolstered with the return of captain max who had got over his dodgy knee. The Canadian stevie wonder (the ref) blow his whistle and the game was live. The first half was rather scrappy with chances limited for both teams. This all to the displeasure of the referee who had already began doing everything in his power to help Acton find an opening goal. Missing several obvious fouls on both Dan Whetton and Jack burns. However at the end of the half the game was still 0-0.

The 3s came into half time frustrated knowing that more needed to be done if they wanted to walk away with the 3 points at the end of the game. A strong team talk in which Ati was labelled as being the smallest in the team no offence saw the 3s return for the second half eager to step up and go onto win the game.

The second half started very much in the 3s favour which saw the 3s begin to control much of the game and create chances in the search for an opener. Dan Whetton would eventually find himself through on goal before getting cleaned out by 2 of the Acton defenders. A clear pen to everyone except the Acton goal keeper who had felt that Whetton had dived letting him know his thoughts through a head but to the 3s forwards head. However somehow just like the obvious pen the ref chose to miss this and play continued with an Acton goal kick. As the game edged closer to full time, Austin picked up the ball on the edge of the box. Surrounded by two defenders he got the ball out of his feet and lobbed the keeper. An absolutely worldie and put the 3s 1 up going into the 90. The chances would keep coming for the 3s with Whetton breaking in the final few minutes of the game. Instead of being safe and take it into the corner the forward decided to shoot straight at the goal keeper. Luckily it fell straight to Louie who should've just hit it. Tho unfortunately he's allergic to shooting and decided to square it Matt, who unfortunately missed it , even tho he had most of the goal to aim at. This should've been the end of the game with the 3s 5 minutes into extra time however the ref didn't blow, clearly wanting Acton to grab a late equaliser. And with the refs clock nearing 100 minutes Acton would do just that. As a long ball forward was meet with a lob from the Acton forward , lobbing gk Ian and making the game 1-1. With that the ref blow his whistle and the game finished 1-1. This much to the fury of the 3s players angered by the poor referring from the ref.

All in all a frustrating game with one of the worst refs I have ever had , but a draw that keeps the unbeaten streak alive.

MOTM Ati and Max

DOTD Whetton and Matt tho probably should've been the ref.

UT3s.

OWFC 4XI v Brent 2XI

The would it wouldn't it game of the year. All the signs during the week pointed to a certain cancellation, so imagine the surprise when the 11 brave soldiers found out it was on and they were travelling to Brentford.

After a near 70 mile drive right round the scenic M25 east to west, I arrived to find a "clubhouse" that looked more like a crack den but without the charm of any addicted punters. The pitches surprisingly seemed okay.

A bare bones 11 with an injured *E.Tiffin* (who should not have been playing) required a formation most of us have not played. The Amorim special 3-4-3. The game started and continued to the final whistle in a chaotic, end to end basketball style match, you've got to feel for the two CMs *T. Duffy* and *S. Margetts*.

We managed to get ourselves 0-1 up with a great run and finish from *J.Graydon*. A torrent of free kicks just outside our box was the reward for going 1-0, it was only a matter of time before one was converted. Frustratingly it came from an *S.Peares* clearance that ricocheted off an opposition player and trickled into the far corner. 1-1.

Clearly dismayed from accidentally providing the opposition a goal *S.Peares* decided to purposefully provide the opposition a goal. A complete lack of judgement saw a simple clipped ball to *S.Gordon* on the right instead find itself at the feet of the waiting striker. 2-1.

A galvanising team talk at half time and the boys came out ready to get back into the game. A free kick just outside the box, whipped in, a header finding itself in the far corner and it was 2-2. Or was it? The ref seemed to think firstly *E.Tiffin* touched it (he didn't) and that he was offside (he wasn't), this was the start of a young ref succumbing to the pressure of a Division 9 SAL league game, I'm sure he's channeling his inner David Coote right now "he is a c*nt". 2-1.

Another foul at the edge of the box, this time for us, oh go on then. An indirect freekick and a little lay off to *T.Duffy* and it's buried, 2-2. I'm sure the ref tried to think up an excuse to rule that one out.

A game that had been littered with fouls and potential yellows it seemed only fitting there would be a red card shout. It's that man again *E.Tiffin*, who finally found out that words have consequences. Namely a hand in the face and a few fingers in and around the mouth area. Straight red for the opposition player. Job done, congratulations, what a sad little life Tiffin. If only he'd stopped there, if only the ball hadn't fallen at his feet, if only Martinelli hadn't given him the idea. Our El Capitan, what have you done. A thunderous, full powered cannon throw strikes the crest fallen recently dismissed opposition player, "he could have killed the lad" cries Sir Alex Ferguson from just outside of Darren Fletchers ear. A second yellow and it's 10 v 10.

The lack of subs and the quantity of mince pies starting to really show now with about 20 minutes to go. Players cramping all over the place. And then i happened, a lung busting run from *J.Graydon* was too much for his hamstring and he hits the deck. Unable to play on we're down to 9 with about 10 minutes to go. As a team we held on for dear life and even found ourselves with a few opportunities to snatch the game. The ref wasn't done with us though, he saw an opportunity to fuck us over one more time and gleefully took it. A ball crossed in to the box strikes *S.Davies-Winifred* on his humongous Pectoralis Major with his arms safely tucked within the envelope of his own body, thus a natural position. The ref points for a penalty and does his best T-Rex impression to indicate where the handball occurred, we feel the refs might need to brush up on the ever changing handball law because he's indicated a handball in a position a handball no longer counts. A tsunami of incredulity barrels down on the ref but he remains firm in his decision (admirable I guess). The new tactic of the obvious penalty taker standing back and waiting to step up to the plate ensued, mind games. Our ow *G.King* had his own mind games though and decided to stand on the 6 yard line and wait to be told it was the wrong line, strong. And it worked, the player blazed over the bar, we were vindicated.

A draw seemed inevitable, but for our pesky friend the foul just outside the box. Final seconds of the game and a ball is curled into the box where an unmarked player sneaks a head on to it and it nestles in the corner. 3-2. Game over.

A game that could've gone either way and a strong sense that if we'd had subs we would've won the game. The right attitude was shown by every playe and using this as a foundation we will push on and get back to winning ways.
Some notable performances to highlight; *H.Taylor* - playing out of position at LWB and looking very comfortable.
A.Dada - putting in a tireless shift and looking threatening every time the ball came his way, another day and he's putting a few in the back of the net.
S.Benwell - leading the line and the press, tracking back for 90 minutes and being an ever present defensive colossus whenever the oppo had a free kick or corner (which was VERY often)

MoM - T.Duffy
Self proclaimed DoD - S.Peares

OWFC 7th XI v Merton, 2-3

Over the years at Merton, we've dished out – and been on the receiving end – of some cricket scores, with close games a rarity. What awaited the 7s on the boggy pitches of Joseph Hood Rec? A mostly youthful starting line-up began the game brightly, taking the lead through a powerful shot by Jack Curtis after some excellent build-up play. Clearly the better team at this stage, we felt confident we would add more to our tally. However, our vulnerability at corners was exposed when a loose ball was fired into the roof of our net. We battled on, and came extremely close to taking the lead late on in the half, when it was harder to miss. Merton took the lead early in the second half but we didn't give up, and equalised with an excellent strike from Ryan Russell. With the game finely balanced, we fancied our chances and never played for the draw, but we were undone late on when the Merton winger scored from a tight angle with almost the last kick of the game. A sickener, but a great performance which bodes well for the rest of the season.

Al Forbes, Roddy Trompiz, Ash Phakey, Bruce Stringer, Casey Munyakazi, Jack Larkman, Ryan Russell, Jack Curtis, Matt Magee, Matt Fryer, Josh Kotun, Bruce Graham, Ed Adams

OWFC Vets 2 BRP 2

The vets made the short trip to Dulwich with a strong squad to play against BPR in a top of the table clash.

The ref turned up 10 minutes late and Simmo wasn't too far behind him which was uncharacteristic like.

The vets started brightly forcing a couple of good saves from the keeper aswell as hitting the post twice and their dominance was rewarded on 10 minutes as a FK was floated into the back post which was cushioned across goal by debutant Dan Sellman who still fits into his 1st XI training kit to Gary BONSELS to control and tap into an empty net from 5 yards out.

The fast and positive start forced BPR into a higher tempo and they started to push the ball wide to their skilful winger but he was marshalled well by Paul Smith who only managed to call James Paton Stu Paton three times which is an improvement on previous weeks. A couple of half chances were nullified by the back four and where the occasional shot squeezed through it was met by Pembers who commanded his goal well. The midfield trio of Free, Simmo and Serf were battling hard and the latter was linking up well with Weber down the left hand side but just before the half hour mark the CF who was standing in an offside position reacted first to a rebound to make it 1-1. HT

The vets started the second half similar to how they started the first, on the front foot and creating chances. The first chance fell to Sellman who had two bites at the cherry, the second from 3 yards out but somehow the keeper made an unbelievable save to force a corner. The resulting corner saw another great save from the keeper after Bonsels second attempt at an overhead kick whilst 2cm off the ground was saved - impressive athleticism I must say. Again BPR started to come into the game and were dominating possession without creating any meaningful attempts on goal. In just his second appearance, James MANDEVILLE scored a corker from 25 yards out on his weaker left foot to put the vets 2-1 up. Just 5 minutes later it was 2-2 after a long ball made its way through to a BPR attacker although a superb tackle from Smith was penalised by the referee a few yards outside the box. The FK beat the wall and snuck in at the near post. Soon after BPR thought they took the lead but the ref pulled play back after the ball was deemed to be out for a GK. Controversial but Smart thought otherwise. Fox who was nursing a bad back but battled on had a one on one saved after being put through and Paton had a great chance to win it near the end from a Simmo corner but couldn't quite get enough contact. 2-2 FT and on the balance of play it was probably a fair result although the BPR keeper was definitely the busiest of the two sides.

Pembers, Smith, Paton, Smart, Pillai, Free, Serff, Simmons, Sellman, Bonsels, Weber-McCartney. Subs - Mandeville, McLeish, Fox

MOM - Smith

Richmond and Kew 3 Vets 7

We struggled to get a team together for this fixture, but thanks to Mark Pemberton and Gabriel Cozma stepping in at the last minute, we managed to scrape together eleven players. Things got worse early on when Jamie Parkinson picked up a rib injury, with no subs he battled on like the warrior he is.
Despite the shaky start, OWFC Vets showed resilience and attacking flair to secure a memorable 7–3 victory. The first half began brightly as Cozma opened the scoring after a neat assist from James Paton after a corner. Kenners then struck twice, first finishing off an excellent assist from Jamie Parkinson and then tapping in from close range. Kew responded strongly, scoring twice before halftime to make it 3–2. Half time couldnt have come quick enough and the vets were able to have rest and reasses.
The second half was all about Kenners, who delivered a masterclass in finishing. His third goal came from a clever through ball by Howe, which he side-footed into the bottom right corner. Moments later, Foxy provided an assist for Kenners to fire a stunning first-time strike from outside the box, in off the bottom right post. Kew managed to get one back but Kenners completed his five-goal haul with a cool finish on the breakaway, slotting past the keeper. Foxy then rounded things off with a confidently taken penalty.
There were plenty of highlights beyond the goals. Kenners was unstoppable, scoring five times and proving why he's the team's talisman. Gabs got us off the mark with a debut goal, while Foxy contributed with an assist and a penalty. Howe's vision for the fourth goal was superb. And of course, Jamie's Cruyff turn—described as "simply magnificent"—was the moment everyone talked about. Strong performances by all with Gabriel having a great debut, Mal Smart and Paul Smith gave really strong performances and Jon Howe had his best game of the season. However, mom had to go to Kenners. Who said vets need subs!

Mark Pemberton, Gabriel Cozma, James Paton, Paul Smith, Mal Smart, Jamie Parkinson, Andy Free, Gary Bonsels, Chris Kennedy, Jon Howe, Andy Fox

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 17th January 2026 throughout the club (Week 15)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Ignations	SAL	Home
OWFC 2Xi	Economicals	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Witan	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Tenisons	SALC	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Alleyns	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	No Game	SAL	Home
OWFC 7Xi	South Bank	SAL	Away
OWFC Vets	Parklife	SAL	Home
OWFC SuperVets	No Game	n/a	n/a

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , January 13th/14th 2001				
1st XI	1	Old Aloysians	2	Smart.R
Old St Marys	2	2nd XI	3	Coomansingh 2, Sherwin
Clapham Old Xvarians	0	3rd XI	3	Parkinson.J, Kerr, Quinton
4th XI	2	Old Sinjuns	0	Taylor.P , Jerome.S
5th XI	0	Glyn Old Boys	3	
Chertsey Old Salesians	2	6th XI	4	Chinnery, Dry, Kirkham, Girling
7th XI	2	Old Aloysians	8	Hodgess, Ward
Nottingham Forest	0	Palace	3	Forsell 2, Freedman



4TH XI CONTINUE WINNING RUN 4th XI 2 Old Sinjuns 0

The cold win that blows across Sparrows Den's uneven and badly maintained pitches could not put the 4th XI off their game against Sinjuns, nor could the fact that, for most of the game, the opposition were more interested in kicking their opponents than the ball!

For the last few games the 4s have had a settled side which has meant that there is an understanding between and belief within the team that every game is there for the taking. The defence is marshalled astutely by Alex Forbes and Andy Udale, both having excellent seasons. Their reading of the game, and wholeheated approach, has rubbed off on the team, who have not conceded a goal for the last three league games.

A special mention, too, for Andrew Parkinson in goal (the school's goal-keeper) who made some magnificent saves in this game and whose presence in the area is reassuring to the men around him. To know that a good 'keeper is behind you allows the defence to play with a certain amount of confidence.

The 4th XI started slowly and allowed Sinjuns to play for long periods in our half, but we managed to get to half-time without conceding a goal and, as the game progressed, were beginning to carve out real chances for themselves and, with five minutes to go until the interval, a swift attack, involving Dave Scorer and Steve Jerome, who crossed, saw **PETER TAYLOR** bundle the ball home.

During the first half the opposition had made a series of late and cynical challenges, which went unpunished. Unperturbed, and with the setting Winter sun favoring the 4s in the second half, the game became much more even and, as the match continued, and a better shape was maintained, a lot of the game was played in Sinjuns' half.

The midfield was led creatively by Russell McBride, encouraging width, and a series of swifter attacking moves led to more chances. The set pieces from corners were causing their defence a lot of problems and it was from one such corner that **STEVE JEROME** scored midway through the second half.

Sinjuns then took it upon themselves to make a series of nasty two-footed challenges on anyone in an orange and black shirt, the challenge on Russell McBride being particularly nasty, but the referee, yet again, did nothing. Instead of looking for retribution the 4th XI continued to play football and went close to increasing their lead on a couple of occasioins.

Gareth Perry had a fine game and when Damon Reilly came on for Steve Jerome, he played up front with skill and vigour. David Scorer, also playing up-front, was a constant threat, with thoughtful passes and clever touches. A good game to win, so Mickey Hughes's boys continue their quest for the league title.

Adam Curtris

Parkinson (Andrew) Hughes.M Udale Forbers.A McBride.S McBride.R Taylor.P Curtis Perry Scorer Jerome (Reilly)

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, January 10th 1976				
1st XI	7	The School 1st XI	0	Cowell.C 3, Carpenter, Hands, Pilgrim.M Hannifan
Witan	2	3rd XI	3	Scorers not reported
Old Bromleians	1	4th XI	6	Cowell.J 3, Austin, Clasper 'Geordie' Johnson
5th XI	1	The School 2nd XI	2	Adams.D
Old Plaistovians	2	6th XI	0	
7th XI	0	The School 3rd XI	6	
Colchester	0	Palace	3	Taylor, Swindlehurst, Whittle



SUPERIOR HEADING ABILITY PR0VES CRUCIAL 1st XI 7 The School 0

This game began evenly with the 1st XI kicking against the strong wind and, after 30 minutes, the Old Boys began to get on top and only several excellent saves by their 'keeper kept the scores level.

The first goal came when said 'keeper dropped a corner and **ALAN CARPENTER** tapped the ball into the net and, soon after this, a cross from the left was turned in by **GLEN HANDS** at the near post. When the half-time whistle came, the school were still in the game and turned round with the wind at their backs.

For the first five minutes of the second half the school applied pressure, but **CHRIS COWELL** broke away and, after a good run, managed to 'fluke' the ball over the 'keeper into the top corner of the net. This was a bad blow for the school and they began to get disheartened and the 1st XI began to take control of the game and scored four more goals, two from **CHRIS COWELL** and one each from **MICK PILGRIM and PAUL HANNIFAN,** and the game finished with the 1st XI being worthy winners.

The score flatters the Old Boys as the school played some good football, particularly Phil Brady, and were unlucky not to score, and I thought the difference between the two teams was the superior heading ability of the stronger Old Boys side.

John Matthews

Hall Adams.T Carpenter Pilgrim.M Robinson (John)Matthews Morley Pugh Hands Hannifan Cowell.C

THE SCHOOL SEEK OUT, AND EXPLOIT, OUR WEAKNESSES 5th XI 1 The School 2nd XI 2

The school 2nd XI gave a good display but were helped by a rather inept performance by the 5th XI. Although the conditions were difficult, players were holding on to the ball and running into trouble. On several occasions we tried to shoot from impossible angles instead of passing back to a better placed colleague, and when we did manage to get through the school's defence, our shooting was off target.

Anyway, we can only learn from our mistakes and all credit to the school for holding on to their lead. I was particularly impressed by their centre-half and left-back, whilst **Ray Bye** took both of his goals well. **DENIS ADAMS** got our goal; a fine individual effort.

John Brittain

Adams.G Stopes Rayworth Stewart McAlister R.E Howell Brittain Portman Wood Adams.D Miles

4th XI: Reeves Tyson Houghton Murphy Favell Alford Jenkins Cowell.J Clasper Austin 'Geordie' Johnson

SECS GOSSIP

Congratulations to the 4th XI who, following their win against Bromleians, now got into the quarter-finals of the AFA Novits Cup, where they will play Easthamians, the Civil Service or Parkfield, whilst the 3rd XI have gone one better and play Alleyns in the semi-final of the Old Boys Cup on January 31st

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