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News

TRAINING
training takes place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 8pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates.

OWFC AGM 2017
This years AGM took place on the 4th July with 14 people turning up to have their say on the future of the OWFC. The main issues discussed were the amendments to the constitution. Those present unanimously voted in favour of amending rule 5(a) to include "brothers" in the definition of an Old Boy, while an amendment to rule 5(b), allowing two committee members of the OWFC Junior FC to recommend players to join the OWFC, was passed with a vote of 12-2. It was also agreed (13-1) that subs for 2017 would increase from £120 to £125.

OWFC CLUB SHOP
If you are need of training kit look no further than the OWFC Club Shop. We have an exclusive agreement in place with Macron to supply the kit which can be purchased here.

ANNUAL SUBS NOW OVERDUE
Subs were due on 31st October, if you are haven't paid then you can't play! This year's subs are £125, please make sure these are paid to the club account as soon as possible. Account number is 00685852, Sort Code 20-05-57. Once you have paid please email Alex Forbes (alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk) to let him know, alternatively you can pay at the bar after your next home game. If you would like to discuss payment plans please talk Alex. Failure to pay means you won't be able to play after October 30th.

OLD WILSONIANS' ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB

Terms & Conditions for hire of facilities

To all Sports Club Hirers:

The cost to hire the club facilities	£200.00
We require a breakages/cleaning deposit	£50.00
We require a kitchen use deposit	£50.00
If an extension after midnight is requested	£100.00 per extra hour
Corkage will be charged per bottle	@£8.00

All moneys are to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event. We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards. No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar. If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

NB: The Association relies heavily on hiring out the Clubhouse to increase its revenue from which we all benefit. The above outlines our terms and conditions, so please pass on to anyone your think may be interested or, indeed, yourself – many Old Wilsonians have already held functions in our Clubhouse.

For more details, please contact Anton Snowsill:
antonsnowsill@hotmai.com

OWFC 2018 Tour – Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July

Details for the first football tour since 2011 have now been firmed up and we will be sending a squad to Slovakia Friday June 29th - Sunday July 1st.

Itinerary as follows:

- Friday PM - Fly to Vienna & 1 hour transfer to Bratislava
- Friday PM & EVE - Sample the culture Bratislava has to offer and spend night.
- Saturday AM - Coach to Zvolen
- Saturday PM - Football tournament. 2 x Local Teams, 1 x Ally Pally XI, 1 x OWFC XI
- Saturday EVE - BBQ and party with our hosts and locals in Zvolen. Stay the night here.
- Sunday PM/EVE - Fly back to London.

COST - £260 PP. Flights, accommodation and transfers included. £130 deposit is required by the 28th Feb 2018.

We already have a strong list of confirmed attendees so Email or Whatsapp Jamie Moniz to reserve your place or with any questions:
jamesmoniz@hotmail.com or 07878652816

Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match – Friday 2nd March

The annual Alf Parish Memorial darts match will again be held at Selhurst Park this year when defending champions, ***Old Wilsonians' Football Club,*** will be doing their best to retain their trophy

Three of last year's winning team - Matt Rand, the individual winner – Chris Billing and Doug Forbes will be steadying themselves at the oche, and perhaps also steadying their nerves at the cash bar beforehand but remembering that too much alcohol is probably not conducive to a steady throwing arm and realising that there will be plenty of time for celebrations once the competition has been completed

The event raised over £170 for the Football Club last year and participation this time guarantees that there will be more to add to the coffers, irrespective of the result, come the end of the evening

Entry is just £10 – think of it as a match fee – so please consider joining Matt, Chris and Doug to bolster the team, which can contain up to six players.

Supporters are also welcome and for just £5 they can enjoy:

A fun-filled evening of top quality darts

An excellent buffet provided by the incomparable Kane who heads the catering team at Selhurst and feeds the top Premier division players and managers on a regular basis – Jose Mourinho and Arsene Wenger may criticise referees but they have nothing but praise for the fare Kane provides

A raffle with super prizes – including a signed shirt by the Palace players, bottles of their famous red and blue wines - as in red and blue army – and two tickets for a game of your choice

The chance to raise money for the OWFC which, at the same time, will help keep your annual subs and match fees at the ridiculously low level they currently are

The chance to honour and remember Alf Parish or, if you do not already know who he is, to rectify that anomaly

If you are interested – either as a player or just wish to come along to enjoy the evening, then please let me know as soon as possible, whilst an added incentive to come along must surely be that the ***Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club*** are also entering a team.

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Doug Forbes proudly displays the Alf Parish Memorial darts trophy, presented to him by Alf's widow, Doreen, at the conclusion of last year's competition

Club Shop



OW Home Short

Price: £12.60



OW Praia Jacket

Price: £26.28



OW Kobe Jacket

Price: £41.60



OW Nixi Top

Price: £31.48



OW Desna Pant

Price: £22.62



OW Home Sock

Price: £4.92



OW Rigel Top

Price: £16.21



OW Tarim Top

Price: £24.36



OW Helsinki Jacket

Price: £46.85



OW Academy Bag

Price: £20.72

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Fixtures and Results

Classified Results – 17th February				
East Barnet Old Grammarians	5	2	**1st XI**	SAL
Goals: Sellman, D., Karamath, J.				
NUFC Oilers 2s	4	3	**2nd XI**	SAL
Goals: James, S., Stanley, W., Percy, G.				
3rd XI	1	1	Alleyn Old Boys 4th XI	SAL
Goal: Williams, M.				
Alleyn Old Boys 6s	5	2	**4th XI**	SAL
Goals: Adams, A. (2)				
5th XI	2	1	City of London 3rd XI	SAL
Goals: Breen, J., O'Callaghan, T.				
Civil Service 7s	1	4	**6th XI**	SAL
Goals: OG., Wicks, S., Wrenn-Smith, C., Perfitt, K				
7th XI	1	1	South Bank Cuaco 6th XI	SAL
Goal: Rand, R.				
HSBC 6s	3	2	**8th XI**	SAL
Goals: Nordbo, J., Frimpong, N.				

Fixtures – 20th February		
Worcester Park	19-45	**1st XI**
SPC - Away		

Fixtures – 24th February		
1st XI	14-00	Old Owens
SAL - Home		
Nottsborough	14-00	**2nd XI**
SAL - Away		
HSBC 4th XI	14-00	**4th XI**
SAL - Away		
5th XI	14-00	HSBC 5th XI
SAL - Home		
Merton 5th XI	14-00	**6th XI**
SAL - Away		
7th XI	14-00	**8th XI**
SAL – Home		



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Match Reports – 1st XI

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	11	8	2	1	34	8	26	26
2	Alleyn Old Boys	12	8	2	2	25	10	15	26
3	Nottsborough	11	7	2	2	31	12	19	23
4	Old Parkonians	11	5	3	3	23	21	2	18
5	Old Owens	13	4	4	5	29	26	3	16
6	West Wickham	13	4	4	5	20	27	-7	16
7	Old Wilsonians	12	3	4	5	20	23	-3	13
8	East Barnet Old Grammarians	12	3	3	6	19	34	-15	12
9	Old Garchonians	11	2	4	5	17	29	-12	10
10	Winchmore Hill	11	2	3	6	18	24	-6	9
11	Bank of England	13	2	3	8	15	37	-22	9

East Barnet Grammarians 5 – 2 OWFC 1ST XI

The 1s made the long journey to East Barnet Old Grammarians to contest an important league game, hoping to put some distance between the two sides in the table.

OWFC found it difficult to get to grips with the pitch conditions in the opening exchanges and EBOGS took the lead when a break down the left hand side ended with an easy tap in following a square ball across goal. This seemed to spark OWFC into life and a good move down the right hand side resulted in the equaliser as Niall Sheridan put in a great ball that Dan Sellman could not miss from. Shortly afterwards, another neat team move provided Sellman with an almost carbon copy opportunity from an Ant Child's centre. Replays may suggest the pitch had a part to play in Sellman's miss/assist, as the ball ricocheted into the path of James Karamath who made it 2-1. OWFC were now on top and had a third goal harshly ruled out for offside before the break.

The second half began with OWFC playing some nice football, however, EBOGS managed to score an equaliser on the break that proved to be crucial. Tiring legs combined with growing EBOGS confidence saw the home team score two more goals, despite an excellent goalkeeping performance from Dan Hall who made a number of excellent saves. The game ended with EBOGS finding one more goal to cap off a disappointing afternoon for OWFC. Heads now turn to Tuesday night where OWFC will hope to continue their impressive cup form in the Surrey Premier Cup.

Report by Kieran Steadford

Match Reports – 2nd XI

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	West Wickham Res	11	9	1	1	42	13	29	28	
2	Polytechnic Res	12	7	4	1	30	12	18	25	
3	NUFC Oilers Res	10	5	3	2	31	24	7	18	
4	Alleyn Old Boys Res	8	5	1	2	27	6	21	16	
5	Old Wilsonians Res	9	5	0	4	17	17	0	15	
6	Actonians Association Res	11	4	2	5	18	25	-7	14	
7	Civil Service Res	12	3	3	6	21	37	-16	12	
8	Winchmore Hill Res	9	3	0	6	12	19	-7	6	*
9	Nottsborough Res	8	1	1	6	17	25	-8	4	
10	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	12	1	1	10	12	49	-37	4	

* Adjustment made

NUFC Oilers 4 – 3 OWFC 2ND XI

Another epic journey for a North London away trip, but the weather was looking bright after a miserable week and an absolute nightmare in selection.

We started strong full of energy with 2 of the 3s regulars and 4 NOBs helping us out we seemed to gel quickly. When a flick on from Smithy was met by Gary Percy touch and half volley from the edge of the box put us one nil up. The game was end to end but we look dangerous with every attack. However, the ref who was clueless for both sides all game allowed play for a clear offside as our back 4 stopped and their striker slotted home to make it 1-1.

With an immediate reaction we got one back from a good cross out wide flicked on again by smithy to the on charging Will Stanley, 2-1 to us!! It wasn't long before a counter attack put Sam James through 1 on 1 and he beat the keeper with ease to make us go 3-1 which we took into half time.

The 2nd half we fell to the same issue as we did against Poly and sat back too deep. A determined Oilers managed to pick up 3 goals in the 2nd half for us to lose 4-3. Fitness and availability still a massive issue for the club that needs to be addressed asap. However, I still continue to enjoy leading a fantastic group of lads each week.

Team: Bradley, Tanner, Dunk, Thompson, Clare, Kirby, Elliot, Percy, Smithy, James, Stanley, Howe
MoM: Smithy

Report by Jon Howe

Match Reports – 3rd XI

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	City of London	13	7	3	3	29	15	14	24
2	Carshalton 3rd	13	7	1	5	30	27	3	22
3	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	14	6	4	4	29	28	1	22
4	Polytechnic 4th	8	6	2	0	19	4	15	20
5	Nottsborough 4th	11	6	1	4	32	18	14	19
6	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	8	5	1	2	23	16	7	16
7	Actonians Association 4th	10	5	1	4	20	17	3	16
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	15	3	6	6	25	25	0	15
9	Kew Association Res	14	4	0	10	24	42	-18	12
10	Merton 3rd	13	3	1	9	21	39	-18	10
11	HSBC 3rd	11	2	2	7	15	36	-21	8

OWFC 3rd XI 1 – 1 ALLEYN OLD BOYS 4TH XI

On a surprisingly sunny February day the 3's played well to draw 1-1 with a strong Alleyns team. We started the game well with a string of nice possession, however 5 mins in an Alleyn's counter led to what everyone initially thought was an Alleyns goal. However, some strong calls for offside from Ballard in particular meant that the highly controversial ref (who some are calling the Sunday League Mike Dean) ruled the goal offside, giving the 3s an early lifeline. We continued playing well and 15 mins in a corner was whipped in to none other than Chibueze Akpakwu who decided to try a bicycle kick from inside the box. Despite pundits describing his effort as the 'most awkward and weakest bicycle kick they've ever seen' the rebound fell to Tyler who drilled in a low cross to Matty Williams who finished off the move to give Wilsons the lead. However, due to a slip from TC 5 mins later the Alleyns attack found themselves straight in on goal and capitalised to make the game 1-1 20mins in. From then on Alleyns dominated possession but failed to create a clear cut chance due to our disciplined defence and we continued to be a threat on the counter. Our best chance came about 70mins in when BNS found himself through on goal and despite being 1 on 1 blazed it miles over the bar with unconfirmed reports claiming that the ball actually ended up in Surrey Street Market. Other highlights of the game included Chibu's constant midfield battle with their number 3 (aka toilet brush) which was reminiscent of Vieira vs Keane circa 2002, and when the oppositions left winger who was asked to go left back late in the game shouted that 'he will never play for Alleyns again' if they put him at left back. Despite these strong claims he was put at left back for the last 20 and so if we don't see him at the reverse fixture at least we know why. The game ended 1-1 which was probably a fair result overall.

MoM: Tyler
DoD: BNS

Match Reports – 4th XI

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 6th	10	7	2	1	25	19	6	23
2	Ibis Eagles 4th	8	6	0	2	22	8	14	18
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	11	5	2	4	23	26	-3	17
4	West Wickham 5th	9	5	0	4	20	12	8	15
5	HSBC 4th	11	5	0	6	26	28	-2	15
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	11	3	5	3	26	22	4	14
7	City of London Res	11	3	2	6	21	24	-3	11
8	Polytechnic 6th	10	2	3	5	17	34	-17	9
9	Bank of England 4th	11	2	2	7	15	22	-7	8

ALLEYN OLD BOYS 6h XI 5 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI - 4s fail to make dominance pay

The 4s turned up to Alleyns looking to put right a recent downturn in results. But before we could get going a wait for the school caretaker to open the gates to the pitch and then the changing rooms ensued. The inquisitive Will Gunnell took the time to ask a perplexed skipper Pat Matthews what his footballing philosophy was in the misguided belief his skipper had ever considered such a thing. As we walked up to the pitch we admired the groundsmanship of the pitches at this esteemed school and realised we hadn't seen the last pancake this week. Needless to say we felt conditions were right for us to be able to play our best passing game.

A thundering Benteke-esque header from Ant ADAMS to put Wilsons ahead inside 2 mins was a good start. However the lead did not last long as Alleyns scored a (definitely offside) equaliser. This did not hamper Wilsons play as they continued to put some promising attacks together often starting from the midfield duo of Gunnell and Jeevan, who disappointingly turned up to this game in unmatching attire, as well as down the right flank with the impressive Page and Dixon more than justifying their call ups. Somehow though despite the onslaught and chance after chance the score remained level until around 30 mins when an excellent meandering run and through ball from Gunnell was finished by Adams, the 4s ran back to the half way line celebrating but wait, no goal? The goal hadn't been given much to the bemusement of probably everyone on the pitch. Had the referee not seen it? I for one still don't know the reason! Alleyns then had a couple of attacks of their own and the stand in GK Toby Godwin whilst organising his defence referred to Ironside as 'Sir' when instructing him to mark an Alleyns forward. This was rubbished by Pat Matthews who felt the need to remind Toby it was not a school day, however, ever the disciplinarian Mr Ironside quickly put him right insisting "he should call me sir" and "i like it'... With only their 3rd and 4th attack of the game Alleyns then managed to score 2 break away goals. 3-1.

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Match Reports – 4th XI

ALLEYN OLD BOYS 6h XI 5 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI

The 4s went in at half time with the belief that despite the scoreline there was something in this game for them and were not too downbeat as we had been playing well. 2nd half carried on where the 1st had left off; a constant barrage of attacks from the Wilsons with some decent strikes and headers finding everywhere but the back of the net. Eventually the ball was played to ADAMS on the left edge of the 12 yard box and he curled the ball past the keeper into the far top corner. Finally! 3-2 with 20 mins to play and surely at least a draw could be on the cards. The tricky footed Abdou, who had watched a 'Best of Robert Pires' video on YouTube on the way to the match, started coming more into the game making some fine runs and was brought down on the edge of the box to win a couple of free kicks although he insisted after the game he should have had 4 penalties. The free kicks well taken by Jeevan then Adams but were saved and hit the bar respectively. Rand also went through and had a shot saved. With 9 mins left on the refs watch and still the Wilsons remained behind. Against the run of play and of play for pretty much the whole match a nice finish from an Alleyns midfielder then put the game out of reach followed by another sloppy goal just before the end.

5-2 final score and the 4s were left rueing what might have been into their pizza gogo boxes.. Ballard at least reminding us life could be worse... we could be eating pie and beans back at the club...

Team: Godwin, Matthews, Ironside, Dixon, Rand, Page, Abdou, Jeevan, Gunnell, Adams, Lawrey
MOM: Adams
Report by Pat Matthews

Match Reports – 5th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	12	8	2	2	44	23	21	26
2	Actonians Association 8th	13	8	1	4	46	30	16	25
3	Old Wilsonians 5th	11	7	1	3	24	27	-3	22
4	HSBC 5th	14	6	2	6	37	32	5	20
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	13	5	2	6	26	30	-4	17
6	Merton 5th	12	4	2	6	22	31	-9	14
7	Civil Service 7th	13	4	1	8	23	27	-4	13
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11
9	City of London 3rd	14	2	5	7	20	37	-17	11

OWFC 5th XI 2 – 1 CITY OF LONDON 3RD XI

After what seemed like months of playing in freezing rain, snow and mud, Hayes never looked so glorious and the 5s warmed up for the game in good spirits with talk of winning our games in hand putting us right in the title hunt.

We had thrashed our opponents 7-1 in the reverse fixture earlier in the season however with their 2s not having a fixture they fielded a much stronger side this time around. Both sides started well and we the game was very competitive with City knocking it around nicely and the 5s playing our usual combative brand of football. School boy Callum Hockley making his Old Boys debut provided a constant threat down the left but other than a few goal mouth scrambles from our corners it was a game of few chances.

With 40 minutes gone Breen was played through on goal, held off a defender and finished nicely from the edge of the box with his left foot. We saw out the rest of the half and went in to the break happy with our lead.

We started the second half really well and should of extended our lead with a couple of great chances after great work again from Hockley. Predictably 5 minutes later they equalised. A well worked move down our left cut us open and the ball was squared for their striker to score from 6 yards.

We got straight back on the front foot with O'Callaghan and S. Moniz running the midfield and soon went back ahead when O'Callaghan burst into the box and smashed the ball in at the near post. We were bossing the game now and really contained their threat and should of gone further ahead but for some very questionable offside decisions.

We saw out the game relatively comfortably for a good win against a good side and moved up to third in the league, 4 points off top with games in hand - although somehow we still have a negative goal difference!!!!

J Holland, C Charman, C Billings, P Smith, J Moniz, C Hockley, S Moniz, T O'Callaghan, J Cotter, J Breen, L Ffrench, W Bennett

MoM: Callum Hockley

Match Reports – 6th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	12	8	2	2	44	23	21	26
2	Actonians Association 8th	13	8	1	4	46	30	16	25
3	Old Wilsonians 5th	11	7	1	3	24	27	-3	22
4	HSBC 5th	14	6	2	6	37	32	5	20
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	13	5	2	6	26	30	-4	17
6	Merton 5th	12	4	2	6	22	31	-9	14
7	Civil Service 7th	13	4	1	8	23	27	-4	13
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11
9	City of London 3rd	14	2	5	7	20	37	-17	11

CIVIL SERVICE 7TH XI 1 – 4 OWFC 6th XI

After last weeks defeat to the 5s, the 6s were at risk of falling in to a relegation battle. With all home games finished they knew they needed to start picking up points on the road, starting with Civil Service. After a nightmare week on selection a bare 11 made the trip to Barnes Bridge to face a side just 1 point below them in the league.

Like the previous week the 6s started brightly, with Kane's pace a constant threat and it was his pressure that lead to the first goal. As he chased down a long pass there was a lack of communication between left back and 'keeper, with the former inexplicably smashing the ball in to the middle of the goal, 0-1.

This seemed to spark Civil in to life. Eglon had to come of his line on a couple of occasions to maintain the slender lead, but Civil were restricted to half chances. Civil continued to push and a long ball forward was only half-cleared to the edge of the box, the midfielder then took one touch and half volleyed the ball in to the top corner, much to everyone's amazement. 1-1. Civil then had a goal ruled out for offside after the striker was too eager to get in to the box following a smart save from Eglon.

As the half progressed the 6s began to keep the ball and use it better. A Dyki corner finally beat the first man and was met emphatically by Wicks, whose header flew in to the top corner. 1-2. Half-time came and Tom informed us he had been carrying a hand injury since the 2nd min. With no subs we left him on to stand up front with the task of keeping one of the defenders occupied.

The 6s controlled the 2nd half from first min to last, scoring 2 quick goals which effectively killed the game. Firstly Dyki's second assist of the game played in Callum who calmly lifted the ball over the 'keeper. This was then followed by a fierce strike on the edge of the box from debutant Kane.

A hugely impressive team performance, especially with just 11 men. Let's take this in to our last 3 games.

Team: James Eglon, Jake Lawrence, Steven Wicks, Toby Shelton, John Jones, Chris Dyki, Sam Fairhurst, Alfie Willis, Tom MacAweaney, Callum Wrenn-Smith, Kane Perfitt.
MoM: Callum Wrenn-Smith
Report by James Eglon

Match Reports – 7th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	10	10	0	0	52	15	37	30
2	Bank of England 5th	12	7	0	5	41	28	13	21
3	Old Blues 3rd	11	6	2	3	39	30	9	20
4	Civil Service 8th	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	10	4	3	3	36	23	13	15
6	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	11	4	3	4	36	32	4	15
7	Old Salesians 3rd	11	4	1	6	28	30	-2	13
8	Old Wilsonians 7th	13	3	3	7	26	55	-29	12
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	12	3	2	7	23	57	-34	11
10	Merton 7th	10	3	1	6	37	46	-9	10
11	HSBC 6th	11	2	2	7	22	34	-12	8

OWFC 7th XI 1 – 1 SOUTH BANK CUACO 6TH XI - A POINT SALVAGED, OR 2 POINTS LOST?
In contrast to recent weeks, a glorious afternoon awaited the 7s at Hawesdown, and the mood was fairly optimistic. With Sparrow out injured, Amankwah made his debut in goal, and no one (including him) was really sure how this was going to end. Kicking uphill for the first half, it was fairly even in terms of possession, with South Bank able to create more chances. A ridiculously soft penalty was given against us just before half-time, evidenced by the fact that no one realised there was a foul, including the opposition! Amankwah got a hand to it as the taker opted to go down the middle, but the sheer power meant he was unable to keep it out.

In the second half the 7s used the slope to their advantage and were able to exert a lot more pressure on South Bank, and the eventual equaliser arrived via a neat finish from RICKKIE RAND. We had several chances, including several corners that somehow managed to miss everyone in the box. It was from one of these corners that a frantic goalmouth scramble ensued, with Connew eventually hitting the post.

These days, simply not losing is turning out to be a positive; it was a bittersweet debut for Amankwah between the sticks, being given the MoM award but also having to make a Saturday evening trip to A&E, and is now out for several weeks due to a hand injury. Benwell was the other casualty of the game with an ankle injury, allowing club legend Stu Paton to replace him (supersub performance, by the way). No game next week provides some respite, and the challenge once again will be ensuring that we can simply get 11 players onto the pitch.

Team: Amankwah, Chen, Hallett, Nelson, N.Mole, J.Mole, Strong, Connew, Martin, Rand, Dhariwal, Benwell, S.Paton

Report by Kek Amankwah

Match Reports – 8th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	10	10	0	0	52	15	37	30
2	Bank of England 5th	12	7	0	5	41	28	13	21
3	Old Blues 3rd	11	6	2	3	39	30	9	20
4	Civil Service 8th	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	10	4	3	3	36	23	13	15
6	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	11	4	3	4	36	32	4	15
7	Old Salesians 3rd	11	4	1	6	28	30	-2	13
8	Old Wilsonians 7th	13	3	3	7	26	55	-29	12
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	12	3	2	7	23	57	-34	11
10	Merton 7th	10	3	1	6	37	46	-9	10
11	HSBC 6th	11	2	2	7	22	34	-12	8

HSBC 6TH XI 3 – 2 OWFC 8TH XI

A bottom of the table clash at HSBC – and for once it wasn't us who were bottom, so it was a great opportunity to pick up some much needed points. Unfortunately we had a disastrous start, with HSBC scoring very early on, and Tom Sims getting badly injured following a clash with keeper Callum Steel. We wish him a speedy recovery. HSBC soon went two up when a shot came off the post and they were first to react. However, we were by no means playing badly, and had decent spells of possession and were rewarded when Josh Nordbo fired into the roof of the net from close range. HSBC increased their lead shortly after, which was harsh on us. 3-1 down at half-time but we were definitely still in the game. We scored again early in the second half, Nana Frimpong slotting away after a goalmouth scramble. We played some excellent football in the first 20 minutes of the second half and should have scored more. After that our lack of fitness showed and HSBC began to dominate, and they really should have scored at least a couple more, with the excellent Callum keeping us in the game. A fair result in the end but could have been a different story if we'd taken our chances.

MoM: Callum Steel

Team: Callum Steel, Roddy Trompiz, Alex Forbes, Matt Gundry-White, Nev Spencer, Aaron Steel, Josh Nordbo, Aubrey Cruz, Matt D'Rozario, Seb Ayers, Nana Frimpong, Steve Chinnery, Tom Sims, Oliver Krauss

Report by Roddy Trompiz

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

Classified Results, February 20th 1993				
Old Ignatians	1	1st XI	3	Trout, Burgess,C, Forbes.D
Cardinal Manning	2	2nd XI	1	Pilgrim.M
3rd XI	1	Old Tenisonians	0	Tarn
4th XI	2	Old St Marys	0	Parsons, Valder
Old Adeyans	3	5th XI	2	Sullivan.K. 2
Old Suttonians	4	6th XI	2	James.M, Mir
7th XI	8	Old Wokingians	1	Fletcher 2, Creamore, Smart.D, 3, Berks, Ayling

AND IT CAME TO PASS 7th XI 8 Old Wokingians 1

They said it could never happen, but the 7th XI have defied belief and managed to win a league game this season! The signs were not auspicious, with some of us having been at the Association's dinner the night before, so there was no prior indication that the miracle, which is comparable to the crippled Lazurus picking up his bed and walking, coming to pass.

We started the game a little 'kick and rushy', heading into the wind, and although we came close on a few occasions, we could not open our account. It has been like this a number of times in other games this season, and these we have eventually lost to big score-lines, so it was a little unsettling.

However, after about 20 minutes **ANDY FLETCHER** finished off a fine move with a nice goal hit across the front of the goal-keeper, but we could not capitalise on this for some time and it was not until **DARREN CREAMORE** deftly tapped home our second that we began to relax and play some quite nice football.

The defence broke up the Woking attacks and gradually the midfield began to control the game, resulting in **DOUG SMART** knocking home our third and fourth goals before the half-time whistle.

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All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

By closing down the opposition, and passing quickly as well, we went on the rampage in the second half and **DOUG SMART** scored our fifth and his hat-trick, despite being pulled up time and again for being offside. (To be fair to Doug, if we had delivered the ball to him when he first called for it we could have broken away more often without being penalised.)

RICHIE BERKS hit a 30 yard screamer for our sixth before Wokingians managed to drag one back when we did not effectively clear our penalty area when we had a few opportunities to do so. We continued to dictate play, with everybody working well, getting on the ball first and working hard to retrieve every situation that broke down on us and it was only fair, and a just reward for the midfield's effort, that **MIKE AYLING and ANDY FLETCHER** took our final tally to eight, and such is the smell of success that we felt aggrieved that we had not put away a lot more than that.

There were no special heroes in this game and everybody played hard and well and thoroughly deserved the success for which we have waited so long. Fred Brindle

Sterling Lewis Rayworth Riley Brindle Berks Fletcher Ayling Creamore Smart,D James.C

2nd XI: Reeves Mole .N Udale Wood Prince Pullen Paton Pilgrim.M Matthews.R Egan Elliott
4th XI: Kirchin Nelson Robinson Milledge Eccles Smith.A Parsons Valder Stewart Cowell.C Burgess.J
6th XI: Tattersall Peck Pilgrim.I Horn Pegg Higgins James.M O'Brien King Mir Wight

<u>Quote of the week</u>

Surrey cricketer Graham (sic) Kendrick has just completed a six session coaching course at Howard Primary School in Doring Place, Croydon. It was the latest in a long series of top-level sports coaching sessions at the school." - From 'The Croydon Advertiser'

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Classified Results, February 17th 1968				
1st XI	5	Old Colfeians	3	Adams.T 2, Reaseley, Morley, Jennings
Old Parmiterians	2	2nd XI	4	Brittain 2, Maunder, Carpenter
Old Bealonains	1	4th XI	0	
5th XI	7	City of London College	3	Causer 4, + others!

After a lucky draw last week our 1st XI beat Colfeians well on Saturday. It was a scrappy game – or so the vice-skipper tells me – and the scorers were **TERRY ADAMS (2), GERRY REASELEY, BILL MORLEY and JAMIE JENNINGS** one each.

A well-deserved victory for the 2nd XI, or so I was told by **JOHN BRITTAIN,** but it they had learnt to pace their game better and not tired in the second half, many more goals might have been scored. John got two goals, one of them a left-footed drive from 30 yards, with **TONY MAUNDER and ALAN CAREPNTER** getting the others.

Bealonians have yet to lose a game and came very close to doing so against our 4th XI when they managed to get a very lucky goal within the last five minutes of play. We were on top for most of the game and 'Fred' Fielder, Geoff Robinson and 'Luggs' Taylor all had good games.

Their first win for eight weeks saw the 5th XI well and truly beat City of London, who played their usual noisy game! The 5ths were 3-1 down at one time but soon drew level and, after that, it was a case of how many. I think the City disputed every goal. Star of the match was undoubtedly **TONY CAUSER,** who got four goals. The names of the other scorers escape me for the moment. Bob Bevan had a very good game…… 4th XI please note

And now 'Mac's' version of his goal against Monovians - see last week's 'All Our Yesterdays'

Dear Sir,
I waited with hardly concealed impatience for this week's edition of the newsletter to read your account of the interview granted to the Press (your good self) by myself (the scorer) after the 2nd XI's game against Old Monovians on February 10th.
Having read your report I cannot help concluding that you have done the occasion less than justice and accordingly hope that the enclosed account of the feat (12 foolscap pages) will help to set the record straight. I trust that you will see your way clear to printing this description, thus clearing my character (and ability?) of the stigma left by your hastily put together report last week.

Yours prolifically, R.E. McAlister

More next week, the weekend when we celebrate the 'The Richard McAlister Memorial Day' to honour all that he did, not just for the Football Club, but for the Association per se

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