Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 21st September 2024

Dates for the Diary

- Bourner trophy OWFC golf day , Thursday 26th September 2024 at Croham Hurst golf club

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)


OLD WILSONIAN'S
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Every Monday
Fom
SEPTEMBER
2ND, 2024
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 21st SEPTEMBER 2024 **

1. AJ Sambasivan (5th XI)
2. Billy Mansfield (2nd XI)
3. Doug Forbes (7th XI)
4. Harry Taylor (1st XI)
5. Sam Fairhurst (5th XI)
6. Louie Day (4th XI)
7. Jermaine Benson (5th XI)
8. George Catton (2nd XI)
9. Steve Benwell (5th XI)
10. Joe Chalkley (7th XI)
11. Ollie Sitch (1st 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:

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.

Weekend of 21st September 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	South Bank	1-1	Ollie Sitch
OWFC 2Xi	HSBC	2-2	Nils Boggard, George Catton
OWFC 3Xi	No Game		
OWFC 4Xi	HSBC	1-2	McDowell
OWFC 5Xi	Meadonians	1-1	Steve Benwell
OW 6XI	No Game		
OWFC 7Xi	HSBC	3-3 (won on pens)	Sam Watson, Joe Chalkley 2
OWFC Vets / Super Vets	No Game		

OWFC 1st XI Match report ;

South Bank Cuaco (21/09/24) (1-1 L)

First game at the Fortress for the 1s, and for most, the first chance to lay eyes on the freshly renovated clubhouse. Topped off with a set of new yellow balon's, and the boys were eager to get going. James dropped some heavy beats in the changing room, before digging deep into the kit bag to find Passley's hot pants, which he quickly dished out to Taylor - James thriving in his new role as Club Captain.

A few jogs, one or two sprints, couple headers and some drills from the skip - time for kick off.

What looked to be a lush outfield, quickly proved more difficult than first thought - with bobbly touches making it difficult to get straight into the groove. Even so, the boys in black & yellow had the pick of the chances in the first half. Sitch played through to the right of the box, just pulling his effort wide of the post. It was the same man who Jeevan slotted in for a second time, this time his effort the right side of the post and too strong for the Cuaco's keeper.

Time for the 1s to kick on, with a deserving lead. Cue, a Cuaco wonder-strike. From the kick off, the ball found it's towards the 1s back line. A headed clearance found it's way to a Cuaco midfielder, possibly 40 yards from goal. With a strike Jonjo Shelvey would've been proud of, his first time volley - on the Joe Mangle as Simmo would say, found Ingamells in a spot of bother as it sailed past him, rooted to the penalty spot. A strike worthy of levelling it, but certainly against the run of play.

1-1 at half time, and it's fair to say the boys weren't playing their best football, but feeling a little hard-done-by not to be in the lead. More chances to come in the second half for sure.

True to that, the best of the chances went the Wilsonians' way. Riman found with an open goal pending, only to be blocked at the death by a full-stretch Cuaco defender. Henry rocketed one which ricocheted wide, and Passley played through from deep by James, but couldn't steal the lead. A couple decent long-range efforts from Steadford drew good saves, and the final chance on the half-volley from Cormack sailed just past the post.

It wasn't quite to be. It finished 1-1, with it feeling like 2 points dropped. Positives to take - first league point on the board, and a couple of lovely jugs in the sun. Onwards to Norsemen next week - we go again. Up the 1s.

Squad:
Harry Ingamells
Pat Kirby
Sam James
Harry Taylor
Nathan Cooper
Gowtham Jeevan
Max Cormack
Sam Wright
Monty Henry
Ollie Sitch
Harley RIman
Nathaniel Passley
Kieran Steadford
Marcus Jones

Goals: Ollie Sitch
MoM: Harry Taylor

Match report: Old Wilsonians 2s 4-4 Weirside Rangers 2s (14/9/2024)

A thrilling match unfolded on a sunny afternoon as Old Wilsonians 2nd XI hosted Weirside Rangers 2s. In perfect footballing conditions, both teams played with high intensity, creating a great match to watch.

Weirside Rangers started strong, taking an early lead after a ball over the top which lead to a missed header from keeper Kaya Tumkaya. However, Old Wilsonians showed great resilience and slowly clawed their way back into the match. A free kick from Ben Campbell saw us equalise to make it 1-1. Old Wilsonians then continued to struggle to gain a foothold in the opening stages, with George Catton unsurprisingly getting booked for kicking the ball away. And their opponents took full advantage, regaining the lead and making it 2-1.

However, not long later, a great finish from Ryan Amrane brought us level at 2-2. Sensing the momentum shift, the hosts pushed for another, and our persistence paid off, with great pressing from Marley Quashie who won the ball back just outside their box and slotted it past the keeper. However, not long after, another ball over the top to their skilful left winger led to him cutting inside once more and levelling the scores at 3-3 not long before half time. A couple of chances followed from Old Wils, notably from a great ball from Joe Fitzgerald which gave Roman Banton a chance to give us the lead, unfortunately he couldn't capitalise.

It was Weirside Rangers who struck first in the second half. Controversially, they took a 4-3 lead midway through the half, despite protests from Old Wilsonians, as the goal appeared to be offside. Old wils continued to push for an equaliser, being massively on top in the second half. Creating multiple chances but didn't manage to convert any of them. Until a corner in the last 5 minutes which rebounded out to Ryan Amrane who managed to equalise, making it 4-4 right towards the end of the game.

The game finished 4-4, on another day Old Wilsonians would've won that game but there were plenty of positives to take from the day.

OWFC 2s match report for 21st September 2024

Match report: HSBC 2's 2-2 Old Wilsonians 2's

After a thrilling 4-4 draw the week prior the 2's made the short trip round the corner to New Beckenham to take on HSBC 2's, a solid, experienced outfit. The sun was shining and the boys were set for a tough game.

The game kicked off and as expected HSBC looked to get the ball to their danger man, number 7, however he was quickly dealt with by Bill who started the game strong. The first half consisted of a head to head midfield battle, with not much attacking action, both teams defending well and enjoying their share of possession. Old wils moved ball around well and looked the more likely to score, Nils rifling a strike curling towards the far corner which struck off the post, with Marley and Josh enjoying lots of space to drive into out wide. The boys looked to go in at half time with a hard fought 0-0, however a debatable penalty was awarded to HSBC at the stroke of half time, 1-0 at the break.

The 2nd half kicked off and Old Wils dominated the ball, clearly on top of the game. Ben slipped a ball through to Nils 1 on 1 who buried it high despite a hand from the keeper, 1-1. Old Wils continued to dominate possession and looked extremely dangerous, however were unlucky to not finish created chances. HSBC then finished off a well worked move completely against the run of play, 2-1. Old Wils continued to knock on the door, George picking up the ball from deep and a well taken finish to equalise left the game at 2-2 with 5 minutes to play.

A cagey last 5 minutes resulted in a 2-2 draw, a result which the 2's could look at as a disappointment due to a largely good performance, however plenty of positives to take into the cup match next week.

MOM - George Catton
Match Report by : Freddie Fisher- Sullivan

Old Wilsonians 3's 0 - 1 West Wickham 5's (14/9/2024)

It was a disappointing afternoon for the thirds, as we fell to a 1-0 defeat against West Wickham, with a slow start and lack of cohesion proving costly. From the opening whistle, it was clear that we weren't at our usual level, and that sluggishness ultimately handed the opposition the upper hand.

The first half was characterised by a lack of chemistry across the pitch. Passes were going astray, the movement off the ball wasn't sharp enough, and we struggled to find any real rhythm. West Wickham capitalised on our disjointed play, applying early pressure and managing to break the deadlock midway through the half. A quick counter down our left side caught us out of position, and despite our best efforts, the West Wickham forward found space to slot home past our keeper.

That goal highlighted our struggles – individually and collectively. We failed to win key battles in crucial areas of the pitch, allowing West Wickham too much time and space to dictate the tempo. In contrast, we lacked the urgency and intensity that usually defines our performances.

As the game wore on, we gradually began to carve out some chances, but our finishing let us down. A couple of close-range efforts went begging, and perhaps our best opportunity came when we hit the post in the second half – agonisingly close to drawing level. However, these moments were few and far between, and West Wickham's disciplined defending kept us at bay.

Ultimately, it was a frustrating performance where we were left to rue not only missed chances but also the lack of effort and intensity that we normally bring to the pitch. We must learn from this and work on building our chemistry, as well as winning those individual battles that make the difference.

There's no doubt we can bounce back from this result, but we know we need to be better in every area moving forward.

Team: G.King, N. Tambini, R. Sweeney, S. Gordon, S. Winifred-Davies, D. Benjamin, H. Taylor, T. Wells, A. Benwell, S. Benwell, C. Watson
Subs: R. Benson, N, Amoah, O. Williams, J. Kotun

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024

OWFC 5XI V OLD MEADONIANS

AWAY

1-1 (BENWELL.S)

MOTM: SAMBASIVAN

A sunny day and a nice trek back to our favourite pitches in Chiswick to face the often awkward Old Meads, vivid from last season when facing the worst referee we've ever had, still long in the memory.

Some rushed preparations, travel issues and lateness left the set out starting 11s in shambles, a quick tidy up and here we go kick off.

A very shaky start to the game including some hairy moments and a fast start from Meads, foiled by temporary step in keeper SWEENEY and some great defending from J.BENSON, UNION subbing on as goalkeeper when he arrived, was keeping us afloat.

Into the game stepped the 5s, some quick distributions from the back and flowing interplay in the front line, leading to a few half chances for S.BENWELL, unlucky to hit the target on one and a good save at the near post for the other.

The 5s knocking on the door, set pieces putting the under pressure and after a shaky start, we were dominating the game coming into half time on a very short and bobbly pitch.

Some points exchanged and back out to the second half, where all the momentum seemed to go, ball was out of play and out of possession often and Meads coming back with some chances of their own, again to be fouled by UNION.

The 5s again growing into the game, some threatening chances from T.WELLS, one flashing past the post and the other curled just over the bar. Chances few and far between in the half, lack of quality until some subs and a change of formation to 352 to end the game and to take it to Meads.

Ball moved well out wide, a mix up between TAMBO and DYKI, before DYKI beautiful delivery to an unmarked S.BENWELL to plant his header beyond the keeper with 5 minutes left, was the unbeaten streak set to continue.

We were holding on, but giving away silly free kicks throughout the second half, with some of the deliveries causing a few issues. A free kick given away, with a decent delivery into the box, 2 minutes left, J.BENSONs unfortunate flicked header to his back post and a tap in for the meads player rushing in.

Overall, a decent battling performance and lost of potential going forward for the upcoming game of Poly at home, game lacked some quality on both sides but was unlucky to get the 3 points.

Special shout outs to a few performances, J.BENSON who was very strong in the middle, R.SWEENEY for his solid stint and saves in goal and strong performance at the back and for MOTM AJ UNION, who's saves very much saved us during the game.

Onto next week, hope for a big turn out, some injured boys on the verge of returning, a hopeful look ahead to another strong season.

1. DYKI
2. JETHWA
3. DOYLEY
4. BILLING
5. HOLMES
6. SWEENEY
7. BENSON.J
8. WELLS
9. BENWELL.S
10. TAMBINI
11. GILBERT
12. AMOAH
13. BENWELL.A
14. SAMBASIVAN 🧤
15. BENSON.R
16. NICHOLAS

HSBC 4th XI Vs Old Wilsonians 7th XI (AFA CUP)

Another warm sunny Saturday and very firm under foot with trim grass is what you come to expect for a game against an HSBC XI at their rather nice facilities.

This AFA Cup game had all the hallmarks of a classic with a clear mix of youth and experience on both sides as we took to the field after a quick warm up session lead by Nathan Adebowale.

The game started fairly evenly for a while but we looked to be getting the better of it when the first break of any note from the opposition saw a goal when their 2 quickest players finally managed to link up and slotted the ball away. Despite building our play well and passing the ball around we soon found ourselves 2-0 down with some more good interplay from HSBC which finally seemed to kick us into another gear. It was now all us and with some good play and great passing Sam Waton smashed one in which brought us in at half time 2-1 down but with the momentum.

After a spirited team talk and a couple of tactical changes the 7th XI carried on the positive play and passing and soon saw their rewards with a rocket from Joe Chalkley which kicked off his well rehearsed goal celebrations which was just as well as he would need them again later!

HSBC were not going down without a fight and with constant substitutions, tried their best to out run us on the pitch but with some great saves by Doug Forbes and a very committed defensive back line, we gave as good as we got and had our own chances and even got their keeper to produce a save outside of his own box, much to our annoyance but not seen apparently by the referee.

The referee did however see a handball after a cross was blasted at Andrew Marsh from short range and against the run of play at the latter part of the 2nd half and duly slotted away by their striker despite Doug Forbes best effort to out stare him.

We could easily have given in after some protesting but quickly got back into our rhythm and applied the pressure and right at the end of the 2nd half won ourselves a free kick just outside the box from another blocked shot with hands raised, this time by HSBC.

Up stepped Joe Chalkley and curled it into the top corner and cue those goal celebrations I mentioned earlier. The final whistle followed just after the restart that gave us the belief we could take the win however some more stubborn defending by both teams and again some good saves from both keepers saw extra time unable to break the 3-3 deadlock.

Penalties it was, but wait another twist as the opposition chose to change their keeper of all 110 minutes to their youngest player on the pitch. Was this a master stroke or a fools gold?!?

5 Confident Old Wilsonians put their names forward to take the penalties and numbered up as Doug Forbes got ready to produce his MOM performance. Our first 2 penalties were unequalled as Doug Forbes dived to his right and almost too early for the first one as HSBC failed to score either of them. When we slotted the third one in, well I use the term loosely as the shank that Ian David Wellman produced almost broke the net and was unstoppable and would have been well on it's way to Wembley had the goal been any further away!

HSBC finally found their shooting boots and despite Doug Forbes best effort their 3rd penalty was slotted into the corner. Up stepped Joe Chalkley to warm up his goal celebrations again only this time his strike was straight next to the young keeper who palmed it up into the air before catching it and suddenly gave HSBC some new found hope.

They slotted in their next penalty again with great accuracy and it was all on Bruce Graham to seal the deal as it were. With complete calmness and no fuss, Bruce slotted the ball into the left corner and cue the celebrations for keeping going RIGHT to the very end and the just reward of us going into the next round of the AFA Cup!

HSBC 4th XI (3) Vs Old Wilsonians 7th XI (3)

Penalties

HSBC 4th XI (2) Vs Old Wilsonians 7th XI (4)

Squad - Alex Forbes, Josh Nordbo, Bruce Graham, Ian David Wellman, Andrew Marsh, Ricky Morley, James Drummond, Zack aw- Evans, Sam Waton, Grahame Nelson (Boom Boom), Nathan Adebowale, Mark Hardy, Joe Chalkley, Doug Forbes

MOM - Doug Forbes

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the week of 28th September through out the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Norseman	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	Old Meadonians 2s	OBC	Away
OWFC 3Xi	Sunnah FC	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC 4Xi	South Bank Cuaco 6s	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	Civil Service	SAL	Away
OWFC 7Xi	Meadonians	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Alleyns	Vets League	Away
OWFC SuperVets			

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , September 18th 1999				
1st XI	4	Old Salvatorians	1	Coomansingh 2, Pope.D 2
Old Sedcopians	1	2nd XI	1	Giles
Old Reigatians	3	3rd XI	1	Marcus
4th XI	4	Old Reigatians	2	Hickey 2, Baker, Quinton
5th XI	2	John Fisher Old Boys	4	Humphries 2
6th XI	2	Old Thorntonians	6	Warboys.D, Forbes.A
Glynn Old Boys	4	7th XI	0	
Palace	3	Grimsby	0	Morrison, Mullins, Svensson



Clarke Quarrington Appeal

I am delighted to report that we have raised, so far, £5,500 towards the Clarke Quarrington fund. To date we have sent him a cheque for £5,000 and will send the remainder when I know there are no more contributions to come in, so if you have collected any cash and not paid it in yet, then let me have it as soon as possible.

The initial £5,000 has gone towards building a bedroom and bathroom on the ground floor of Clarke's home, whilst the remainder will go towards providing a ramp to help him get to and from his garden. John Houghton has organised a steel base, which needs collecting – it is around seven feet long, so if anyone with a van could help collect it, that would be very useful.

Many thanks for the generous donations which shows, yet again, that, when required, OWs will rally round and help one of their own.

Ian Forbes

Editor's footnote: And sincere thanks to 'The Old Grey Whistle Test' himself, who chivvied, cajoled and generally pulled out all the stops to make this wonderful response possible

OW SIDES MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP IN FIVE-A-SIDE COMPETITION

Our annual five-a-side competition took place on September 12th with 24 teams competing in four leagues of six.

A mixture of cloud, sunshine and cooler temperatures than the day before, and no rain, made for ideal playing conditions and with Andy Udale, Kim Wing, Charlie Cocks and Denise Pilgrim running the barbecue, both the football and catering went along smoothly.

For the record Dave Saraga is back from Peru and his team, skippered by Dave Pope, won the main competition from another OW outfit, "False Majeure", run by Dan Harris.

The Plate Final, like the major competition, was won on penalties by another OW side, "May the Fours be with you", led by Steve Jerome and Micky Hughes, who defeated Dave Nelmes' "MJB Prima Donnas" and was watched by, amongst others, Mark Goldberg and John Humphries, ex Charlton and Palace full-back.

A big 'Thank you' to our referees and Andy McClinton, Ian Forbes, Clive Peckover, Hugh McGeever, the catering team and my personal assistant, daughter Sarah, for their help on the day, to Andy Kirchin for helping to organise the event, to Mike Harris for getting the medals and to my far better half Lynn, for all her typing and support.

I hope everyone who played had as much fun as I did watching and commentating. See you again next year.

Mick 'Motty' Pilgrim

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, September 21st 1974				
1st XI	1	Brittanic House	1	Cowell.C
Brittanic House	0	2nd XI	7	Montgomery 4, (John) Matthews 2, Johnson
3rd XI	2	Australasian Banks	1	(Malcolm) Taylor, (Jim) Matthews
4th XI	2	Sedwick Forbes	3	Pook 2
Palace	2	Wrexham	0	Taylor, Chatterton



LACK OF FITNESS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED 3rd XI 2 Australasian Banks 1

This was not the sort of match the 3rd XI wanted to start their season, a hard fought Cup tie, played in driving rain which eventually went to extra time. The 3rds came through in the end to win 2-1, but had to endure a number of hair-raising escapes during the process.

MALCOLM TAYLOR put the home side ahead after about 30 minutes with a well-timed header from Steve Wisson's corner. The 3rds then sustained considerable pressure from a much fitter Australasian Bank side and the defence were finally overcome in the second half when Graham Powell was forced to save the ball on the line with his hand. The penalty was converted and the 3rds began to show a little more fight but could not snatch the winner before the end of the 90 minutes, so extra tine was played with most of the 22 representatives from both sides feeling exhausted. The game seemed to have reached stalemate but, with five minutes left, Malcolm Taylor was brought down in the penalty area and **JIM MATTHEWS** made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Increased defensive measures ensured that the visitors did not equalise for a second time but, none-the-less, we were all relieved to hear the final whistle. Pete Clarke had a superb game in goal, making some great saves and acting as a sweeper behind his defence on occasions. Graham Powell also performed well, making two goal-line clearances and showing a lot of skill for a full-back.

This victory was a great morale booster for the 3rds, who are to be congratulated on their fighting spirit, despite their lack of fitness. With improvements in this department the side can go a long way in this Cup, as well as doing well in the league.

Malcolm Taylor

A message from our President

With the advent of another season, I extend greetings to all of the regulars and a hearty welcome to all newcomers and hope that, for the latter, it will be the start of a long and enjoyable career with the Football Club and the Association.

Having won, and for the second time, the League's plaque for 'Hospitality and Sportsmanship', let's keep it that way. One bone of contention, however, is the poor old referee, whose decisions sometimes cause exasperation to the player or players concerned. This has probably always been the case but you must remember that he is in charge of the game and nothing will alter that fact.

Another important fact to remember is that, if the opposition get 'shirty' and employ dubious tactics, you must ignore them and continue to play football. You will probably say that I an 'Old Victorian' rather than an 'Old Wilsonian', but these were the attitudes I was taught to adopt and should form the basis of a successful season for all sides.

Nick Carter

Thank you Nick and I hope everyone takes heed of your fine words. And you certainly do not sound like an Old Victorian - Edwardian perhaps, but not Victorian! - ed

Quote of the week

"Sale of unwanted goods; bring your husbands" - 'Women's Guild' advertisement

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