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*Well, that was a year to remember, or not..*
*It finished with us in Tier 44, lots of postponed matches and waterlogged pitches.*
*The 3s and 6s have a right of reply after reading the 5s account of their friendly (?) and 7s League game report.*
*The bottom four sides all played League fixtures. The 7s edging the classico v the 6s,*
*the 8s picked up a point whilst the mighty 9s pushed Alleyn OB all the way at the bottom of the pyramid.*




***Provisional*** *fixtures have been allocated for the 2nd January 2021 to catch up on games lost in lockdown but changing daily so await confirmation from Yuved, fixtures Sec.*

*1s at West Wickham.*
*2s host West Wickham at Hayes.*
*3s awaits.*
*4s have top of the table clash at West Wickham.*
*5s host Merton.*
*6s play Merton away.*
*With another West Wickham home derby for the 7s.*
*8s / 9s awaits*



*May I take this opportunity to wish all players, families and friends a happy Christmas and here’s to a 2021 where we can play football, drink beer and go on tour in the sunshine or even all three at once! Stuart Paton , Ed.*

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# Results – 19th December 2020

| League | 1st X1 vs EBOG Hayes |
|---|---|
| Results | Scorers |
| | PP |

| League | 2nd XI vs Poly Away |
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| Results | Scorers |
| | PP |

| League | 3rd XI vs 5th X1 Friendly |
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| Results | Scorers |
| 3 - 4 | Not reported |

| League | 4th XI vs South Bank Away |
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| Results | Scorers |
| | PP |

| League | 5th XI vs 3rd X1 Friendly |
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| Results | Scorers |
| 4 - 3 | Ffrench,<br>Jay Breen 3. |

| League | 6th XI vs 7s Home |
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| Results | Scorers |
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| League | 7th XI v 6s |
|---|---|
| Results | Scorers |
| | Sam Forbes 2<br>Fraser, Mitchell. |

| League | 8th X1 v HSBC Home |
|---|---|
| Results | Scorers |
| 1 - 1 | Igboayaka |

| League | 9th X1 v Alleyns 7s |
|---|---|
| Results | Scorers |
| 2 - 4 | Christian Buckle 2 |

| Friendly 20TH Dec Hayes | Vets vs Steve Kember Vets X1 |
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| Results | Scorers |
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2nd XI – Intermediate Div 1

3's

http://www.southernamateurleague.co.uk/junior division-5b-south.html 4th XI – Junior South Div 2

5th XI – Junior South Div 3

6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

8th XI – Junior South Div 5

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Just to cheer the 3s up, last weeks report…

## 3s v West Wickham, League, Away, Won 6- 0

The cobwebs of last week were completely blown away in a local derby against top of the table West Wickham.

The 3's setup with Holland stepping up to play in goal and an orthodox back four in front of him consisting of two strikers and two attacking midfielders. We clearly set out to play to feet from the back. In a fast start by the 3's, Farmer whipped in a lovely cross from the right only for Watson to be shoved in the back before he could plant home the header. Up stepped **GILSON** from the spot and he should be working for Royal Mail with a postage stamp finish like that! The 3's maintained a high press and were unlucky not to score again with the WW keeper making a couple of good saves low down. An untimely injury to Farmer's shoulder after a heavy fall saw him off for the rest of the game (hopefully recovered for after the Xmas break). WW grewin to the game but Holland was well above anything that came his way. 1-0 half time.

We started fast again and were 2-0 up inside 10mins of the second half. A poor kick out from the WW keeper saw Gilson slide a first time pass left to **GUNNELL** who whipped it into the side netting.

The 3's stepped up a gear and despite one or two half chances for WW, the 3's weren't in the festive spirit and didn't look like conceding. Gilson took a whack in the middle of WW's half and stepped up to take the resulting free kick. No defence could have dealt with the pace and whip of the free kick and**GILSON** nestled it into the bottom corner after a slight deflection from the WW #12.

It became an onslaught if truth be told. WW were trying to play to feet down the right and across the middle but kept being thwarted by Chibu, Fenton, James, Elliott and Tiffin.

C Newman-Sanders was constantly making himself a nuisance to the WW centre backs and put a ball through to **GUNNELL** with only the keeper to beat. He calmly slotted it home at the near post for 4-0. WW continued to press forward and gaping holes were appearing. A lovely pass out to Talabi on the right wing saw him roast the left back (after attempting 10 stepovers the time before) and placed a lovely cross for**GUNNELL** to smash home via the crossbar for his hattrick!

Saggu was ranging forward from right back and thought he'd got an assist for Taylor only to be cruelly denied by the most marginal of offsides. But it was an assist from the other full back that finished the game off. Fenton delivered a defence splitting 50yd diagonal from left back that carved the WW defence open, inviting **TAYLOR** to race through from midfield (some might say jog with that pace?) and, having seen Gunnell do it earlier, slotted home at the near post for his own 1 on 1 with the WW keeper.

Clean sheet maintained by resolute defending until the end and a great performance ahead of the Xmas break.

Team: Holland, Saggu, Tiffin, James, Fenton, Gilson, Akpakwu, Taylor, Farmer, Gunnell, Watson, Subs: Talabi, Elliott, Newman-Sanders

MoM- Gunnell

Scorers - Gunnel x3, Gilson x2, Taylor



**Match Report: Old Wilsonians 7th XI vs. Old Wilsonians 6th XI**
**19/12/20**
Score: 4-3: Sam Forbes (2), Fraser, Mitchell
Assists: Fraser (2), Mitch

No other match is given as much importance as the inter-club derby. And having lost their last two matches, this derby weighed on the minds of the 7s as kick-off crept closer and closer. Going off league standings alone, they should have enjoyed a dominant afternoon, but with rumours swirling of the 6s pulling off loan signings from the 3s, 2s and even 1s, as the first whistle blew things were still nervy. Yet with the 7s determined to snatch December from the jaws of mediocrity, they started with a newfound intensity.

With the sun beaming down, the opening 15 minutes marked a ferocious start from the 7s, with Aaron and Leyton winning the physical battle in the midfield and Dan L and Billings shepherding the ball away whenever the 6s' strike force looked threatening. This hunger was rewarded early on when Fraser, bending the ball round the spine of the 6s' defence, assisted an assured bullet header from **Sam FORBES**, who claimed his first of the afternoon. 1-0. Unfortunately, a goal this early into the game was a wolf in sheep's clothing, as the boys allowed the foot to be lifted off the gas and the 6s capitalised. Relying heavily on their new signings, they caused havoc in the final third, slotting in a free kick and a long range effort in quick succession. Rattled, the 7s were a shadow of their former selves as they let another in on the brink of halftime. 1-3. Returning to the huddle as the clouds began to darken, the 7s all agreed that they would need to rediscover the fight and passion of the first 15 if they were to pull off the comeback and claim the all-important bragging rights. With Madz coming onto the right to inject some pace, the stage was set for an all-out, win-at-allcosts war of a second half.

As the team shook of the troubles that plagued them at the end of the first half, you got the sense that the game was tipping in the 7s' favour. Yet again, the midfield began to dominate, and with Jonny Q's hold-up play the 6s looked frail. With the game wearing on and the 6s getting worn down, **2ND X1's MITCHELL** begins the comeback with a stunning volley to make it 2-3. The energy this brought began to flow through the team, with Kenny and Dan L in particular giving a stability on the left of the pitch that allowed the team to play the kind of football they knew they could. A winding Billings header was just kept at bay, and frustration was obvious as Ollie came on at right-back after a robust performance from Dyki. Luckily, as the rain began to pour, so did the goals. **Fraser** capped off a fine performance with the all-important equaliser, whilst the boys dug in even deeper for the final twenty. After a few brave saves from Callum, the game was the 7s' to lose. A header from Mitchell sent Sam on his way, and a piece of composed individual brilliance let **Sam FORBES** dribble round the keeper and slot home. The comeback had happened. 4-3. Learning from the first half, the final few minutes was a heroic defensive effort, and, as the rain beat down, the referee blew the final whistle. The bragging rights were theirs.

The 7s have now finished an already successful year on a high, looking into 2021 with the promise of a strong league position and an exciting squad that has grit and commitment at its heart. Post-match celebrations were jubilant and rightly so. After all, there aren't many better ways to cap off the year than with a win on derby day. **MOTM:** Sam Forbes.
Report Ollie Flowers (SB)




Hard fought draw at Hawesdown
8s 1 HSBC 1

After back-to-back wins, the 8s felt confident going into this fixture. Having drawn 5-5 against HSBC earlier in the season, we knew there could be goals.

Surprisingly there were no goals in the first half, although we came close with two spectacular efforts – Richard Smart rolling back the years with an overhead kick and Seb Ayers nearly finding the net with a deft touch from a tight angle.

In the second half, and with the Hawesdown slope in our favour, we deservedly took the lead when Sochi Igboayaka went on a mazy run and found the far corner of the net. After that HSBC really came at us and spurned several good chances.

Having gone down to 10 men with one of their players swearing at the ref (never a good idea), we felt well positioned to see the game out, but with 5 minutes left we gave the ball away in a dangerous area and they finally capitalised. We were hanging on at the end despite the numerical advantage, and a draw was probably the right result.

Kek Amankwah, Sam Waton, Roddy Trompiz, Nathan Carpenter, Sochi Igboayaka, Nathan Amoah, Harry Smith, Seb Ayers, Jack Shelton, Ben Mole, Richard Smart, Saj Phakey, Mo Omar, Pradosh Kirubaharan

**Match Report OWFC 9s 2 Vs 4 Alleyns 7s 19/12/2020**

The 9s went into their early afternoon home game on Hayes against Alleyns in a buoyant mood, it was also the first time 3 Hoff's were on the same pitch at the same time in OWFC history, except the more senior member of the Hoff's was dressed in all black.

Despite recognising the team they were coming against would not be the team they had faced earlier in the season, where we had clinched an entertaining but also scrappy 5-4 win.

Scrappy, however, is a far from accurate description of the opening 15 minutes for the Old Boys. There was an electricity about how the ball was being moved about the pitch, leading to a thunderous strike just outside the box from striker ***CHRISTIAN BUCKLE***, hitting crossbar and in. 1-0 to the 9's.

A rather unfortunate series of events, and our keeper Doug Forbes thinking the ball was made of coronavirus – something he didn't want to catch – led to a free goal for Alleyns and it was back to all square. Kavi Lakhani provided a moment of entertainment for the fans when the ref had clocked his earring and instructed him to take it off - Gaffer M. Hoff was not impressed. After a business meetings worth of negotiations - certainly won't get a job at FRG, Lakhani finally agreed to remove the earpiece. After coming back onto the pitch moments later, it became apparent that the young Lakhani was sporting

a necklace as well - leading to few more choice words from the gaffer. Whether or not the ref saw the humour in the boy's idiocy or not we will never know.

Then Alex Burmingham, in a moment of inspiration drove at the heart of the Alleyns back four, beating a couple men, only to be brought down in emphatic style inside the box. Penalty - should of been a red card it was that disgraceful with zero attempt to play the ball. He gave up the honour to score his fifth goal of the season… so up stepped ***CHRISTIAN BUCKLE***. Goal. It looked promising for The 9's. However, some uncomfortable to watch disorganisation at the back gifted Alleyns two more goals before half time, seeing the boys go into the break 3-2 down.

The second half did not pick up for the Old boys. For the majority of the half, it was us chasing shadows, potentially down to a lack of fitness from the lads. Substitute Neville Spencer at the back was commanding the defence very well, and despite the constant pressure OWFC faced we stayed somewhat organised in protecting the net. It seemed as though the wall would crack at some point and it took an Alleyns corner for them to secure their fourth goal of the game. The remainder of the half was a similar story to the start of it, with Alleyns dominating the possession. There were a few bursting runs from the 9's left hand side with some nice linkup between the Burmingham brothers, but despite a couple of good balls into the Alleyns box, nothing came of it for Wilsons.

The defeat did end the previously unbeaten run of OWFC 9s but we are determined to push on and still win our brand new league and do the club proud! (Well done Hoff for getting the 9s up and running, well just jogging, this season and being admitted to the SAL. Ed)

Match Report: Nathan Burmingham

MOTM: Nathan Burmingham

Squad: D. Forbes, A. Hoffmann, J. Coughlan, M. Hoffmann (jnr), J. Richards, N. Burmingham, K. Lakhani, J. Munn, Nathan Spencer, A. Burmingham, C. Buckle, Nev Spencer, S.Philmore, C. McGinley



# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

PANTOMIME SEASON BRINGS OUT THE BUTTONS 1st Xl 4 Old Tenisionians 1

A cold, blustery day in Bromley, with the prospect of playing Tenisonian, those thoroughly nice blokes; what an attractive proposition!

A few changes this week with 'Scrim the Doctor' facing a court appearance for over zealous use of his internal probe equipment and Andy Pullen absent, choosing to play rugby with the rugby boys.

In came 'Mr Happy' (Dave Joliffe) who was as delighted as ever to be playing in the 1st Xl, regardless of position, and Ian Murray. The team sheet was on the wall and 'Mr Happy' had seen that his name was a lot closer to the right-back position than he would ideally like but, nevertheless, he took it very well by sitting across the other side of the changing room on his own.

Tenisonians were late and by the time they took to the pitch they only had eight men, which became ten after about ten minutes. We had a lot of early possession but were not able to convert but, eventually, 'Roly with a brain – **MATT HARRIS -** managed to put the ball in the back of the net with the help of a slight defelection but, nevertheless, a good finish.

We continued to dominate and played some elaborate football with little to show for it until some great work from **'HOOTER' HORSWOOD** was rewarded with a freak goal, a cross that kept on coming. The 'keeper completely missed the ball and into the net it went, 'Hooter' on the score-sheet for only the fourth tine is his 1st Xl career.

In the second half we kicked off into the cold northerly wind with the knowledge that if we scored two more goals and thy scored one, we would probably win 4-1. We played better in the second half and at times looked very similar to Roland, although this may only have been the orange shirts.

Some good team-work left 'Hooter' with his right foot on the trigger and he crossed for **NEIL HUME'S** hair which, luckily, had a mind of its own and greased a deflection into the net - 3-0.

Some toilet defending by 'Lombardo' Goddard and Claude Raines (Danny Webb) then left a Tenisionian forward with a half chance, which he took well.

More good pressure saw 'Pope the stick insect' release **'MONSOON' TROUT** towards the goal, and a couple of shimmys, a dip of the shoulder and a left foot drive saw the ball in the back of the net, and he even had enough time for a word of advice to their 'keeper – "You snooze; you lose."

Moments of madness from 'Sponge' – Colin Lake – then followed as he went into one in his goal-mouth, refusing a simple throw out and going for a dribble in his area followed by a random boot down the pitch.

A good result, 4-1, and now unbeaten in normal time since the third game of the season – bring on the next lambs. Jason Trout

Lake Jolliffe Webb Goddard Pope Harris (Matt) Murray.I Horswood Kendrick.N Hume Trout

| **Classified Results , December 16th 1995** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Xl | 4 | Old Tenisonians | 0 | Harris, Horswood, Hume, Trout |
| Cardinal Manning Old Boys | 0 | 2nd Xl | 0 | |
| Old Strandians | 2 | 3rd Xl | 3 | Valder, Haines 2 |
| 4th Xl | 0 | Old Sedcopians | 0 | |
| Old Dorkingians | 0 | 5th Xl | 2 | Rosario, Burton |
| 7th Xl | 1 | Clapham Old Xvarians | 2 | Pilgrim.M |
| Old Suttonians | 5 | 8th Xl | 1 | Cocks |
| Stoke City | 1 | Palace | 2 | Freedman, Taylor |

LESSONS TO LEARNED AS 1ST XI TURN THE GAME AROUND Old Tiffinians 2 1st XI 3

In their second successive friendly the 1st XI continued their winning sequence. With Mike Pilgrim and Tony Maunder deputising for the injured John Ford and Les Simner, the side took a long while to settle down, and with a lack of cover from midfield the defence was quickly exposed and only a flying save by Si' Wills prevented us from conceding an early goal.
However, and after ten minutes, a quick reverse pass in our penalty area paved the way for their opening goal and, not long after, a long cross from the right caught our defence napping and their left-winger, with oceans of room, slotted home number two. At last we took heed and the defence tightened up considerably and refused to be led up blind alleys, the midfield started to get to grips with the game, and we began to move more as a team.
The net result was a series of chances set up but, and alas, mostly from far out and our shooting was wayward, but eventually our pressing produced a goal when a shot from **DAVE BARTLETT** was only partially saved by their 'keeper and the ball trickled into the net.
The second half saw us mainly in control but the equaliser would not come and our shooting was often nervous and hesitant, but we did draw level when, from a good build-up in midfield, the ball found John Pugh unmarked on the right. His long centre was met by Gerry Reaseley and their 'keeper at the same time, and the ball bounced on kindly for **TERRY ADAMS**, venturing upfield for the first time, who nodded calmly into the net.
Back on level terms we were now playing with added confidence and soon after **GERRY REASELEY** shot home from the edge of the box with the Tiffinian 'keeper out of position.
A game which started so badly for us ended with the right result. We cannot, however, expect second chances from our normal league opponents, and a general tightening up is essential, particularly at the back.
Remember that our attacking flair will be hard put, against strong opposition, to prove itself, so defensive lapses must be cut to the minimum. Terry Adams
Wills Cohen Pilgrim.M Adams Robinson Pugh Bartlett.L Bartlett.D Maunder Jennings Reaseley

*Extract from 2nd XI report:* In the second half Doug Clasper was badly fouled some 30 yards from goal and from the free-kick **MIKE KENDRICK** headed a superb goal when all but one of their defenders moved up to leave three of our forwards unmarked.
Wells Morley Kendrick.M Forbes.I Fielder.W Matthews (Jim) Burgoyne Smith,S Clasper Hand Ashdown

3rd XI: Taylor (Martin) McAlister R.E Chapman Clarke.J Horscroft Daniels Barry Rayworth Favell Miles

4th XI: Clarke.P Evans McAlsiter.R Thomas Wilks Brittain Matthews.R Drabwell Murphy Smith.S Fanning

5th XI: Manning Kidd Norris Clarke McCarthy Hemmingway Holder Stevens Wisson Piesse Gasson

6th XI: Johns Brighton Fielder.A Eaton Turner.P Bayliss Beckwith Carlisle Pike Sanger

| **Classified Results, December 19th 1970** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Old Tiffinians | 2 | 1st Xl | 3 | Bartlett.D, Adams, Reaseley |
| 2nd Xl | 2 | Old Libertians | 2 | Kendrick.M, Burgoyne |
| Old Parmiterians | 4 | 3rd Xl | 1 | Favell |
| 4th Xl | 1 | Mill Hill Village | 5 | Murphy |
| Brent | 1 | 5th Xl | 0 | |
| Furness Withy | 8 | 6th Xl | 0 | |
| Newcastle | 2 | Palace | 0 | |

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