Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 9th November 2024

Dates for the Diary

- VP Day (celebrating all OWFC players with over 250 appearances), Saturday 9th November 2024
- OWFC Christmas Party, Crown & Pepper, Croydon, Friday 20th December 2024

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago)
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- OWFC Code of Conduct and Annual Subs Update
- Team of the Week
- Fixtures for next weekend
- OWFC Togger (Contact Roddy Trompiz, OWFCtogger@outlook.com)


OLD WILSONIAN'S
FOOTBALL TRAINING
Every Monday
Fom
SEPTEMBER
2ND, 2024
Match Time
FROM 19:45
Training Location
COLOMA SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME
We resume training on Monday, September 2nd at 19:45pm.
Coloma School Upper Shirley Rd, Croydon, London, CR9 5AS
Training led by a UEFA B License Coach
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AT WWW.OLDWILSONIANS.COM

** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 9th November 2024 **

1. Jake Martins (4th XI)
2. Cejay Watson (4th XI)
3. Kris Page (2nd XI)
4. George Gill (7th Xi)
5. Terell Wells (3rd XI)
6. Callum Hazell (6th XI)
7. Nathan Tambini (3rd XI)
8. Danny Holmes (5th XI)
9. Chris Kennedy (5th XI)
10. Nils Bogaard (2nd XI)
11. Dan Harris (SuperVets)

OWFC Business Code of Conduct / Annual Subs

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

We have raised 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 . junior members paying annual subs to the junior section. & schoolboys pay no annual subs but £5 weekly subs. Vets due to the number of games pay annual subs , Supervets £20 per game . 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 30thSeptember 2024 . 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 £3,500 to £22,500 per annum . The reason is ground maintenance (looking after both hayes & hawesdown) costs £60,000 per year , utilities has gone from £21,000 in 2021 to over £50,000 in 2024. 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.

Heres 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.

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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 apologise 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.

Name:
Date of Birth:
E-mail address:
Phone number:
Address:

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 2nd November 2024.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Parmetarians	0-1	
OWFC 2Xi	HSBC	9-2	Quashie, Bogaard 2, Earing, Campbell, Shelton, Page, Buddle-Smith, Kenyon
OWFC 3Xi	Carshalton	2-4	Terell Wells 2, Tambini, Marcus Jones
OWFC 4Xi	Actonians	4-3	Bridges 2, Orchard, Watson
OWFC 5Xi	Meadonians	4-2	Chris Kennedy 3, Gilbert
OWFC 6Xi	Ibis Eagles	4-1	
OWFC 7Xi	South Bank	4-2	Dada 2, Gill, Atti
OWFC Vets	No Game	n/a	n/a
OWFC SuperVets	Southern Railway	2-2	Steve Benson, Gary Bonsels

OWFC 1st XI match report from Saturdqy 26th October 2024:

A surprisingly warm October Saturday held a variety of journeys for the Old Wilsonian's as they travelled to Bromleians FC for the first round of the AFA Cup. Sam James' 57 second walk to the ground a far cry from the likes of PK and his 67 minute cycle. The game that followed is one for the history books, with discipline hard to maintain and the Wilsonian's passion breeding near-equal parts frustration and elation.

Old Wilsonians got off to a storming start. A smooth passage of play in the centre was played into Ol Sitch's feet where a first-time whip out to Monty on the wing allowed him to beat the left back and thunder a strike into the net. Bromleians had barely warmed up and they'd paid heavily for it.

The game opened up after this, with end to end chances but a lack of polish in the final thirds meant Wilson's remained 1-0 up at the break. Passions bubbled over during the half-time team talk. Bromleians were a well drilled outfit, stray passes from the boys felt extra dangerous and differences in opinion meant that the team went out into the second half amped up.

The second half was a scrappy affair, the referee free-flowing with the warnings as well as yellow cards. Few were left without some form of run-in with him as Bromleians and WIlsonians both fought for the win in normal time. An early mistake from a corner levelled the score and it looked to be whoever made the first mistake would be out. Luckily for us we had the centre-back partnership of Neves and Sam James playing near perfectly, keeping the score at 1-1 until the final whistle. As the whistle signalled extra time, Sitch lamented his two bookings, one for diving in front of the keeper and the second for the pub at 6pm he'd arranged for his birthday.

The next 30 minutes was the most heart and passion the 1s have mustered this season so far. The ball was being masterfully popped around, with everyone on the pitch turning up a gear.

Monty, who'd been peppering balls into the box all game, was finally rewarded as Ol Sitch managed to meet one and direct it perfectly at the defenders leg for them to tap it in.

By now, Wilsonians were firing on all cylinders and Leo Messi, spying the tiring right back, lived up to his name and darted into the box drawing a foul. Gowtham Jeevan, continuing his form of barely making a move wrong all day, stepped up to the spot and slotted the penalty home. So perfect that it barely made a sound as it hit the net. 3-1

Celebrations were dampened slightly as Bromleians almost immediately fired back, a lucky break on the left side allowing Ingamells to be lobbed once more this season. 3-2 and the game was far from dead.

Still going for broke, Steadmans calm domination in the centre allowed the ball to bounce out to the wing where a Will Stan half volley cross sailed to the back post. Who was there to meet it but the Flying Fox himself, Ollie Sitch, thundering a flying header past the keeper. 4-2 and surely Wilson's were out of the woods.

Never one to make it easy for ourselves, Wilson's treated the neutrals in the final 5. Gowtham, after the thrill of scoring his own penalty, thought it was Bromley's turn for a go and a low, dubious handball shout lead to a conversion for their striker. 4-3

A suspect 3 minutes (20%) of added extra time heightened the nerves on and off the pitch but Wilson's stayed strong, heavy shouts of relief and passion at the final whistle as we secured the win at the end of a whirlwind game and into the 2nd round of the AFA cup. Score 1-1, 4-3 AET

Motm - N Eves

Squad: H Ingamells, J Eves, S James, N Eves, N Cooper, C Sutherlan, G Jeevan, S Wright, O Sitch, M Henry, L Onye, P Kirby, K Steadford, W Stanley

Goals: O Sitch (2), M Henry, G Jeevan

Old Wilsonians 2s 9-2 HSBC 2s

After good performances all season, but without the wins to show for it, OW's faced HSBC for a second time this season. A 2-2 draw in the previous fixture showed that this would be a tough game for the 2s, however with the amount of quality we know we have, getting into the next round of the cup was a must. Starting the game strongly, Marley found the back of the net after receiving a great cross across the box from Josh on the right-hand side. Shortly after, Nils pressed the goalkeeper after a loose touch, successfully winning the ball and calmly slotting it into an empty net, extending our lead to 2-0. However, against the run of play, the opposition managed to pull one back from a corner, momentarily stalling our momentum. Yet, the team quickly regained control with Ben and Harry scoring in quick succession just before half-time, taking us into the break with a commanding 4-1 advantage. The second half saw Old Wils maintain their pressure and rhythm. Daniel, Shelts, and Josh each added to the scoreline, alongside Kris and Nils who both scored goal of the season contenders with a chip over the keeper and a shot that nearly took the roof off the net, cementing the win. HSBC were shut out by the OW's solid defence throughout the second half, with their most notable chance being a poor freekick which went straight at Kaya who made an over-exaggerated save. Pushing forward for more goals, OW's did manage to get caught on the counter attack late on, meaning that the game ended up finishing 9-2. This was a well deserved win for the 2s, hopefully pushing us on for the league game next week. Onto the next round of the cup🏆

Saturday 26th October.

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Marcus, the star of the show, netted a hat-trick, demonstrating his clinical finishing ability. His first goal, a well-placed header, from a great corner set the tone for the match. The second was a lovely chip, leaving the goalkeeper helpless. And finally his third, best till last, a great run from within his own half sprinting past 3 defenders to send a left footed rocket flying past the keepers inside.

T also grabbed a brace, contributing to the team's impressive goal tally. T's first came from great pressure onto WW's backline causing them problems which T quickly pounced on and netted the first of the game. T later went on to grab his second of the game with a well composed finish flying past the keeper.

Despite conceding two goals, the defensive line was very solid all game with our keeper not being troubled too much. The backline, led by Sam and Harry made sure the lead was protected at all times.

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MOTM: James Penn
Match Report: Ellis Berkhauer.

Carshalton 2nd vs Old Wilsonian 3's, Saturday 2nd November 2024

SALC Cup

Carshalton has never been a successful place for the OW's 3s to travel to. But with vengeance and club honour the name of the game this week, the boys were well up for it. We arrived to a parking shambles, all part of the mind games from the home team, but like a good game of Tetris we found our spots and slotted in nicely before taking our place in the dim dungeon of a changing room.

A short but passionate pre game team talk was all the boys needed to get out there prepared and hungry.

The game started with some nerves from the away side and some loose touches which Carshalton greedily took advantage of. Having cleared their lines for a throw, the OW's thought they done their job. A pin point cannon of a throw (Tom Tonks esc, classic small town mentality legend) landed right on top of G. King in between the sticks and a flick on made it 1-0 to Carshalton. Set piece coaches really are all the rage these days.

The boys weren't deterred though and continued to play the way C. Jennings and S.Peares had instructed in the new 4-3-3 formation. With some steady possession and some good breaks and passages of play, we found ourselves in a good position up the end of the pitch and received our first free kick of the game. T. Duffy stepped up and floated in a teasing ball over the back line to Tambini who rifled it home, a slight deflection on the way through taking the assist off of T. Duffy.

An unfortunate injury from G. King in goal meant our marauding RB R. Sweeney had to don the gloves and get between the sticks. Not before a grumble of what about the ex HSBC XI keeper.

The second half started with the score 1-1 but the ascendency firmly in the OW's favour. Some controlling midfield play from J. Wiltshire, T. Duffy and E. Berkshire saw the team create ample opportunities through the pitch, it was only a matter of time before we took the lead. A smart quick T. Duffy corner to M. Jones caught Carshalton unaware and a rifling whipped shot into the back of the net saw it 1-2 to the OW's.

The game continued in this dominant fashion for the majority of the second half, with plenty of opportunities going the way of T. Wells, S. Benwell and M. Jones. But it took a mad 5 minutes of play on the hour mark though to make the break through again, which saw a quick 2 goals by T. Wells both of which assisted by M. Jones and the game felt out of sight.

Carshalton 2nd vs Old Wilsonian 3's continued

SALC Cup

1-4 and what we really needed was our CB for the day and captain H. Taylor to remain on the pitch, but some tactical nous from C. Jennings and S. Peares saw the bigger picture and a long season ahead, it wasn't worth risking the player who was carrying a knock. Off he came and L. Hazell slotted into CB with J. Penn doing a shift at LB. With a make shift back line, including keeper, it felt like a nervy final 15 minutes, compounded by a second from Carshalton after a "sportsmanlike" call from S. Benwell.

2-4 and nervy times. Not for R. Sweeney, the tactical time management maestro. The game slowed and control regained, the boys saw it out for a resounding win. An avoidance of the club house saw us debriefing in the local, and it was decided no one deserved DoD after that performance (although R. Benson came close for taking the armband off of S. Gordon, "1 win and no defeats as captain").

Despite some cheeky under hand tactics from the score submission, we did in fact come out victorious with a 2-4 win. The cup run train continues, how about a league win soon?

MoM: TERELL
DoD: NA
MATCH REPORT: S. PEARES

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MATCH REPORT by Diyath
OWFC 5XI *4* V *2* OLD MEADS
OLD BOYS CUP
2ND NOVEMBER

After a difficult game against Carshalton last week, in which the 5s showed impressive resilience and character, the team was ready for a tough cup game against Old Meads who proved to be a good side in a 1-1 draw earlier in the season.

In Benson's absence, Kieran led the warm-up, and everyone was fired up and ready to go. The 5s welcomed back COUGHLAN and the MARGETTS for this fixture as they controlled the tempo for the first 5 minutes, and OW looked to be on top. However, completely against the run of play, Old Meads managed to work their way through our defence and their striker slotted the ball away with a confident finish, nothing SAGGAR could do to prevent it from going in. This seemed to be the wakeup call we needed as we then proceeded to up the tempo and replied almost immediately as SPENCER put KENNEDY through on goal and he swept it past the keeper to continue his hot goalscoring form. Minutes later, BILLINGS won the ball deep in the OW half and sent it out to the right-hand side. FAIRHURST found the ball at his feet and floated the ball over the top for KENNEDY to latch onto and score his second goal of the game as he smashed it into the side of the net. The 5s had well and truly turned it around and were all playing with confidence. The game seemed to be slipping away from Old Meads as half-time approached.

After a quick talk at half time, the 5s were back out onto the pitch and eager to get the second half under way. The second half started the same way the first half ended (with OW on top). HOLMES and MARGETTS were both marshalling the midfield, and SPENCER and KENNEDY were providing an ever-present threat to the Old Meads backline. A third goal was bound to come. Around the 50th minute, DYKI found himself up front and played a brilliant ball to JAMES GILBERT, who calmly passed the ball into the back of the net to further separate the two sides. Old Meads had no response to the pressure that the 5s were applying and had soon conceded a corner. Whilst they were organising themselves, DYKI quickly took the corner to KENNEDY at the edge of the box, who shot first time into the top corner of the goal to secure his second hattrick of the season for the 5s and gave DYKI his second assist of the game. The game was not yet over, as the Old Meads winger capitalised on a poor thrown in and passed it to their striker, who thundered it past SAGGAR into the top corner with what was one of the last kicks of the game.

All in all, a very dominant performance all round from the 5s to break the 3 match winless streak against some tough opponents and earn a mouthwatering tie against OWFC 6XI in the next round. #elclassico!!!

We will be looking to go again next week against the same opposition this time in the league. UT5s 🔥
1. DYKI, 2. BILLING 3. MARGETTS.B 4. DIYATH 5. MERV 6. HOLMES 7. FAIRHURST 8. GILBERT 9. COUGHLAN 10. SAGGAR 11. SPENCER 12. MARGETTS.S 13. PAYNE 14. KENNEDY

Saturday 2nd November 2024, OWFC 7th XI

It's days like this that make you wonder why the Mighty OW 7's don't grace the Hayes pitches more often. The 4-2 victory scoreline doesn't tell the full story of this game, which was won well before the hour mark. With the intimidating Head Coach/Assistant Head Coach duo of Al Forbes and Chunk watching on, OW 7's started the game strongly, exploiting the space in behind South Bank 7s high line and threatening to take an early lead.

The lone Frenchman, Hakim (they usually come in threes) persistently caused issues down the right flank, whilst the impressive Dom Furnival, on debut, Mark Hardy and the evergreen Bruce Graham controlled the middle of the park. The unique blend of youth, experience and outright aggression a beauty to behold. The breakthrough came from a lobbed through ball from Elliot Tiffin which Ade Dada latched on to and cooly slotted past the keeper for a deserved lead.

The second goal to double the lead followed shortly after, in bizarre circumstances. Following an attacking set piece Tiffin played the ball through to George Gill, who sensed the danger of a counter attack, so attempted to clear the ball long, only for it to somehow find its way into the top bin from all of 30 yards out. Bizarre indeed.

Michael Atti deservedly got on the score sheet, after tirelessly chasing down the opposing defence, when slotting the ball away for Wilson's 3rd of the afternoon.

The Wislon's back line rarely looked troubled, mostly thanks to Andy Mason's endless commitment to slide tackles, sometimes near the ball, sometimes no where near at all. On the rare occasions they were troubled, Josh Holland pulled off some smart stops to keep the 3 goal lead.

The second half started strongly with Wilson's maintaining control of the game and tiring the South Bank opposition out. Mid way through the second half, Elliot Tiffin chose to embrace his inner Bukayo Saka and beat half of the South Bank team down the right hand side before putting it on a plate for Ade Dada to covert for his second of the afternoon, and an unprecedented 3rd assist of the afternoon for Tiffin.

The result never looked in doubt, even though Andy Marsh chose to make the game a little more interesting in the dying moments by slicing a corner into the same top bin that Geroge Gill had accidentally scored in about an hour before. Two accidental goals in the same top corner of the net in the same game.

South Bank scored an undeserved 2nd just before the end, but the result that looked certain from early in the game rang true, and OW 7's claimed the 4-2 victory and solidified their place at the top of the table. The march for silverware continues.

Squad:
Josh Holland
Hakim
Ruben Pilau
Mike Atti
Andy Mason
Joe Walker
Mandeep
Bruce Graham
George Gill
Madz
Andy Marsh
Dom Furnival
Mark Hardy
Elliot Tiffin
Ade Dada

Scorers: Ade Dada (2), Mike Atti, George Gill
Assists: Tiffin (3)

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 9th November throughout the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Old Parkonians	SAL	Home
OWFC 2Xi	Polytechnic	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Old Meadonians	OBC	Away
OWFC 4Xi	Alleyns	OBC	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Old Meadonians	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	OWFC 7th XI	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC 7Xi	OWFC 6th XI	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC Vets	Old Paulines	SAL	Away
OWFC SuperVets	Man v Fat	Friendly	Home

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , November 6th 1999				
1st XI	4	Phoenix Old Boys	3	Kendrick.N, Murray, Smart.R, Scriminger
Old Latymerians	1	2nd XI	4	Sherwin 2, Pullen, Hickey
Old Grammarians	2	3rd XI	1	Graham
4th XI	5	Old Reigatians	0	Harris 2, Willis 2, Pilgrim.M
Old Tollingtonians	4	5th XI	3	Riley, Chillman.J, Hugill
6th XI	5	Old Vaughanians	0	Warboys.D 3, Nelson, Wilson.S
Old Meadonians	5	7th XI	5	Du Casse, OG, Blake, Peck, Parkinson.J
Old Meadonians	2	8th XI	3	Jerome.J. James, Shale
Bolton	2	Palace	0	



IMPORTANT: Before you read any further - oh; you've stopped……. I need to explain why there has been a gap in this weekly feature and the games for October 30th have not been reproduced above and we have skipped to the following week; what do you mean, you did not notice?

The truth is that I have mis-placed/lost the newsletter of 25 years ago which told of the exploits of our teams of October 30th 1999 – the necessary disciplinary action will be taken. However, I am sure there are many of you who have not been so tardy and can supply me with the missing edition!!

To help with your research the newsletter was issue No.1045, and the games that week were:
1st XI v Winchmore Hill (H), 2nd XI v Old Aloysian (A), 3rd XI v Old Tenisonians (A), 4th XI v Old Tiffinians (A), 5th XI v Glyn Old Boys (A), 6th XI v Old Wokingians (H), 7th XI v Old Reigatinas (A), 8th XI v Glyn Old Boys (A)

As an added incentive I will pay the annual subscription ***of the first person*** to supply me with a copy of newsletter No 1045, and I look forward to hearing from……..someone!

In the meantime this feature relates to the games played on November 6th 1999 - Pikey

<u>7THS JUST DO ENOUGH TO RECUE A POINT Old Meadonians 5 7th XI 5</u>

Strange game, this one. We played an excellent, young, but ten man Meadonians team on a pitch that made Hayes look like a postage stamp! We were outplayed for most of the game and the opposition should have taken us apart. We were 4-1 down at half-time, with our goal coming from **PAT du CASSE.**

Captain Stewart's half-time team talk contained 45 expletives and centred on commitment and passion and we pulled one back when a Richard Dry cross was caught, dropped and somehow bundled into the net by their 'keeper! **DANNY BLAKE** then pounced on another goal-keeping error for a third but, as we continued to attack, Meads scored a fifth and it was clear that they thought this would be enough to win them the game.

However, we started to press with much more purpose and **AARON PECK'S** blast from the right-hand side of the box and then a **JAMIE PARKINSON** shot from a corner brought us back on level terms.

But the point was only truly secured when debutant 'keeper Andy Parkinson saved magnificently in the last minute.

We played appallingly in this match and never got to grips with the opposition, the pitch or our own responsibilities but, to our credit, it says something about the spirit and potential of the team that it can recover a result from such a dire situation.

Neville Spencer

Parkinson.A McGrath Horn Parkinson.J Skelton Peck Spencer.N Stewart (Chinnery) Dry du Casse Blake

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, November 2nd 1974				
Bowring Sports	0	1st XI	3	Matthews (John) , Cowell.C, Reaseley
East Barnet Old Grammarians	6	2nd XI	0	
Old Easthamians	4	3rd XI	2	Taylor (Malcolm), Pook
4th XI	0	Old Monovians	8	
5th XI	0	Old Owens	0	
6th XI	2	Brent	2	Easden, Fanning
Palace	1	Peterboro	1	Taylor



CONTROLLED PERFORMANCE FROM THE 1ST XI Bowring Sports 0 1st XI 3

The 1st XI, playing their fifth away game in a row, began well and were unlucky with several good attacks in the first 15 minutes.

Just before half-time a good move down the right-hand side of the pitch led to our first goal when Gerry Reaseley chested the ball down on the edge of the box and **JOHN MATTHEWS** hit a first time shot into the top corner of the net.

The side continued to press hard in the second half and scored a second goal when Gerry Reaseley flicked on a long throw-in and **CHRIS COWELL** back-headed the ball into the corner of the net.

Playing down the hill in the second half, the forwards began to look very dangerous and the third goal came when Chris Cowell ran through only to be pushed over in the box, and **GERRY REASELEY** scored from the resutling penalty.

This was a good performance from the 1st XI, who controlled the game from start to finish, despite having one player limping from the 30th minute. Congratulations to the defence for keeping calm against a rather reckless Bowring forward line.

John Matthews

Hall Adams.T Robinson Morley Sayer Pilgrim.M Bartlett.D Matthews (John) Matthews (Jim) Cowell.C Reaseley

MONTY PYTHON SPENDS THE NIGHT AT CROSSROADS 4th XI 0 Old Monovians 8

Most of this game took the form of a nightmare. Weak tackling and bad distribution gave us no hope at all, and Mono's 'keeper hardly touched the ball. Half-time saw us 0-3 down and the second half took the look of 'Monty Python's Flying Circus', 'Some Mothers do 'Av 'Em' and 'Crossroads' all rolled into one.

The insistence of Monos to keep scoring caused us no end of frustrations as the game was continually stopped by us having to line-up on the half-way line and start again, a silly ritual as it took us at least five minutes to collect the ball from Martin Taylor's fishing net every time.

Pete Davis

Taylor(Martin) Hands Davis.P Davis A McAlister R.E Fielder.A Drabwell Jones Murphy Fletcher Gibbons.E

NB This is a brief extract from Pete's original repot

2nd XI: Wells Powell Carpenter Hanifan Burt Jenkins Carrington Pilgrim.B Johnson Maunder Montgomery

3rd XI: Harper Horscroft Rayworth Forbes.I Smith.S Howell Taylor(Malcolm) Bartlett.L Golley Wood Pook

5th XI: Tyson Houghton Dicks Stopes McCarthy Miles Brittain Cowell.J Newman Portman Kidd

6th XI: Bevan Bayliss McCleod Easden Looker Groombridge Pike Fanning Wellman Fielder.A Foreman

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