Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

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Dates for the Diary

- VP Day (celebrating all OWFC players with over 250 appearances), Saturday 9th November 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 Starts Again (Contact Roddy Trompiz, OWFCtogger@outlook.com)
- Wilsons School Giving Day 2024


OLD WILSONIAN'S
FOOTBALL TRAINING
Every Monday
Fom
SEPTEMBER
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FROM 19:45
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COLOMA SCHOOL
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We resume training on Monday, September 2nd at 19:45pm.
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 5th October 2024 **

1. Harry Ingamells (1st XI)
2. Kaya Tumkaya (7th XI)
3. Nick Daniels (7th XI)
4. Merv Nicholas (5th XI)
5. Terell Wells (3rd XI)
6. Louie Day (5th X)
7. George Catton (2nd XI)
8. Harry Smart (1st XI)
9. Freddie Ingles (3rd XI)
10. Billy Mansfield (2nd XI)
11. Chris Kennedy (5th XI)

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:

We launched Giving Day 2024 yesterday and are minded keeping it running for the rest of the week to allow donors to consider our offer carefully.

We have already exceeded our initial target of £50,000 and are pushing-on towards our stretch target of £80,000.

Please click on the link below for everything you need to know about Giving Day today and how to play your part in supporting science at Wilson's.

https://www.wilsons.school/wilsonrsquos-giving-day-2024/

With very best wishes.

Tim Edge
Director Of Development
Wilsons School

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 5th October 2024.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	South Bank	2-2 (5-3 on pens)	Sam Wright, Harry Smart
OWFC 2Xi	St Mary's	3-3 (5-3 on pens)	Clutterbuck, Quashie, Bogaard
OWFC 3Xi	Alleyns	4-2	Terell 3, Ingles
OWFC 4Xi	Old Blues	2-4	Magnus Wright, Dan Whetton
OWFC 5Xi	OWFC 6th XI	9-1	Chris Kennedy (3), OG, Holmes 2, Billing C, Jamil, Wright
OWFC 6Xi	OWFC 5th XI	1-9	Stridey
OWFC 7Xi	Polytechnic	1-5	Drame
OWFC Vets	No Game (Postponed)		
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

Old Wilsonians 2s vs Old St Mary's 1s. AFA Cup first round. Score 3-3 Old Wilsonians wins on pens.

Kicking off the 1st cup game at home with the pitch and weather in perfect conditions. Could this be Old Wilsonians first win of the season. With high hopes the home team start slow not being able to retain position of the ball and the opposition finding their feet starting strong. With the game building up around the 30 minute mark Old St Mary's take a throw in finding one of their players who flicks it onto their striker who was unmarked and found himself 1-1 with the keeper and slots it away to take the lead of the game. Not too long later old St Mary's find themselves with a penalty from a dangerous counter attack. Lucky for us with Kaya to the rescue with a great save diving to his left and stopping the ball from going in.

Heading in at halftime 1-0 down OWs looking to improve and start strong in the second half if they want to win win this game. And that's exactly what they did. Marley takes a corner whipping it in to the 6 yard box and flying in is James Clutterbuck who headers it in to make it 1-1 and makes up for giving the penalty away in the first half. With the momentum on our side a boost of energy arises an Old Wilsonians are playing much better keeping the ball and looking more dangerous going forward. However, Old St Mary's intercept the ball from midfield and take advantage of the overload of the players and slotted through our defence to make it 2-1. Not letting that goal affect the hosts they persevere and Marley picks up the ball and makes it 2-2.

Full-time whistle blows, which means extra time. Heading into the first half of extra time and both teams are getting tired, but Old Wilsonians pushed through scoring our third goal of the game from a cross to Nils who fired it into the back of the net. Leading at halftime 3-2 Old Wilsonians keep up the pressure with lots of chances to score but unable to finish them. A big chance occurs for old Wilsonians when Billy drives the ball into the box and cuts across the defender being taken out, however the referee disagrees and let's play carry on. Not long after this Old St Mary's play a massive ball over the top of the two defenders and the striker from running behind them picks up the ball to score a controversial goal to make it 3-3! Both teams knackered at this point it ends up going to pens.

Heading into pens and both teams are exhausted but have just enough spirit to finish the game. We had a confident keeper who has had a great game so far and has saved a pen during the match giving him extra confidence going into penalty shootout. 1st to step up was the captain shelts and he led by example by scoring the first Pen. next was the other team who slotted theirs in and giving it large to the home crowd. Marley was looking to get another goal of the game but managed to miss the right corner and pulled it a bit wide. Next to step up was the other team looking to gain an advantage to take the lead, but Kaya with a strong save. Still tied, next up was Billy who has played the whole match and slots it In effortlessly. Next up the other team needing to score to stay in, he walks up and Aims right but was denied by Kaya's strong arm to make an incredible save. Daniel steps up to take his pen and bobbles into the bottom left corner. 3-1 down the opposition really need to score this one to stay in which they do. Finally, George steps up and puts it away and Old Wilsonians win their first game of the season in a penalty shootout in a thrilling game against Old St Mary's.

Report by James Clutterbuck

OW's 3Xi 4 - 2 Old Alleynians 3Xi

Returning to the Hawes Down fortress for a second cup run in as many weeks, the 3's lined up with a heavily changed squad, featuring two juniors getting their first taste of mens football for the season. The warm up delayed due to a mishap with the kit, my fault, we eventually got stretched and ready to play. We started strong with some flying tackles, and quick interplay letting the opposition know who we are early. Both juniors showing they deserved a starting place in the side. A couple of contentious penalty decisions awarded our way, with the ever cool, T. Wells slotting both home. 2-0. Mind you he could have scored 4 or 5 with the way he had the right back twisting and turning. The opposition grew into the game and from a corner found the back of the net after a great save from G. King in goal, forcing the ball off R. Benson on the goal line and dropping to the striker who simply couldn't miss. The half drew to a close. 2-1 to the black and gold. Ready to explode out the blocks the 3's started sharp with some good play in the middle and a delicious ball through from F. Ingles, allowed T. Wells to slot home and complete the hat-trick. Only for moments later the oppo to be awarded a penalty of their own. The Hawes Down sniper claiming yet another victim. Some mind games from G. King and R. Benson saw their man put the ball wide of the goal from the spot. Gaffer rattled, skippers heads gone. A few minutes later and yet another corner, saw the ball land at the edge of the box, a tame shot going through the legs of two players and into the net. 3-2 to the 3's. Not happy with the game situation the boys rallied. From kick off, the ball played through midfield, round the back and out to the left, a huge diagonal by Left Back Louie across to R. Benson, feeding the talisman striker F. Ingles with a whipped ball to feet, back out to Louie who had made yards into the box, unleashing a shot into the post, only for F. Ingles to collect, wriggle free and unleash a thunderous strike Shearer would have been proud of. 4-2 and the oppo hadn't touch the ball. The 3's showing real class. Total football. The final few moments were nervy with the score getting to 4-3 after yet another penalty, this time slotted by the striker after a foul by the keeper in the box. A tense few minutes with tackles, fouls, break aways and rogue clearances all building pressure. The final whistle coming to big roars from the 3's who battled and fought with just 12 men. Choo choo the cup train goes rolling on.

Team: G King, N Tambini, N Amoah, S Gordon, S Winifred-Davies, R Benson, H Taylor, A Baliaj, T Wells, D Benjamin, F Ingles
Sub: L Hazell

OWFC 5XI 9- 1 OWFC 6XI*

On a beautiful sunny day at the Hayes Ground, Bensons yoga session had the 5s raring to go. The 5s got of fast start with immediate pressure on the back line of the opposition from Holmes who then unselfishly teed up Kennedy whose audacious chip put the 5s 1-0 up. This would be the story of the game. Our backline of Merv Billing Alfie and Diyath also started well sweeping up everything not giving the 6s a sniff. The 5s thought they were 2-0 up after free kick on the left hand side from Day was headed in by Billing but a tight offside prevented the celebrations. However, the 5s would not be denied their second where once again Holmes fizzed a ball across the face of the goal which was turned it by one of the 6s' centre backs despite Benson's shameless claims that he tapped it in. Day continued to run this game by getting on the ball and spraying passes left and right. The game ticked through him. Spink found Kennedy on the edge of the box before Kennedy swept it home with another great finish in the bottom corner. Shortly after coming on, Jamil took the defender down the line before ballooning over a good chance. The half closed out with the 5s 3-0 up. Feeling confident, Wright's half time team talk proved to the 5s that we could kick it up a few gears. Now going uphill, the 5s didn't take their foot off the gas. Jamil played a nice ball to Kennedy who toasted his defender getting to the by line. A cutback found Jamil who box crashed finishing the move with a side footed finish. A special moment as he scored his first goal for the club. Merv dominated the left hand side with some crunching slide tackle, inverting into midfield and even bombing down the wing. A freekick cleared by the 6s was headed back by Kennedy before Billing (with shades of RVP) volleyed it home for goal of the game. Danny made it 6 with a great finish. Kennedy once again glided into the box before being brought down for a stonewall penalty. Much to Bensons despair Kennedy stepped up to complete his hat-trick of goals to go alongside his hat-trick of assists. A muffed clearance found Holmes who was in the right place at the right time who smashed it into the top corner to make it 8-0. The 6s got a late consolation from a good ball in to find a free player in the box (who was probably offside) slotting it home to make it 8-1. Despite the late goal this didn't not overshadow the great performance of Saggar in net. It was great to see Coughlan and Wright back out there the latter of whom made it 9-1 with a confident finish at the near post. A few chirpy words from 6s left back to Jamil made it even sweeter. An overall dominant performance from the whole 5s who remain unbeaten this season.

MOM : Merv 'Baby Rhino'

1. BILLING , 2. MERV , 3. HOLMES, 4. DIYATH , 5. SPUNKY , 6. WRIGHT, 7. JAMIL , 8. SAGGAR , 9. MCMULLEN, 10. GILBERT , 11. BENSON, 12. KENNEDY , 13. DAY, 14. BONSELS

Old Wilsonians (Mighty) 7th XI vs Polytechnic 7th XI – SAL Cup - 5th October, 2024

After just three matches, the re-born Mighty 7's have already created a good core squad of players and developed a great team spirit. To date, we have also been fortunate to be able to draft in strong new members to the squad each week to replace the several injured squad members/absentees. Today's M7's debutants were Nick Daniels, Chairman Dan Harris, Mike Atti, Andy Mason and Agilan Karunakaran.

We kicked off uphill at Hawes Down hoping to extend our unbeaten record and to progress to the next round of the SAL cup against a very strong Polytechnic side, who must be one of the favourites to win our league. With the slope advantage, the young, athletic Poly side quickly asserted themselves, dominating possession and bombarding our defence with crosses and winning a number of corners. A combination of effective, albeit unconventional, goal-keeping, good positional discipline, robust defending and a little good fortune saw us weather the storm and begin to string some good passes together, creating a couple of reasonable chances on the break. Tas was unfortunate to see one shot from the edge of the area drift past the wrong side of the post and Agilan show some good skill on the wing to set up another good scoring chance, which was saved.

Unfortunately, Poly's pressure was mounting up and eventually they scored a smartly taken goal from around the penalty spot, which gave keeper Doug Forbes no chance. The team message was to try and keep the score at 1-0 until half time, giving us a chance to come back in the second half, with the benefit of slope. So it was disappointing that Poly scored a second goal on the break almost immediately.

Positive team-talks at half time from Chunk and Alex Forbes urged us to keep playing our passing football and positional discipline, promising that chances would come. Which was true – within five minutes of the re-start **TAS DRAME** burst through the Poly defence and, as soon as we were sure that he had carried the ball too wide, proved us wrong by arrowing a shot across goal into the far corner of the net off the post. Game on!

Old Wilsonians (Mighty) 7th XI vs Polytechnic 7th XI – SAL Cup - 5th October, 2024 continued.

Poly continued to dominate possession but we were still creating half-chances. Tas was our main threat, with his deceptive speed, strength on the ball and pin-point shooting accuracy. He was unlucky not to score from a powerful free-kick that their keeper somehow managed to scramble clear. Chunk came on to demonstrate, in text-book fashion (expertly captured on camera by Vyktoria and now featuring on the OWFC Facebook page), how to pin and turn your marker, although his shot from the edge of the box did not find the net. So it felt as though we were still in with a chance of an equaliser mid-way through the second half, when we conceded a soft penalty – one of those where the defender, I think Nick Daniels, was deemed to have had his arm in an unnatural position when a cross was smashed into it from a yard away. Poly scored to restore their 2 goal lead.

Now we were struggling as injuries to Walid, Andy Marsh, Dan, Zack and Agilan took their toll and Poly were overrunning us. It was, therefore, no surprise that Poly were able to add two late goals to make the final score 5-1 in their favour.

Whilst this was disappointing, there were many positives that we can take forward; we continued to try to play good passing football throughout the match, we always posed an attacking threat and every player put in maximum effort and commitment, which makes it such a pleasure to be part of the team.

There were also some excellent individual performances; Doug Forbes again made some excellent saves, Boom Boom's positional play and sweeping was awesome, Nick Daniels in defence combined composure and aggression to perfection and Tas was Tas! MOM this week was shared three-way by Doug, Nick and Tas, who each received an equal number of votes.

Bruce Graham

Team: Doug Forbes, Alex Forbes, Graham Nelson, Nick Daniels, Andy Marsh, Andy Mason, Walid Djebbara, Bruce Graham, Dan Harris, Mike Atti, Hakim Habil, Zack Ameke-Evans, Agilan Karunakaran, Ian Wellman, Tas Drame

Old Wilsonians 7th XI vs Polytechnic 7th XI (SAL CUP)

Maybe the last of the sunny Saturday afternoons for a while but this was another opportunity for the crazy gang to present their football up at Hayes, all be it on the Hawes Down pitches this time around.

Keeping the same squad is very hit and miss in the lower XI's with players often breaking down mid game and missing the following weekend and this week was no different.

Despite that a good battle with the Polytechnic lads had us disappointingly 0-2 down at the break despite some resolute defending for much of it and their goals coming right at the end.

We always knew it was going to be a tough half fighting up the slope but certainly gave it a good go and after a quick team talk and turn around, found the perfect response to halve the deficit within a few minutes of the restart.

A much under used resource throughout the game, saw Taslim Dramé break through the Polytechnic ranks and take on a few before blasting across their keeper with an ever decreasing angle and well captured by Viktoriya Pintyak in the picture gallery.

We battled hard throughout the 2nd half and only after a harsh penalty against us for a raised hand and the score line stretched to 1-3 did the energy start to drain from our more senior players and some of the younger ones to be fair.

A couple of late goals making the final score 1-5, which did not really reflect on what was a tighter game and a lesson for the 7th XI, that we need to play as a team more and work and talk together rather than individual performances trying to stand out and break up our shape.

Hopefully we can shake this one off quickly and bring our A game to Hayes next week against a Polytechnic 8th XI and a return to our league fixtures.

Old Wilsonians 7th XI (1) vs Polytechnic 7th XI (5) SAL CUP

Squad - Alex Forbes, Ian David Wellman, Doug Forbes, Andrew Marsh, Hakim, Bruce Graham, Zack, Nick Daniels, Taslim Dramé, Dan Harris, Agilan, Grahame Nelson (Boom Boom), Mike Atti, Mason, Walid Al-Azar

Grahame Nelson

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 12th October through out the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Old Etonians	OBC	Away
OWFC 2Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Away
OWFC 3Xi	Actonians	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Ploytechnic	SAL	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Actonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 6Xi	South Bank	SAL	Home
OWFC 7Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Junction Elite	SAL	Home
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , October 2nd 1999				
1st XI	1	Cardinal Manning	2	Smart.R
Old Salvatorians	1	2nd XI	1	Holmes
John Fisher Old Boys	1	3rd XI	1	Corrigall .S
4th XI	3	Old Meadonians	1	(Andrew) Smith, Valder, Baker
5th XI	7	Old Sedcopians	0	Warboys.D, Riley, Benjamin, Targett, Chillman, Willis, Hughill
Old Suttonians	3	6th XI	3	Pope.A (Andy)Smith Forbes.A
8th XI	5	Old St Marys	3	Cocks, Popat, Stratford 2, Lumsden
Palace	4	Portsmouth	0	Svensson, Carlisle, Fan Zihi, Mullins



WANTED; A PACEY FORWARD; PLEASE APPLY TO THE 6TH XI Old Suttonians 3 6th XI 3

An evenly contested match finished with about the right result as a compact if rather '30 something' 6th XI played some good football, especially in the first half, but eventually ran out of gas and gave away too much possession to win the game.

We scored three times in the first half, twice to equalise and the third to take the lead. The first equaliser, after conceding a goal to some sloppy work at the back, came as **ANDY POPE** finished a good move on the left-hand side of the box by firing the ball past their 'keeper into the far corner.

The second, after Alex Forbes had portrayed a certain lack of confidence in his goal-keeper by heading across a ball apparently destined for the 'keeper's gloves on to the head of their centre-forward, came as **ANDY SMITH** finished another excellent move through the middle, involving Lou Barry and Simon Wilson, to score in the bottom right-hand corner.

ALEX FORBES then redeemed himself with an excellent header –top right – from a Duncan Hayward corner. With a 3-2 lead at half-time we sustained a period of heavy Suttonian pressure and eventually, unable to clear the ball, the home side shot themselves level.

A good overall performance, Simon Wilson holding the ball well up front and Nick Bier having an excellent game at the back. The injection of a pacier forward would balance the team and give us the opportunity to take the pressure away from our own half, which we did not manage to do enough in this game.

Clive Peckover

Peckover Bryan Bier Forbes.A Dutton (Blake) Barry (Andy)Smith Wilson.S Chinnery Hayward Pope.A

Other highlights of this weekend 25 years ago include the 8th XI's 5-3 victory against Old St Marys in which the President of the Football Club – Dave Stewart – and the President of the OWA – Pete Davis both played; the latter also wrote the report and described a rare goal by Charlie Cocks thus:

"The speed we showed down both flanks stood us in good stead and, despite some early pressure, we weathered the storm and opened our account after a goal-mouth scramble following a corner when **CHARLIE COCKS** bundled the ball over the line from at least two yards – the word "rocket" was not used!

Pete Davis

Team: Elliott Przednowek Lloyd Davis (Rayworth) Lumsden Popat Stewart James Stratford Poynter Cocks (Shale)

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, October 5th 1974				
Old Monovians	2	1st XI	3	Maunder 2, Reaseley
2nd XI	5	Old Hamptonians	3	(Jim)Matthews 2, Johnson, Montgomery, Carpenter
3rd XI	0	Od Grammarians	1	
Southgate County	2	5th XI	5	Alford 3, Newman, Davis.P
Palmers Green	7	6th XI	0	
Bank of England	7	7th XI	3	Harty, Parkinson,Gasson
Palace	1	Chesterfield	4	Taylor



SOLID START FOR 1st XI Old Monovians 2 1st XI 3

In their first league game since returning to Senior Division One, the 1st XI pulled off a workmanlike victory against Monovians. The team took to the field looking for some indication of the standard of football they are to encounter this season and although I feel sure we will meet better sides than Monos in the coming months, we returned with two confidence boosting points, although Monos nearly caught us cold in the opening minutes when a long through ball eluded our defence, only for the home forward to screw the ball wide.

Monos' attacking plans seemed to be based on the long through ball or deep crosses from the right-wing and, for a time, we looked very weak against the latter ploy. Bill Morley and Pete Sayer were missing from the team, which left Terry Adams to play the central defender's role against a tall centre-forward and, after some initial difficulties, he, Mick Pilgrim and Rod Hall worked out some sort of understanding which was enough to deny Monos all but a late goal to show for their aerial attacks.

We got off to a very good start with a goal after 15 minutes when a long clearance by Rod Hall was flicked on by Gerry Reaseley to Chris Cowell. Chris then laid the ball back to Gerry who pushed the ball across the goal-mouth for **TONY MAUNDER** to fire home from six yards. The second goal came when **GERRY REASELEY** was tripped in the penalty area and got up to score from the spot himself.

Monos pulled one back before half-time when we stood around waiting for the off-side whistle, which never came , and the ball was pulled back across the goal for an unmarked Monos forward to plant into the net.

At half-time skipper Mick Pilgrim demanded extra effort from the team, and it was in the early part of the second half that we played our best football of the game, creating some good chances. A fine free-kick by Gerry Reaseley ended with Tony Maunder blasting over the bar and then the Monos' 'keeper made a tremendous save from John Matthews. We eventually go our third when **TONY MAUNDER** finished off a move most efficiently with a 15 yard thunderbolt.

Monos pulled back another goal ten minutes from the end with a headed goal which was most unsatisfactory because, in the first place, we again stood around waiting for the off-side whistle and, secondly, I plead guilty to a bad call.

It was now that Terry Adams' experience proved invaluable as Monos applied pressure, Terry being hellped by Mick Burt's endless covering and the team's work rate in general, but Monos had their chances. A header from point blank range hit Rod Hall on the shoulder and then bounced over the bar. Then they missed an open goal when a forward shot over the bar with only the 'keeper to beat.

Generally speaking I felt that the back four got better as the game progressed, although I am sure Geoff Robinson will admit that he has played better! John Matthews was hard working and effective in midfield whilst Chris Cowell and Tony Maunder both had good games and, at the risk of being told to mind my own business, I hope Chris will harness the great skills he showed in this match for 90 minutes every week rather than getting involved with opponents and referees – what a player we would have then.

Rod Hall

Hall Adams.T Pilgrim.M Burt Robinson Simner Bartlett.D (John)Matthews Cowell.C Reaseley Maunder

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