Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 26th October 2024

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
- Ian Rayworth Tribute

In praise of Ian Rayworth

The passing of Ian Rayworth on October 18th, a former President of the Football Club, deprives the OWFC of a great servant and someone who played for virtually every one of our sides, the statistics showing that he made a total of 682 appearances – only four players have played more – and scored 10 goals; quite a few have managed more!

He spent the latter part of his playing career in the 8th Xl where he not only nurtured and encouraged fresh talent still at the school, but regularly drove many miles each Saturday picking them up from Mollison Drive and then returning them safely home afterwards. Stuart Paton, the current OWA President, was one of them, as was Alex Forbes, and both will be eternally grateful for Ian's kindness.

But, and upon returning home, Ian's weekend work was not done, for he was invariably one of the first to call in on a Sunday morning with the match report, something worthy in itself but particularly so when you consider that he and his good friend, Fred Brindle, had spent the day before introducing his young team mates in the joys of Old Wilsonians football and ensuring they got home safely

Earlier in his OW career, when Ian played in the higher sides, there were often as many as four Ians in the team, a goal-keeper and three defenders, and the shout of 'Ian's' ball' caused havoc in the OW's defence , with opposing forwards often benefitting from this confusion, whilst I have no doubt that this also contributed to the 70 plus own goals that Ian Forbes scored.

Ian was a year older than me and my first skipper – at both football and cricket – at the school.
He was a regular attendee at our Vice Presidents days and we will all miss him, but our immediate thoughts and condolences go to his wife Maureen and the rest of the Rayworth family. Pikey

OWFC players and the opposition observe a minutes silence in memory of Ian Rayworth






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 26th October 2024 **

1. Sonny Rowe (2nd XI)
2. Darin Sapelj (6th XI)
3. Steve Benwell (SuperVets)
4. Nathan Eves (1st Xi)
5. Zayaan Jamil (5th XI)
6. Nathan Amoah (3rd XI)
7. Jim White (7th XI)
8. Kevin Steadford (1st XI)
9. Gary Bonsels (SuperVets)
10. Justin Zhang (5th XI)
11. James Penn (3rd 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 26th October 2024.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Bromleians	4-3 (AET)	M Henry, G Jeevan, O Sitch (2)
OWFC 2Xi	Civil Service	0-0	xx
OWFC 3Xi	West Wickham	5-2	Terell Wells 2, Marcus Jones 3
OWFC 4Xi	Carshalton	2-7	Ben Margetts, Matt McDowell
OWFC 5Xi	Carshalton	1-3	Chris Kennedy
OWFC 6Xi	Meadonians	3-3	Darin S, Cejay W, Connor L
OWFC 7Xi	Carshalton	5-0	Tuffield, 2, Wellman, Madz, Zack
OWFC Vets	No Game	n/a	n/a
OWFC SuperVets	Temple Bar	6-2	Steve Benwell 3, Gary Bonsels, Dan Harris, James Karamath

OWFC 1st XI (19/10/2024) v Old Blues

The 1s were back in SAL cup action after squeezing past south bank cuaco on penalties in the first round. The 2nd round took the 1s to league rivals Old Blues. Even with the long journey, the boys got in early doors and were raring to go, eager to implement the poker chip tactics.

Old Wilsonians started the game on the front foot and the pre-game attacking corner routine paid off inside 2 minutes as Sam James rose highest to meet a Gowtham Jeevan corner and power a header past the keeper.
Old Wilsonians remained on top after the goal, knocking the ball around well while Monty Henry had the left back on toast. They could not however convert their chances and against the run of play old blues equalised from a corner. The first half continued in the same vein with Old Wilsonians keeping the ball well and creating chances but unable to once again take the lead. Old blues did carve out a couple good chances of their own and Old Wilsonians had keeper Harry Ingamells to thank for two high quality saves. 1-1 at the half.

Old blues came out in the second half with renewed vigour and old Wilsonians had to weather an early storm. Old Wilsonians however managed to retake the lead slightly against the run of play. A brilliant ball down the line from Patrick Kirby put young Leo Messi in down the right channel and a great ball across the box was met by Josh Eves who thumped a shot high into the roof of the net. Old Wilsonians retook the initiative following the goal and continued to carve out chances. The game was put to bed with 10 minutes remaining when Leo Messi ran onto a well weighted through ball from Sam Wright and he fired it low across the keeper into the far corner. A deserved goal to cap a man of the match performance for the young man. Old Wilsonions proceeded to play keep ball and comfortably saw out the victory. Round 2 complete and the 1s march onto the 3rd round!

Squad: H Ingamells, P Kirby, S James, N Eves, J Eves, R Yule, G Jeevan, C Sutherland, S Wright, H Riman, L Onye, M Henry,

Scorers: James, J Eves, Onye

OW2's vs Civil

The day started with a host of issues for the 2's… Catton was almost killed by a peanut on the way to the game, resulting in a necessary pull over on the side of the road to recover. To add to this, on a week where the expectation was to be playing on the usual silky smooth main pitches, the 2's found to their horror they would be on the Hawes Downs pitches. Undeterred. The boys started strong, with some confident and free flowing football in the opening minutes of the first half. This continued for the next 15/20 with the ball moving from left to right across the back four some of the quickest and smoothest we've seen this season. Going uphill, the closest OW's came to scoring was probably a slip from Nils that flashed across goal with no one to get on the end. Civil settled into the game somewhat after that but OW's were definitely still on top… The only thing missing was the goal in the final third. Quite the opposite of last week. Civil's best chance was going through 1 on 1, but Sonny, filling in in goal, got out early to some dubious handball shouts and made a right meal of saving it, to keep the scoreline at 0-0. HT.

The second half followed a very similar pattern with Wilson's dominating most of the possession and having the majority of the better play. Azza did his best to gift Civil a goal by scuffing a pass back to Sonny leaving the striker 1 on 1. Luckily, the lack of finishing ability and a good save kept the scoreline at 0-0. Wilson's continued to press, with a host of missed headers from corners, mishit shots and unlucky misses meaning the 90 was reached with no goals for either side. Final score 0-0.

Saturday 26th October 2024

Old Wilsonians 3XI 5-2 West Wickham 5s

Old Wills 3rd XI secured a convincing 5-2 victory over West Wickham 5s in a thrilling derby match. We produced a dominant performance, showcasing our attacking prowess and solid defensive organisation.

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.

The victory solidifies our place in the next round of the cup and boosts our confidence ahead of our next fixture. The team's attacking flair and defensive solidity make them a formidable force to watch out for.

Next week we face Carshalton away at Beddington Park for a 2 o'clock KO.

Team: G King, N Tambini, R Sweeney, S Gordon, H Taylor, N Amoah, T Duffy, J Wiltshire, J Penn, M Jones, T Wells, E Berkhauer, L Hazell

MOTM: James Penn
Match Report: Ellis Berkhauer

OWFC 4th XI Match report –

Saturday 26th October Fixtures against Carshalton are always tough and, with their team at the top end of the table, this was to be no different. We also had absences from key players including Louis, who was to busy delivering parcels to deliver assists, skipper Toby only half-fit with an ankle injury, Dan Whetton ill and Toby Godwin out with a bad hammy. Pre-match preparation hardly improved our prospects, with Tyler enjoying a spicy cigarette, Lucas doing his usual warm up, consisting of vaping on the toilet, and lateness from Matt, Max, Magnus and myself. The game started off fairly evenly but Carshalton managed to put away a scrappy goal in the box. However, the OWs rallied and created a number of chances in response, with Mitch getting a number of shots off on target and Lucas making some promising runs. This culminated in a well worked goal from Ben Margetts who calmly slotted a one-on-one after being put through on goal. Carshalton then responded with some serious pressure, and Jake produced an incredible saved to stop a well-hit free-kick going into the top corner. Unfortunately, the pressure proved too much an Carshalton were able to clinically finish off a chance from a cross. They kept up the pressure and created issues for our 3-4-3 formation with lots of movement from midfield into attack. Eventually one of these overloads led to an unmarked player in the box converting an easy goal from a cross. Tracking players from midfield was clearly something that needed to work on with such a strong set of opposing attacking midfielders. Despite switching back to a 4-4-2, Carshalton were able to convert a very clinical brace shortly after the kick off. However, at 4-1 down, and with the new formation in place, the team rallied impressively. Sam Margetts put a number of well weighted through balls to our strikers. Matt and Magnus, who had finally made it off the bench, provided a fresh injection of energy into our midfield that put Carshalton on the backfoot. A combination of shots from Ben and Matt eventually led to a goal from Matt to bring us back within striking distance. After making the heroic commitment to make the game down from a wedding in Scotland, Arnold was unfortunately unable to produce similar heroics to stop the opponents' winger drawing a foul. A clinical free kick, which should have been stopped by a better organised OW goal, fell and dampened our resolve to make a comeback. The OWs stayed well in the game despite the scoreline however, with 'poundland Pirlo', Tyler, coming on and spraying balls to the wings and the defence, including new left back Aaron, holding solidly. Despite the somewhat misleading scoreline, Jake put in a likely MOTM display with some great stops and brave sweeping from through balls. Matt McDonwell was even overheard asking for tips on sweeping after some poor recent performances in Infernos. Our play seemed to lack the fluidity we needed however, with Lucas even being forced to re-invent the Brazilian Butt Lift with an interesting touch and the team struggling to match Carshalton's physicality. Despite our centre back Max working in cement production, our defence was unable to maintain solidity and conceded another two impressively clinical goals to Carshalton. Overall, 7-2 was a really harsh result but we definitely deserved to lose against a good team who were more up for it on the day. The team is continuing to gel and improve though and will look to bounce back against Acton next Saturday.

Old Wilsonians 7s 5 vs Carshalton 5s 0

This week saw Old Wilsonians 7s play at home in the first game of a new league format vs Carshalton 5s. Fitting of something seen in the Men in Black movies a few past results had been erased from existence. With the removal of both a previous win and recent loss the Old Wilsonians 7s started the day top of the league table with 4 points.

The 7s started brightly with George Gill setting the tone early on beating a few opposition players with a mazy run from centre back with shades of Micky Van De Ven's recent long burst forward for Tottenham from defence coming to mind. The 7s elected to start the game playing uphill but it was Carshalton 5s that would face an uphill battle from here on. The 7s began to gain control of the game, winning the duels and combined quick short passes mixed with 50 yard passes from George Gill bypassing the whole of the Carshalton team and playing our attackers in and close to getting Michael Atti through on goal on a couple of occasions. Elliot Tiffin made some neat runs down the right hand side with and without the ball as early on the Carshalton left hand side was targeted. 25 minutes had passed with a Carshalton 5s player going down injured and unable to carry on. The travelling Carshalton squad was thin with just one substitute now having to face the rest of the game with the bare 11.

The 7s started to make their dominance count. Jim White picked up the ball on the left wing beating a few players and then squaring the ball for C TUFFIELD to score the first. This was shortly followed by the second, with the opposition captain at centre back who had a lot to say throughout stumbling over his own feet and being easily dispossessed by Madz. Madz had a shot which ricocheted in to the path of C TUFFIELD who had positioned himself well to be able to slot the ball into an empty net for his second goal of the game. Late in to the first half the skipper Chunk despite struggling with an injury fancied a cameo. On he went and a minute later Jim White delivered an exquisite ball from the right wing to Mark Hardy who had created a yard of space for himself at the back post and headered across goal with I WELLMAN (CHUNK) utilising his aerial strength to header in the third. Still feeling the effects of a hamstring injury following his goal Chunk put his cameo for the day to an end, a super sub appearance that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer would be proud of. Andy Mason (Lufthansa) was another player who had been hit with injury from the previous week but nonetheless continued to battle in the midfield.

Butler had a good chance inside the box to add another but the attempt was saved by the keeper. C Tuffield made sure to give Butler some stick for the missed chance. Half time was rapidly approaching and Carshalton 5s fashioned a half chance on the counter attack with nothing coming from it. Shortly after the half time whistle went, a positive team talk from Chunk followed with further substitutions made and it was important the second half was approached with the same intensity.

Now facing downhill the 7s continued to press well often being positioned and winning the ball high up the pitch then distributing it forwards or to the wings to structure further attacks. A cross from Mandeep was met with a towering header from George Gill advancing in to the box who was unlucky not to score. Mid way in to the second half Jim White got another assist with the ball being played from the right hand side for MADZ to sweep a side footed volley past the keeper. The 7s were in the search of more goals but it was also important to attempt to preserve the clean sheet. This desire was shown with Holland attempting to sprint out of his 18 yard box to a ball played to the Carshalton striker and despite getting his feet mixed up and taking a tumble still made sure to get the ball away from danger. Nick Daniels emphasised the message for the team to remain disciplined and for the attackers to track back when out of possession. Despite fatigue early on in his previous appearance Joe (The cat) also put in a solid defensive performance and Jukes also contributing well to the defence in the second half. With 10 minutes to go JIM WHITE completed his hat-trick of assists delivering an in swinging corner with ZACK unmarked at the back post to tap in for the fifth.

The game came to an end with the 7s defeating Carshalton 5s by five goals without reply.

Motm: Jim White
Team; N Daniels, I Wellman, M Dhariwal, M Atti, Zack, J Holland, G Gill, Joe, C Tuffield, E Tiffin,
J White, J Jukes, M Hardy, Madz, A Mason, Butler

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 2nd November throughout the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Parmetarians	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	HSBC	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Carshalton	SALC	Away
OWFC 4Xi	Actonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Meadonians	OBC	Home
OWFC 6Xi	Ibis Eagles	SAL	Away
OWFC 7Xi	South Bank	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Old Blues	OBC	Home (Sunday 10am)
OWFC SuperVets	Southern Railway	Friendly	Home (Noon, Sunday)

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts ,	October 23rd	1999		
Old Suttonians	3	1st XI	4	Pope.D, Smart.M, Smart.R
2nd XI	5	Old Finchleains	5	Commansingh 3, Giles, Sherwin (Lost 5-6 on penalties)
3rd XI	3	Old Suttonians	1	Harvey, Hickey
4th XI	2	Old Josephians	1	Kirkham 2
5th XI	6	Old Suttonians	2	Riley 3, Chillman, Targett, Dutton
Old St Marys	3	6th XI	5	(Andy)Smith, Weaver, Gayfell, Hayward, Forbes,A
John Fisher Old Boys	2	8th XI	1	Stratford
Palace	2	Tranmere	2	Svensson, Austin



IMPROVEMENT THERE FOR ALL TO SEE John Fisher Old Boys 2 8th XI 1

Against a side who, last season, beat us 8-2, we demonstrated in this 2-1 defeat how much we have improved. John Fisher are a skilfull side, having won their first two games 6-4 and 11-0, and they expected to beat us quite comfortably, but, by closing them down, and giving their players little time on the ball, we kept the score at 0-0 for about an hour. Indeed, we scored first from an excellent long range strike from **MATT STRATFORD**, but succumbed in the end to two equally fine goals from Fisher.

Pete Davis was excellent in a defence with a combined age of pushing 200, whilst Tom James, Matt Stratford and Anthony Norton, under the encouragement of the ever-green Dave Stewart, played mightily in midfield.

If we continue with this commitment and form, the 8ths could look forward to their best season ever.

Ian Rayworth

Pope.A Higgins Davis.P Brindle Rayworth Norton Stewart.D James Stratford Cocks Stewart.J

THE NARROWEST OF DEFEATS 2nd XI 5 Old Finchleains 5 (Lost 5-6 on penalties)

It was clear from the kick-off that both teams were committed to attack and the first 15 minutes consisted of end to end football culminating in a breakaway goal by **DARREN COOMSNSINGH** and, a few minutes later, a foul on Jason Trout resulted in a second **COOMANSINGH** goal, but Finchleains then scored from a well-taken free-kick to see the half-time score stand at 2-1, the end to end play continuing in the second half, with the visitors equalising with a disputed penalty.

The home defence was static when the visitors went ahead with only 15 minutes to go, but some accurate short passing led to a **SIMON GILES** goal just before the full-time whistle.

Finchleians looked the better side during the first period of extra time but, after five minutes, that man **COOMANSINGH** secured his hat-trick by out-pacing his marker and beating the ‘keeper. Not to be outdone, the visitors scored almost immediately and the sides changed ends all square yet again.

In the second period of extra time the 2nds looked the fitter team, Jason Trout going close and **PAUL SHERWIN** scoring from a goal-mouth scramble, but Finchlians equalised in the dying seconds.

No fewer than 13 penalty kicks were needed to decide the outcome, *Darren Coomansingh, Jason Trout, Doug Smart, Martrin Pacek and Doug Forbes* all conjuring goals out of weary legs but, despite falling behind, Finchleians’ luck held and they eventually won when their ‘keeper guessed right and saved our seventh spot kick.

Tony Reid

Stephens Forbes.D West Pullen Quinton Smart.D Giles Baker (Placek) Sherwin Coomansingh Trout

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, Octobe 26th 1974				
Old Bromleians	7	1st XI	1	(John) Matthews
2nd XI	1	Ealing Association	3	Golley
3rd XI	1	Mill Hill Village	1	Wood
Mill Hill Village	1	4th XI	0	
Fulham Compton	2	5th XI	1	Brittain
6th XI	2	Brent	4	Gasson, Easden
Port Vale	2	Palace	1	Taylor



FASTER IN PACE AND QUICK IN THE TACKLE Old Bromleians 7 1st XI 1

The 1st XI came down to earth with a bump with this result. For the second week running we played with little team work and, against Old Bromleians, we came unstuck.

Bromleians were generally that yard faster in pace and very quick in the tackle, giving us little time to control the ball. Their forwards had the skill and speed to take on our defence and there were many instances when Rod Hall, in goal, had to face on-coming forwards on his own.

As a consequence a combination of misfortune, sloppy defensive work, good shooting from our opponents and one dreadful error, saw the1st XI 1-4 down at half-time, and with very little chance of pulling the goals back.

There was, however, one bright spot for us in this period, namely an excellent goal from **JOHN MATTHEWS** as, from the edge of the penalty area, he cracked home a tremendous shot to cancel out Bromleians' first goal. Other than that, we only created one other clear-cut chance during the entire game, despite the fact that we had most of the play in the second half.

Certainly nobody can complain about losing this game but, as far as our opponents singing in the bar afterwards is concerned, I think we should all take our 'boover boots' next time. Geoff Robinson

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

SECS GOSSIP

One swallow does not make a summer, as the saying goes, and the 1st XI discovered last week that not all that is in the garden is lovely and the early season successes have now been put in perspective and it will be a test of their character and ability if that initial promise is to be regained. And this goes for the other sides, too, for last week's results were our worst so far this season. Let us hope we can hit back hard next week against strong opposition at all levels.

We have lost a number of players from our ranks as they seem to feel they are more important than the Club. ***They are mistaken*** and it is up to the rest of you to strive for our high ambitions and to reflect in the glory which will follow if we achieve them.

We do have a slight crisis on our hands at the moment in that we have a dearth of players capable of playing in a specialised position on the field. I refer, of course, to goal-keepers, and the situation here has become so acute that we may have to go outside of the Club to satisfy our requirements.

Mike Harris

2nd XI: Wells Burt Golley (Jnr) Hannifan O'Brien Jenkins Simner Golley (Snr) Johnson Carrington
3rd XI: Harper Powell Rayworth Forbes.I Smith.S Howell Kendrick.M Taylor(Malcolm) Hand Pook Wood
4th XI: Drabwell Murphy Davis.P McAlister R.E Hands Stopes Bartlett.L Portman Barry Favell Gibbons.E
5th XI: Tyson Kidd Dicks Houghton Groombridge McCarthy Jaffe McCleod Davis.A Brittain Miles
6th XI: Wysocki Horscroft Cudd Looker Easden Sanger Pike Fanning Gasson Fielder.W Wellman

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