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**This week's games, January 30th**

Team	Opponents	Ground	Contest	K.O.
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Winchmore Hill	Hayes	League	2-00
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Old Minchendenians Reserves	Away	Old Boys Cup	1-45
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Carshalton 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Hayes	League	2-00
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Actonians Association 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Away	League	2-00
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Polytechnic 7 <sup>th</sup> XI	Hawes Down	League	2-00
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Bank of England 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Away	League	2-00
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	Civil Service 8 <sup>th</sup> XI	Hawes Down	League	2-00
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	Polytechnic 9 <sup>th</sup> XI	Away	League	2-00
9 <sup>th</sup> XI	Merton 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Away	League	2-00
10 <sup>th</sup> XI				
Vets				
Super Vets				

**ALWAYS PACK A WHITE SHIRT WITH YOUR KIT**

## Classified Results, January 18<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

Home	Score			Away	Scorers
Abbey Rangers	2	V	1	1 <sup>st</sup> XI (Surrey Premier Cup)	Steadford
Polytechnic	3	V	0	1 <sup>st</sup> XI (League)	
Old Garchonians	5	V	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (League)	Taylor, Fox
Ibis Eagles 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	1	V	5	4 <sup>th</sup> XI (League)	Williams
Polytechnic 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	0	V	2	5 <sup>th</sup> XI (League)	Watson 2
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	2	V	1	Civil Service 6 <sup>th</sup> XI (League)	Scorers not reported
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	P	V	P	South Bank Cuaco 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	
9 <sup>th</sup> XI	2	V	3	HSBC 7 <sup>th</sup> XI	OG, Gunnell
Palace	1	V	3	Spurs	OG

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### Newsletter Contributions

All contributions to the newsletter should **reach me by 6-00 pm on a Sunday evening** – the earlier the better, preferably as a word attachment, and sent to [owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk), **but please 'phone to confirm that you have done so (0208 659 6443)** - you also get an extra point on the reports table if you do so. Alternatively you can 'phone through your report and dictate it to me



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### This week's men of the match

1<sup>st</sup> XI v Abbey Rangers: Bratterman 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Polytechnic: Jamie Parkinson 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Neil Ashworth  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI: Not reported 4<sup>th</sup> XI: Not reported 5<sup>th</sup> XI: Taylor 6<sup>th</sup> XI: Not reported 9<sup>th</sup> XI: James Eglon

### Leading goal-scorers

23 - Williams.M 15 - Karamath.J 14 - Watson 11- Adams.W 10- Eglon 9- Howe, Newman-Sanders.B, Sellman, Steadford 7- Simmons 6 - Carruthers, Quinton,

**Fixtures: Fixtures are correct at time of publication but are subject to change and alteration**

**Football training takes place EVERY WEDNESDAY night at Wallington Powerleague, 7-00**

## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Classified Results, January 26 <sup>th</sup> 1991				
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	0	Westhamians	1	
Wokingians	0	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	2	Paton, Chapman
Crouch End Vampires	2	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	2	Schindler 2
Guildfordians	1	4 <sup>th</sup> XI	2	Cowan, Haines
Glyn Old Boys	0	5 <sup>th</sup> XI	4	Pope, Elliott, Pilgrim.I, (Ali) Simpson
Clapham Old Xvarians	2	6 <sup>th</sup> XI	2	Drawbridge, Corrigall.S
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	4	Wokingians	1	Barnes, James 2, Weaver.A
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	5	Suttonians	0	Clanchan 2, McWilliams 2, Smith.A

### PSYCHO AND THE GENERAL - TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE Clapham OX 2 6<sup>th</sup> XI 2

On the way to the game Tony Higgins said to me:  
 "I think I'm going to get sent off today."

He must have known something. Within ten minutes of the game starting there was a 'fracas' which ended with Tony in a heap on the floor, the innocent victim of a vicious head-butt. 'Psycho' staggered to his feet and had to be restrained by three of our players whilst the offender was duly sent off, reducing Clapham to ten men. That really sums up the excitement of the first half, with neither side making any clear-cut chances.

The second half saw the 6ths making little impression against ten men Clapham who, equally, were not causing our defence, well marshaled by 'General' Jim Lloyd, much concern.

Then, in a ten minute spell, the 6ths at last produced the slick flowing football they are capable of. **LEE DRAWBRIDGE** found himself in space, moved the ball to his left foot and hit a fine, low shot into the net from outside the area and within minutes, following good work by Mark Mace on the right, **SIMON CORRIGALL** stabbed the loose ball past the 'keeper from eight yards.

Clapham continually tried to intimidate the referee and continued to press forward, with 'Olive Oil' being forced to make several fine saves and this pressure was rewarded with two late goals which, I must admit, and on the balance of play, was a fair result.

Special mentions for 'Psycho' and 'General Jim' who, after a last minute clash of heads, ended the game with deep cuts and 'headed' for hospital. Also debut boys James 'The 'phone' Beckley. who had a solid game at centre-half, and Mark Mace, who displayed some fine touches. Dave Stewart Britton Kirchin Lloyd Berkley Higgins Drawbridge Mole.J Weaver.D Stewart Corrigall.S Mace

### 'SPONGE'S' HIT LIST GETS LONGER AND LONGER 1<sup>st</sup> XI 0 Old Westhamians 1

A cold day and a chance for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to go top of the table. A fast start, with both teams showing a lot of commitment, with no clear-cut chances but three or four long range shots from Hugh McGeever, my own personal highlight of the first half being pole-axed by 'Sponge' as he attempted to stop me heading the ball. This leaves only two defenders remaining on Colin's hit list after relieving Steve West of any muscular control he may have had in his leg last week.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with no real chances but some good moves from the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, stemming from our new training methods learnt on Tuesdays. Westhamians scored with ten minutes left and we never looked like penetrating their back five.

Doug Forbes

Lake Pilgrim.M Forbes.D West Parkinson McGeever Townson Murray Graham Kendrick.N Hughes

League Tables - Correct to January 23<sup>rd</sup>Senior Division One - Top 3 of 11

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Polytechnic	10	8	1	1	28	10	25
<b>OLD WILSONIANS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
West Wickham	10	4	3	3	18	17	15

Intermediate Division One – Top 3 of 11

Nottsborough Reserves	13	12	0	1	47	11	36
<b>OLD WILSONIANS RESERVES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
NUFC Oilers Reserves	7	4	1	2	23	11	13

Junior Division Two - Bottom 4 of 9

<b>OLD WILSONIANS 3<sup>RD</sup> XI</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>
Old Stationers 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	6	2	1	3	21	17	7
Carshalton 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	14	1	3	10	27	55	6
HSBC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	13	1	2	10	23	55	5

Minor Division One South – Top 4 of 10

Alleyn Old Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	8	8	0	0	40	6	24
Actonians Association 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	11	8	0	3	38	19	24
Polytechnic 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	10	7	2	1	39	10	23
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 4<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>

Minor Division Two South - Top 4 of 9

West Wickham 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	12	7	3	2	40	25	24
Alleyn Old Boys 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	9	7	1	1	27	13	22
Polytechnic 7 <sup>th</sup> XI	9	5	4	0	27	17	19
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 5<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>

Minor Division Three South - bottom 3 of 9

Carshalton 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	9	4	2	3	33	27	11*
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 6<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>
Merton 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	12	0	1	11	14	75	1

\*Adjustment made

Minor Division Four South – Top 3 of 8

Alleyn Old Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	8	7	0	1	32	7	21
West Wickham 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	9	6	2	1	19	10	20
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 7<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>

Minor Division 5 South - Top 4 of 11

Ibis Eagles 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	6	6	0	0	29	9	18
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 8<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Merton 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	7	3	1	3	18	20	10
<b>OLD WILSONIANS 9<sup>TH</sup> XI</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>

## Email(s) to the Editor: A long awaited Apology

Dear Esteemed Editor

Thank you for your help in clearing up what can only be described as a “long outstanding slur” for which society would feel I should apologise after some 25 years.

I refer to a report I submitted in the 1990/91 season regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Xi vs Old Grammarians. (All the news that’s fit to print no 766)

Subsequent to that I notice (since you pointed it out at the recent Past Presidents’ Lunch) that Freddie Brindle – that well known ankle nipper of years past – objected to my use of the phrase, when describing the Grammarians goalkeeper, as a “bit of a short arse”.

I should, of course, not have said this and, as is the fashion at the moment, apologising so long after the event that no-one gives a monkey’s toss about anyway, I should have referred to the said guardian of the onion bag as a “**complete** short arse”, as was the fact in point.

You kindly gave me a copy of the “ATNTFTP” (no 768) which listed a team made up of those who are vertically challenged and, to be honest, that in itself was just making it worse. Fred was defended by the editor, and I am only quoting here, who used the word “dwarfism” about my comment and then proceeded to make it worse by association and named the team as below, the Editor of the day adding more names so that the offence has been compounded even further. This then attached that stigma to the whole combined team, in my eyes, and thus further apologies may be needed in another 25 years time; but not from me!

I have listed his team of implied dwarves for all to digest and I hope that, in future, I can use the correct wording in any new report to save any further embarrassment.

Jim Marsh, Mike Harris – no argument there, Don Turner – bit harsh I thought, Ken Sawyer – a man whose Golf Driver was as tall as he was, Freddie Brindle – who started all this off, Mike Pike, Dave Stewart – at least as tall as Don Turner, John Drabwell, Chris Cowell – again no argument, Nick Mole – a shoe in there, and finally Lee Montgomery.

Mike Galvin was given the referee’s whistle, so that completes the list.

So in short – see what I did there – I must apologise to the Old Grammarians’ Goalkeeper for getting his stature wrong and, as for everyone else offended by Freddie and Pikey, I can only apologise on their behalf. (See, did it again)

Peter -6ft 2” and shrinking – Davis  
Thanks Pete, and tempted to print the whole of your report from 1991 as a sort of ‘All Our Yesterdays’ extra. Did not realise at the time, or even now, come to think of it, that my team of those of restricted growth would cause offence – no-one mentioned it 25 years ago, apart from those who had not been selected for this illustrious side, that is – but if so, then I apologise unreservedly. As you infer, increasing age tends to result in what can only be described as ‘shrinkage’ and whilst youngsters seem to be at odds as to the meaning of ‘LOL’, to me it will always mean ‘Little Old Lady’ - ed

## *ALL OUR TODAYS*

### CUP DREAM COMES TO AN END Abbey Rangers 2 1<sup>st</sup> XI 1 (Played January 18<sup>th</sup>)

The 1’s grip on the Surrey Premier Cup was eventually over with defeat in Chertsey on a bitterly cold Monday night. The 1sts travelled to the game without a team full of regulars, but no excuses, as the 2’s that stepped in and the two school boys were absolutely superb.

Abbey started off the better side, putting the 1’s under pressure. It was obvious their game was based on their number 11, who was a big threat. The 1’s, after weathering the early pressure, could have scored two goals within 5 minutes, Simmons going close then Steadford having a goal written off for offside, but Steadford was not going to be denied his second goal for the 1’s five minutes later. Brilliant work by Bratterman, who was the best player on the pitch, freed **STEADFORD** who, despite being speared by the ‘keeper, took it around him and lobbed two defenders on the line, but, and, unfortunately, a big moment of the game came from the last kick of the half when a free kick was headed in by the Abbey full back to make it 1-1.

The second half was much the same, with very little between the sides and the game drifting towards penalties.

The winning goal came with 15 minutes remaining when Wilsonians failed to clear a cross and it was scrambled over the line. Despite trying everything, the work the 1's had put in before had taken its toll and they failed to get back into the game.

A disappointed changing room followed as the 1's went out of their final cup. But all credit to the 14 who put in a huge performance. Jamie Parkinson rolled back the years, whilst Kieran Steadford showed he is more than good enough for the 1's, and a big 'thank you' to Howe, Collins and schoolboy Highwood, who gave up their time to help - greatly appreciated by everyone.

However, the biggest 'star' of the night was 16 year old Jon Chen, who was superb in centre midfield for the 90 minutes and the best player for the last 20.

With no sign of availability getting any better soon, the squad that played in this game will not let the club down with that effort and work rate.

Hilton; A Parkinson; Shaw; J Parkinson; Middleton; Akkaya; Chen; Steadford; Sellman; Bratterman; Simmons. Subs: Highwood; Collins; Howe

Chris Wells

### CONSISTENT POLYTECHNIC WORTHY WINNERS Polytechnic 3 1<sup>st</sup> XI 0

The 1's travelled to the league leaders knowing it would take a huge performance with so many first team regulars missing to get anything out of this game and, despite the effort being there, it was the more clinical, consistent Poly that ran out worthy winners.

The 1's started brightly and the first 25 minutes were even. But the deadlock was broken by the Poly left winger, who smartly finished from 20 yards. The 1's then went on to panic for the next 10 minutes and paid the price, as they failed to deal with a cross and it was 2-0.

The start of the second half was far better. The 1's set the tempo but could not find the break through. And the most disappointing part of the day was to come, when a long clearance against the run of play was finished by the Poly centre forward. It was a huge blow, as the momentum was with the 1's, but it was the decisive blow.

The 1's effort never dropped, but they huffed and puffed without creating a lot, whilst Poly looked a constant threat on the break. The game finished 3-0, a deserved victory for a well-disciplined, organised and good Polytechnic side.

The 1's know the key is getting some sort of consistency in availability if they are to compete this year with the sides in the top places of the league.

Hilton; Bryan-Isaac; Shaw; J Parkinson; Wilson; A Parkinson; Akkaya; Middleton; Sellman; Bratterman; Gravesande. Sub: Wells

Chris Wells

### SO CLOSE TO ANOTHER POINT 9<sup>th</sup> XI 2 HSBC 7<sup>th</sup> XI 3

In great form, with 9 points already this season, and with the honour of gracing the hallowed turf of Hayes, the mighty nines were confident coming into this fixture. Late arrivals meant a slightly makeshift line-up started the game, but we battled hard and took the lead through a rather calamitous **own goal**.

Unfortunately the lead did not last long as the ball brushed the arm of left back Roddy Trompiz in the area, the referee pointed to the spot, and HSBC duly converted. They began to turn up the pressure after that, and were dominant in midfield, winning far too many 50-50s, and made it 2-1 following a good passage of play. However, we stuck at it, and when James Eglon found himself in space on the edge of the area, his shot deflected off **WILL GUNNELL** and into the back of the net to make it 2-2.

We upped our efforts in the second half, but chances were rare, and we were made to pay when a tame header from a corner deflected in for an own goal to make it 2-3. We should have got a point out of the game, and there is much room for improvement, but a solid performance nonetheless, and we are looking forward to the next match with confidence.

Roddy Trompiz

Team: James Sparrow, Matt Gundry-White, Alex Walker, Matt Hallett, Roddy Trompiz, Gowtham Jeevan, Will Gunnell, Luke Curran, Steve Chinnery, Alex Forbes, Chris Jerome, Oliver Krauss, James Eglon

## ALONG CAME POLY; AGAIN Polytechnic 6<sup>th</sup> XI 0 5<sup>th</sup> XI 2

With Captain Cejay Watson on suicide watch, following two defeats in a row away to Poly sides, the 5's knew it was a matter of life or death to find victory at their third away trip in a row to lovely Chiswick against Polytechnic 6ths, whom they had beaten in a tight game 2-1 just before Christmas.

A late withdrawal from Aaron "I just woke up with a cricked neck" Dowling (Aaron we all know how you did it) meant a bare 11, with two players stepping up from the 7's, Taylor and Nathan, and Max taking one for the team, filling in at left back.

Cejay went for a simpler team talk this week to accommodate the return of Chris Billing, namely "Let's just beeping win", and the 5's went out and, from the first whistle, were crunching into tackles, tracking back and generally working their little behinds off, earning the right to play our passing football.

With more of a 4-4-1-1 formation, the 5's had the best of the midfield, Edd glad of some young legs, in Taylor, to do all his running for him - most of the passing and tackling as well, to be honest! Nathan, at right back, was playing fantastically well, calm on the ball and happy to play to feet, working nice triangles with Chris Dyki and Edd which meant Chris Dyki was able to hit Club Legend Jonny Q's feet instead of his head, allowing our supporting runners to catch play up. The breakthrough finally came when **CEJAY WATSON** found some room and a cross/shot (definitely more of a cross) eluded their 'keeper and the 5's went a deserved 1-0 up.

Poly went looking for an equaliser, but were restricted to half-chances, Billing and Henry McGeever winning every ball in the air. Poly tried to go wide to their tricky right winger but Max crunched him a few times (whilst getting the ball of course) and shut down their main creative outlet. When they finally fashioned some chances, Dave was in inspired form, making a couple of proper saves that any Premier League goalkeeper would have been proud of. The 5's could have gone 2-0 up had Edd chose to wear football boots instead of slippers, a comical fall in the box with the goal at his mercy proving a highlight of the first half.

The second half followed the pattern of the first, space for our wide men meaning we could counterattack swiftly when required. We could not quite find the final ball, so **CEEJAY WATSON** decided to do it all himself, beating several players on a mazy run before walloping the ball into the bottom corner to make it 2-0. Still should have passed it, mind you.

We had a tired 10 minutes where Poly pushed to get back in the game, using the subs to bring on some fresh legs, but the 5's rallied, marshalled by Henry and Billing at the back, and it could have been 3 or 4-0 by the end, only some good goalkeeping preventing Jonny Q and eventual 'Man of the Match' Taylor from scoring.

It finished 2-0 and a tired but happy 5's retired to the bar, glad to have finally finished with Poly for awhile, only to find that next week's fixture, albeit at home, is to Poly 7's. Someone on the fixtures panel is having a laugh at our expense methinks!

James Doyle  
Dave Pilgrim, Chris Billing, Henry McGeever, Max, Edd Hindley, Chris Dyki, James Doyle, Taylor, Nathan, Club Legend Jonny Q, Cejay Watson (Cpt)

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF 9<sup>th</sup> XI 3 Merton 6<sup>th</sup> XI 2 (Played January 16<sup>th</sup>)

After the winter break, and a few more pounds put on by much of the team, it was back to league action with the 9's facing some familiar faces and what is fast becoming our favourite team to play against, namely Merton, a team I have now beaten three times in the three matches I have played against them!

Having already played, and beaten, Merton 3-0 in a cup game earlier in the season, this would have been one of the few fixtures that we were expected to win. It was heartening, then, to see the early stages of the game dominated by us, with Merton struggling to string together more than 3 passes in our own half, with our only failing to break the deadlock due to some poor decision making and finishing from both of our starting strikers.

Despite their utter lack of any sort of penetration they still managed to take the lead through a 30 yard screamer, leaving our goalkeeper stranded off his line. It was even more crushing, then, that they managed to add a second a few minutes later after some sloppy defending let an unmarked attacker finish into the bottom corner after a low cross into our box. Needless to say our half time team talk was not a positive experience.

The second half started in a similar way to the first, but with one key difference: we did not waste our chances as, early on, **MANDEEP DHARIWAL** finished off a goalmouth scramble after a good delivery from a free kick, cutting Merton's lead in half and spurring us on for a possible leveler. But for the referee, who seemed intent on keeping the match close, we would have been ahead with plenty of time, but a good header by Dave Gunnell into the back of the net was met with what felt like the umpteenth offside the official had given.

Late in the second half saw our next clear cut chance with the last Merton defender committing the cardinal sin of Saturday League football, letting the ball bounce. This left **HARRY SMITH** through 1 on 1 with the 'keeper, and I would have been hard pressed to miss. I did try my utmost to do so, however, and only scored after the 'keeper parried the ball back against my leg, allowing the ball to roll into an empty net. Wild celebrations ensued as we thought we had rescued a point, but more drama was to come.

Another attack from us fell to Will Gunnell whipping the ball into the danger zone, leaving my diminutive figure to challenge for the ball with the 'keeper. Needless to say neither of us won the ball and it fell to Michael Hoffman, whose shot was blocked on the line by about 4 defenders. Our last gasp winner was saved, or so we thought, until one of their defenders seemed to forget which goal was which and headed into his own net, causing chaos, with manic celebrations from Old Wilsonians' players and arguments breaking out between Merton players.

A lucky escape, perhaps, but not a care was given by any of our players, with another 3 points under our belt and our Leicester-esc rise in the table continues, with our reaching the uncharted territory of third in the league, albeit only for a few days, perhaps.

Harry Smith

Team: Al Forbes, Andrew Hoffman, Matt Hallett, Fred Chinnery, Michael Hoffman, Mandeep Dhariwal, Will Gunnell, Will Davies, Dave Gunnell, Oliver Krauss, Harry Smith      Subs: Matt Gundry-White, Roddy Trompiz, Steve Chinnery      Man of the Match: Fred Chinnery

#### Reports Table

<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>RS</u>	<u>RSL</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NP</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Dropped</u>	<u>% response</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	16	16	0	0	0	48	0	100
9 <sup>th</sup> XI	15	13	2	0	3	38	7	100
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	23	17	1	5	16	36	33	78
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	22	14	1	7	13	30	36	68
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	17	13	1	3	12	28	23	82
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	16	4	0	12	3	9	39	25
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	18	2	0	16	1	5	49	11
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	17	0	0	17	0	0	51	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	18	0	0	18	0	0	54	0

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