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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

Fixtures – 20th February				
Worcester Park	P	P	**1st XI**	SPC

Fixtures – 24th February				
1st XI	1	0	Old Owens	SAL
Goal: Osborn, A.				
Nottsborough	1	1	**2nd XI**	SAL
Goal: Farmer, T.				
HSBC 4th XI	4	2	**4th XI**	SAL
Goals: Jeevan, G.				
5th XI	2	1	HSBC 5th XI	SAL
Goals: Underwood, M., Breen, J.				
Merton 5th XI	0	4	**6th XI**	SAL
Goals: Quinn, J., Gore, M., Willis, A., Sentamu, A				
7th XI	5	0	**8th XI**	SAL
Goals: Adams, W., Stride, J., Strong, A.				

Fixtures – 27th February		
Worcester Park	19-45	**1st XI**
SPC - Away		

Fixtures – 3rd March		
1st XI	15-00	Actonians Association
AFA – Bank of England		
2nd XI	14-00	Polytechnic
SAL - Hayes		
Alleyns 4th XI	14-00	**3rd XI**
SAL - Away		
4th XI	14-00	Acton 6th XI
SAL - Hayes		
Civil Service 7th XI	14-00	**5th XI**
SAL - Away		
7th XI	14-00	Bank of England 5th XI
SAL – Hawes Down		
8th XI	14-00	Alleyns 7th XI
SAL – Hawes Down		



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Match Reports – 1st XI

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	12	9	2	1	41	8	33	29
2	Alleyn Old Boys	13	9	2	2	27	11	16	29
3	Nottsborough	12	7	2	3	32	14	18	23
4	West Wickham	14	5	4	5	22	28	-6	19
5	Old Parkonians	11	5	3	3	23	21	2	18
6	Old Owens	14	4	4	6	29	27	2	16
7	Old Wilsonians	13	4	4	5	21	23	-2	16
8	Bank of England	14	3	3	8	18	38	-20	12
9	East Barnet Old Grammarians	13	3	3	7	19	41	-22	12
10	Old Garchonians	12	2	4	6	18	31	-13	10
11	Winchmore Hill	12	2	3	7	19	27	-8	9

OWFC 1ST XI 1 – 0 OLD OWENS

Following a disappointing result last week at EBOGs' farm, the 1's were looking forward to welcoming Old Owens to the pristine conditions of Fortress Hayes. A shortage in availability had caused worry during the week but a strong lineup was eventually finalised starting in the favoured 433. Wilson's expected Owens to field a 442 given the result of the reverse fixture but they too lined up in a 433. This wasn't the only noticeable change - in fact you'd be forgiven for thinking it was an entirely different team of players!

The game kicked off and it was immediately apparent that Wilson's would find success down the wings. A cruel repetition of fate saw Sheridan limp off clutching his hamstring yet again, forcing Sellman to make early tactical changes. Kara came on out wide, whilst Childs enjoyed a spell at right back.

The first half played out with few chances to speak of. Ope and Kara continued to exploit the weak width of Owens but without any real end product. Midway through Ed 'Jackie Chan' Healy fly-kicked the Owens' striker leading to calls for a penalty from the sideline. The calls fell on deaf ears as the referee wasn't interested.

Late first half drama, however, did indeed see Owens awarded a penalty for a seemingly perfectly-timed challenge from Childs. The penalty was then rightly overturned by the Ref upon consultation with the linesman - to the audible disbelief of the Owens' captain!

After some much needed halftime reflection, the second half started in much the same vein as the first. With the added benefit of the slope Wilsons were on top and breaking down the flanks at will with the Owens' full backs frequently resorting to fouling Ope and Kara.

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Match Reports – 1st XI

The goal eventually came from a trademark Childs free-kick. Dutifully whipped in it seemed to have gone over the the heads of everybody - everybody except Wilson (who had tactically placed himself in the cricket nets behind the trees) meeting the ball unchallenged to tee up Osborn to prod home. Calls of protest from the Owens defence smacked of desperation and were waived away by the referee who seemed happy that the ball had indeed stayed in play.

The game settled down and with the Owens forward offering less and less danger, the Wilsonian defence remained comfortable in dealing with the long-ball tactics of their opposition. A series of unfortunate bounces off of a goal kick, however, gave the Owens' striker a clear sight of goal. Fortunately, Healy and Osborn's luminous orange boots blinded him allowing the Wilsons' defence to make a double block.

As time wore on the game became increasingly stretched and some good pressing by Kara saw the ball drop to Sellman who found the lively Ope with a defence-splitting pass. Skipping round a challenge with ease he reached the byline cutting it back to the waiting Sellman who had his shot blocked on the line with a good save.

The fifteen minutes that followed were a scrappy affair punctuated only by the Owens' centre half's high pitch screams of 'ref' for anything and everything. Desperation was beginning to show in the Owens' attack as they searched for an equaliser. They switched to a 352 and whilst this gave them an extra option up top, it left them vulnerable at the back allowing the Wilsons attacking quartet more space to run into. One such attack saw Kara clean through on goal only to be inexplicably tripped by the lunging last man. The referee, quite to the bemusement of everybody, played advantage - to whom he gave it to is still a mystery as the ball ran through to the Owens keeper. Kara's frustration was evident as moments later he launched an ambitious halfway line effort into the Upper-Stratosphere.

The game ended at 1-0. A solid performance from Wilsons controlling the game where it mattered and capitalising on a weaker than expected Owens team. Special mention ones to the Wilsons' defence for dealing with anything and everything the opposition could throw at them.

Report by Dan Sellman

Match Reports – 2nd XI

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	West Wickham Res	12	9	2	1	42	13	29	29	
2	Polytechnic Res	13	7	5	1	30	12	18	26	
3	NUFC Oilers Res	11	6	3	2	36	25	11	21	
4	Alleyn Old Boys Res	9	5	1	3	28	11	17	16	
5	Old Wilsonians Res	10	5	1	4	18	18	0	16	
6	Actonians Association Res	12	4	3	5	20	27	-7	15	
7	Civil Service Res	13	3	3	7	22	40	-18	12	
8	Winchmore Hill Res	10	4	0	6	15	20	-5	9	*
9	Nottsborough Res	9	1	2	6	18	26	-8	5	
10	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	13	1	2	10	14	51	-37	5	

Nottsborough 1 – 1 OWFC 2ND XI

On a windy Saturday afternoon in Tolworth the 2s faced up against a strong Nottsborough side. The first half was probably the worst half of football I have ever witnessed. Extreme winds combined with sloppy passing and poor touches made it difficult to take part in. A poor pass and some questionable defending led to there first goal as their striker slid the ball past Matt Ballard from the edge of the box. As we went into half time there was some tension between us but after a good team talk we went out ready for the second half. It began much better than the first, we were able to move the ball about nicely and create some chances which we didn't do in the first. A stroke of tactical genius in switching to a 3-5-2 really changed the game. Some good perseverance from Tanner down the left wing ended with the ball being worked across the box to TC who handed the ball to Farmer on a plate - literally. The last 10 minutes were a bit shaky with us looking happy to see the game out for a point and some solid defending left us with a well earned point.

Team: Ballard, Kirby, Collins, Harris, Tanner, Martin, Parkinson J, Elliot C, Mackley, Howe, Farmer, Shaw D

Report by Jon Howe

Match Reports – 3rd XI

OWFC 3rd XI - NO GAME

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	City of London	14	8	3	3	32	15	17	27
2	Carshalton 3rd	14	7	2	5	31	28	3	23
3	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	15	6	5	4	30	29	1	23
4	Nottsborough 4th	12	6	2	4	34	20	14	20
5	Polytechnic 4th	9	6	2	1	19	7	12	20
6	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	9	6	1	2	25	17	8	19
7	Actonians Association 4th	11	5	2	4	22	19	3	17
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	15	3	6	6	25	25	0	15
9	Kew Association Res	15	5	0	10	27	42	-15	15
10	Merton 3rd	14	3	1	10	22	41	-19	10
11	HSBC 3rd	12	2	2	8	15	39	-24	8

Match Reports – 4th XI

HSBC 4th XI 4 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 6th	11	8	2	1	27	19	8	26
2	Ibis Eagles 4th	9	6	1	2	24	10	14	19
3	HSBC 4th	12	6	0	6	30	30	0	18
4	Old Wilsonians 4th	12	5	2	5	25	30	-5	17
5	West Wickham 5th	10	5	1	4	22	14	8	16
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	11	3	5	3	26	22	4	14
7	Bank of England 4th	12	3	2	7	18	22	-4	11
8	City of London Res	12	3	2	7	21	26	-5	11
9	Polytechnic 6th	11	2	3	6	17	37	-20	9

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	12	8	1	3	26	28	-2	25
4	HSBC 5th	15	6	2	7	38	34	4	20
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	6	2	6	30	30	0	20
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	11	4	2	5	23	26	-3	14
7	Merton 5th	13	4	2	7	22	35	-13	14
8	Civil Service 7th	14	4	1	9	26	32	-6	13
9	City of London 3rd	14	2	5	7	20	37	-17	11

OWFC 5th XI 2 – 1 HSBC 5th XI

Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2008. As I sauntered out of the bar to the cash point I was riding the crest of a wave. An unbelievable ski season had been followed up by a great day of surfing and now I was partying with two antipodean beauties with all the signs pointing towards a threesome. The Breezy Two Step™ had gone down a treat, first base had been conquered and second base explored. I arrived at the cash machine, input my pin and turned my thoughts towards how I could best utilize the two sexual positions in my repertoire to make this night as enjoyable for my companions as for me. And then, disaster. HSBC, 'The Worlds Local Bank' had decided that they couldn't handle a foreign currency withdrawal and blocked my card. Night over, I returned to the hostel.

Fast forward ten years and if I didn't know better I would be sure than HSBC had somehow managed to find the sock that was to be my eventual companion that night, extracted the essence of disappointment and used it to make a football team. All of the things you don't want to play against were there: an aggressive winger with Minnie Mouse's head and Chris Eubank Jnr's punch accuracy, a gum shield wearing full back imploring the referee to retire and a center midfielder with the personality of fingernails being scraped along a blackboard and no mute option.

Despite their unpleasantness, HSBC beat us five nil earlier in the season and were again leading one nil with ten minutes left. In the bar afterwards a few players mentioned that they couldn't see where a goal was coming from and given that we hadn't mustered a shot worthy of the name by this stage, this was a reasonable assessment. So as yet another long ball was helped forward in the dying stages of the game, it was more in forlorn hope than any expectation.

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Match Reports – 5th XI

However, this time the result was different. Will Bennett once again channeled his inner Elise Christie; enthusiastically racing into a promising position before colliding with a defender and ending up sprawled on the turf, the ball broke and Steve Moniz prevented the defender from getting much purchase on his clearance. If you wanted the ball to fall to anyone in this situation – edge of the box with your title hopes hanging by a thread – it would be Josh Cotter. LOL, joke, the ball could already be in the back of the net and Josh would find a way to miss. No, this situation called for the cool head and refined technique of in form marksman Jay Breen, who bent the ball away from the keeper into the far corner as seamlessly as he switches between first person and third person prose.

Many a team would have settled for this smash and grab point, but the class of 2002 – who accounted for an astonishing seven of the eleven starters on Saturday - are a rare breed. They kept the back three which manager Moniz had switched to in order to chase the game and went all in for the victory. With five minutes left, a long throw broke to professional troll Mark 'Your Mum' Underwood and his shot took a slight deflection before nestling into the net, sealing an unlikely victory and sparking the celebration of the season.

In truth it was a poor display from Wilsonians and the best performances were in defence, with Paul Smith and Chris Billings marshaling the back line commendably and George Young in goal repelling HSBC on the rare occasions they did break through. Three straight two one victories highlights the character of this Old Wilsonians side and with four games left the league title or at the very least promotion looks a real possibility. The incentive of not having to play against this HSBC side next season should provide all the motivation they need in order to achieve this.

Team: Young, Moniz J., Smith, Billings, Underwood, Ffrench (MOM), O'Callaghan, Moniz, S., Cotter, Bennett, Breen

Report by Jay Breen

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	12	8	1	3	26	28	-2	25
4	HSBC 5th	15	6	2	7	38	34	4	20
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	6	2	6	30	30	0	20
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	11	4	2	5	23	26	-3	14
7	Merton 5th	13	4	2	7	22	35	-13	14
8	Civil Service 7th	14	4	1	9	26	32	-6	13
9	City of London 3rd	14	2	5	7	20	37	-17	11

MERTON 5TH XI 0 – 4 OWFC 6th XI

Another away day with yet another depleted squad. Thankfully we were given a late boost by the arrival of Ali, meaning we had a sub this week. Once the opposition had swept the mud patches and covered them in sand we were ready to go, knowing we would spend the first 45mins kicking in to the wind.

Early in the first half the 6s were creating chances and were causing problems down both wings. After one such attack the ball was only half cleared, it was played through to Jonny Q who confidently finished the ball over the ‘keeper. 0-1. The 6s continued to create chances with at least two crosses flashing across the face of goal but nobody on hand to tap in. As our pressure continued and we kept winning free kicks the opposition ‘keeper became increasingly frustrated and earnt himself in a yellow card, despite the warning he continued to shout abuse at the ref and was lucky to see out the rest of the first half.

The second half started and the opposition had seen sense and changed their ‘keeper, ensuring they would keep 11 on the pitch. It would have little impact however as the 6s continued to dominate the game. Eglon, filling in in goal for a second week, launched a free kick forward which was met by Maverick to tap home. 0-2. Another attack saw the stand in ‘keeper parry a shot but it fell kindly to Ali who made no mistake from 4 yards out. 0-3

Maverick was having a storming game on the left and was tormenting the right back, making full use of his repertoire of skills. His cut back was met on the edge of the box from Alfie who buried it in to the bottom corner. 0-4. There was still time for Alfie to nearly grab a sensational second as he took a touch, spun his man and bent a shot from 25 yards, but it flew inches over the bar.

Another good win which ensures the 6s will remain in Junior Division 5 South next season. They could also have a big say in the destination of the league title and do the 5s a favour by beating top o the table Merton 6s in a couple of weeks.

Team: James Eglon, Lolu Ojo, Ash Phakey, Toby Shelton, Ed Adams, John Jones, Jake Lawrence, Alfie Willis, Maverick Gore, Callum Wrenn-Smith, Jonny Quinn, Ali Sentamu.
MoM: Alfie Willis – 2 assists and a goal
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	11	11	0	0	54	16	38	33
2	Bank of England 5th	13	8	0	5	43	28	15	24
3	Old Blues 3rd	12	6	2	4	40	32	8	20
4	Civil Service 8th	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	11	5	3	3	40	25	15	18
6	South Bank Cuaco 7th	12	5	3	4	41	34	7	18
7	Old Wilsonians 7th	14	4	3	7	31	55	-24	15
8	Old Salesians 3rd	12	4	1	7	30	34	-4	13
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	13	3	2	8	23	62	-39	11
10	Merton 7th	11	3	1	7	39	51	-12	10
11	HSBC 6th	12	2	2	8	22	36	-14	8

OWFC 7th XI 5 – 0 OWFC 8TH XI – The Unclasico Delivers

Bright sunshine, but Arctic conditions, greeted the spectators (including myself) or another instalment of the Unclasico. Even before the game there was controversy, as they tried to move this eagerly-awaited fixture to the back pitches of Hawes Down. It would have been unfair to let the VPs miss out on this, so we were re-allocated the 2nd Hayes pitch to show the 1s how football is played. On a serious note there was all to play for, with the 7s only sitting a point above the 8s in the league table.

The first half was dominated by the 7s, who has several chances to break the deadlock, and the 8s defended resolutely. Towards half-time we were eventually able to break through; a fantastic through ball by Dhariwal allowing WILL ADAMS to score with a low shot to the right of the 'keeper, who had already made several great stops.

The half-time discussion emphasised the need to keep the ball on the deck, and retain possession. The 8s started to creep back into the game, but it was on the hour mark that the 7s scored their second, with Stride setting up WILL ADAMS to score again. With some daylight between us and the opposition we now started to relax a little, sticking to the second-half game plan and moving the ball around nicely. Strong played JAMES STRIDE in to score a goal out of nowhere (edge of the box, lobbing the 'keeper) made it 3-0. A poor goal-kick was intercepted, allowing ANDREW STRONG to score the fourth. And finally, JAMES STRIDE scored his second via an assist from Adams.

All-in-all it was a good game, and enjoyable for the neutrals; first clean sheet of the season, meaning that we need to check the records to find out when the last one was!

Special mention goes to ick Pilgrim, who kindly agreed to step in at the last minute to ref the game.

Team: Sparrow, Chappell, Graham, 'Turk', N.Mole, Martin, W.Adams, Strong, Dhariwal, Stride, Cheshire
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	11	11	0	0	54	16	38	33
2	Bank of England 5th	13	8	0	5	43	28	15	24
3	Old Blues 3rd	12	6	2	4	40	32	8	20
4	Civil Service 8th	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	11	5	3	3	40	25	15	18
6	South Bank Cuaco 7th	12	5	3	4	41	34	7	18
7	Old Wilsonians 7th	14	4	3	7	31	55	-24	15
8	Old Salesians 3rd	12	4	1	7	30	34	-4	13
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	13	3	2	8	23	62	-39	11
10	Merton 7th	11	3	1	7	39	51	-12	10
11	HSBC 6th	12	2	2	8	22	36	-14	8

OWFC 7th XI 5 – 0 OWFC 8TH XI

A sunny, chilly Hayes was the setting for the long-awaited Clasico between the 8s and 7s. With just one point separating the teams before kick-off, there was a lot to play for. Although the 7s dominated possession in the first half, we kept them at bay and were fairly comfortable, but towards the end of the half we were undone by some slick passing, and we went in at half-time 1-0 down, but still very much in it. However, with youth and pace on their side, the 7s were able to take advantage of tiring legs and began to open us up. Some great saves from Phil Gilmore kept the scoreline respectable and Richard Smart, fresh from his 50th birthday celebrations, did a fantastic job in central midfield. 0-5 it finished but we had chances, Josh Nordbo coming close in particular, but just weren't at the races in the second half. There's still another clasico to come this season, so a chance to put things right!

MoM: Phil Gilmore

Team: Phil Gilmore, Roddy Trompiz, Alex Forbes, Nev Spencer, Josh Nordbo, Matt D'Rozario, Seb Ayers, Steve Chinnery, Oliver Krauss, Doug Forbes, Ian Wellman, Will Davies, Richard Smart, Dave Nelmes

Report by Roddy Trompiz

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

Classified Results, February 27th 1993				
Old Westhamians	1	1st XI	0	
2nd XI	1	Old Reigatians	4	Egan
Old Sedcopians	0	3rd XI	2	Daniels 2
Old Sinjuns	2	4th XI	3	Sullivan 2, Milledge
5th XI	2	Old Josephians	0	OG, Hayward
Old Adeyans	0	6th XI	3	Taylor 2, Leach
Old Tiffinians	7	7th XI	2	Smart.D, Dutton
7th XI	0	Old Tiffinians	2	
8th XI	3	Cuaco	3	Phillips, Fletcher, Dry
Palace	0	Coventry City	0	

POETIC FIRST PARAGRAPH LEADS TO MORE MUNDANE THINGS Old Adeyans 0 6th XI 3

Parkfield Rec; the memories came flooding back. The tortuous route through the Council estate, which ensures you always end up at the wrong entrance. (We did it again yesterday) The cold, inhospitable changing rooms, surrounded by the wind-swept bumpy fields – yes, it was good to be back!

We lost the toss and played with the arctic gale in the first half. We started brightly. Playing some good football, and were unlucky to be called up for offside on more than one occasion. Then, after 15 minutes, a good cross from Danny Gilbertson was flicked on by Matt Leach and **'YOGI' TAYLOR'S** fine header gave us a deserved lead.

Within a few minutes another good move, involving the aforementioned Gilbertson and Taylor, put **MATT LEACH** in the clear and he slipped the ball past the 'keeper to put us two up. Our third goal came shortly before the break when another pin-point cross from Mr Gilbertson left **'YOGI' TAYLOR** with the simplest of chances.

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All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

Although we were 3-0 up at half-time, and played some nice football, we had lacked balance, and so made some changes at the break and worked hard on our defensive work in the second half. Adeyans pressured us but, with the exception of a couple of half-chances, we kept them at bay and could have added to our score on the break

This was a good gutsy team performance, with everyone performing well, with especially fine games from Mark James, Damion Wright and Danny Gilbertson. Tony Higgins
Warboys Higgins Pegg Riley Horn Gilbertson Morey James,M Wright Leach Taylor (Malcolm)

1st XI: Lake Graham Kendrick.N Forbes.D Goddard Chapman Burgess,C Townson Boxall Murray.I Trout

2nd XI: Reeves Mole.N Udale Pullen Wood Prince Matthews Paton McGeever Elliott Egan

4th XI: Kirchin Peck Milledge Robinson “Kev” Eccles Stewart Parsons Smith,A Sullivan Burgess,J

7th XI: Peckover Brindle Rayworth Lewis Creamore Fletcher.A Berks Hughes,M Smart.D James Dutton

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Classified Results, February 24th 1968				
Pinner	1	1st XI	0	
Old Bealonians	8	2nd XI	0	
4th XI	3	Fulham Compton	2	Longhurst 2, Vidler
Cassoweries	4	5th XI	6	Causer 5, Golborn
Bristol City	2	Palace	1	Woodruff

A shock defeat for our 1st XI and Pinner's first home win of the season. We should have scored 20 goals and if the pitch had not been in such a diabolical condition we might even have been able to play football!!

To cap it all there was no hot water for showering afterwards and all they had given them for tea was a cup of tea and a sandwich. Needless to say a lot of our lads came away unwashed and hungry, although this is no excuse for losing against such lowly opponents.

Three goals down in the first ten minutes our 2nd XI did not recover and were consequently hammered by Bealonians, the current Division One leaders.

A well deserved win for our 4ths and their first home win in the league since November 11th. **DAVE VIDLER** got the winner about three minutes from time- an overhead scissor left-footed miss-hit on the volley from ten inches. **MALCOLM LONGHURST** got yet another two.

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All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Playing uphill and against driving snow and with ten men, our 5th XI were four goals down at the interval. Cassoweries, however, had not reckoned on **TONY CAUSER** who, having scored four goals last week, thought another five this week would not go amiss and, within ten minutes of the second half starting, notched his hat-trick and went on to get two others.

TONY GOLBORN also scored and Tony Brighton had a good game at left-back, but all of the side are to be congratulated.

Bristol City, with a pedigree performance that confirmed their recent Cup victory, generally outplayed Palace but, strangely, almost lost their grip after the interval.

And now, and as promised, more on that goal – the continuing story of 'Mac' the boot

Letters and donations came flooding in after last week's tear shedding letter from 'Mac' concerning his maltreatment after scoring and I thank the RSPCA for 1/6d and Oxfam for the gift of one used left soccer boot. Space allows me to print only one of hundreds of letters received.

Dear Sir,
I wish it to be placed on record that the recent excessive publicity given to Mac's goal seemed entirely unwarranted and out of all proportion to the importance of the event. Thank god he only scores once every three years!

When I notch my expected hat-trick – any Saturday now – it will no doubt warrant the entire back page. In fact, and as you have often said, "If you get a hat-trick I'll give you the whole back page."

For all 'Mac' fans everywhere, the goal came to be scored after a long punt up-field was deflected by 'Mac' and went in under the goalie, who had tripped over his guide dog.

Yours faithfully, Twinkle-toes Bevan

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