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This week's games , November 19th

Team	Opponents	Ground	Contest	K.O.
1st XI	Crouch End Vampires	Away	League	2-15
2nd XI	Old Thorntonians	Hayes	AFA Cup	1-30
3rd XI	Carshalton 3rd XI	Hayes	League	2-15
4th XI	Old Sedcopians 3rd XI	Away	London Old Boys Cup	1-45
5th XI	Carshalton 5th XI	Hawes Down	AFA Cup	1-30
6th XI	HSBC 6th XI	Away	League	2-15
7th XI	Old Bealonians 7th Xj	Away	Old Boys Cup	1-30
8th XI	South Bank Cuaco 6th XI	Away	League	2-15
9th XI	Civil Service 8th XI	Hawes Down	League	2-15
10th XI				
Vets				
Super Vets				

ALWAYS PACK A WHITE SHIRT WITH YOUR KIT

Classified Results, November 12th

Home	Score			Away	Scorers
1st XI	1	V	2	Old Garchonians (League)	Sitch
Actonians Association	5	V	2	2nd XI (League)	Howe 2
Nottsborough 4th XI	2	V	2	3rd XI (League)	Harwood, Martin
4th XI	4	V	1	HSBC 4th XI (League)	Falconer Roberts, James, Adams.A, Abdou
Witan Reserves	P	V	P	5th XI (London Old Boys Cup)	
6th XI	3	V	1	Old Thorntonians 4th XI (LOBC)	Scorers not reported
Brent 3rd XI	P	V	P	7th XI (LOBC)	
8th XI	3	V	0	Old Wilsonians 9th XI (League)	Wicks, Cosstick 2
Old Wilsonians 8th XI	3	V	0	9th XI (League)	

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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**, 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

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



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This week's men of the match

1st XI: Karamath 2nd XI: Carruthers 3rd XI: Three way tie James Harwood, Chris Tyler, Tom Highwood
4th XI: Yuved Bheenick 6th XI: Not reported 8th XI: James Sparrow 9th XI: Not reported

Leading goal-scorers

9 – James 8 - Sellman 7 – Howe 6 - Fox 5 - Adams. W, Bratterman, Buckle, Cosstick, Watson, Williams.M 4 –Carruthers, Krauss, Page, Falconer-Roberts, Wrenn (Benteke) (McArthur)

IMPORTANT: ***The OWA AGM will take place on Tuesday December 13th - agenda to follow***

Classified Results, November 16th 1991				
Phoenix Old Boys	0	1st XI	3	Trout, Egan, Kendrick,N
2nd XI	0	Tenisonians	3	
Salesians	0	3rd XI	1	Chapman
4th XI	2	Dorkingians	0	Haines 2
John Fisher Old Boys	1	5th XI	2	Stringer , Valder
6th XI	3	Chertsey Old Salesians	2	Wilson 2, Hayward
7th XI	2	Esthamians	1	Ayling, Benjamin
Bromleians	2	8th XI	1	Russell
Palace	1	Southampton	0	Thomas

ENCOURAGING VICTORY AS A PRELUDE TO THE BIG ONE John Fisher Old Boys 1 5th XI 2

After last week's fiasco at Glynn, the 5th XI needed to return to winning ways prior to our forthcoming return fixture with St Marys. However, the cobwebs were still lingering and we did not get into gear for about 15 minutes. If we allow St Marys any early Christmas present s this week then our title aspirations will take a severe blow. Fortunately John Fisher did not capitalise and, although having a lot of early pressure, failed to score.

When we eventually decided to play a bit of football, and create a number of chances, good goal-keeping kept the 5ths at bay until, after 30 minutes, Doug Weaver crossed for **BRUCE STRINGER** to bundle home from close range.

More pressure was applied in the second half but, unfortunately, more chances were squandered until **DAVE VALDER,** who had a particularly dominating second half in every sense of the word, scored with five minutes to go from a pull-back from the touch-line by Paul Johnson, but a lapse of concentration a minute from time marred a good performance from the back four and allowed the home side a consolation goal.

A more determined attitude from the 5ths must be adopted and we must go out and play from the start and not allow teams to take the initiative. However, another two points have been bagged, with particularly good games from John Mole and Jim Lloyd, who twice cleared off the line. Ian Pilgrim Marsh Lloyd Pilgrim.I Kendrick.M Pegg Mole.J Valder Burton Weaver.D Johnson (Paul) Stringer

Vets Corner

What most people regard as our senior team, the Veterans, all of whom need to be at least 35 to qualify to play, have started their season with some mixed results.

Their first game, the annual fixture with Old Bromleians for the 'Freddie Hoare Cup', ended in a 3-1 defeat, with Malcolm Taylor scoring our goal.

The side then took on Cuaco, and with greater success, achieving a 5-2 victory, Paul Hannifan getting a hat-trick, but their most recent excursion saw a 3-4 reverse, Malcolm Taylor getting a couple and penalty king, Jim Matthews, converting a third.

This week they take on Corinthians, a side steeped in history. Why not go along and support them – it beats taking the dog for a walk. (On second thoughts, perhaps it doesn't!)

Classified Results, November 12th 1966				
G.W.R	0	1st XI	5	Cohen, Burstow, Bartlett, Turner, Reaseley
2nd XI	2	Pearl Assurance	7	Lawson, Smith
3rd XI	1	Parkonians	5	Walker
Inland Revenue	4	4th XI	4	Jennings 2, Grimwood, Portman
Finchleians	6	5th XI	3	Sheen, Causer, Piper

Reports were very short in those days, so here is each and every one of them

I hear that the 1st XI have played better, but a five goal win is not too disappointing, especially when you play badly

The less said about this game the better. Down 5-1 at half-time, the 2nd XI tried everything they knew to get back, but luck was against them

The 3rd XI became the second of our teams to fall foul of a strong Parkonians side but this was a little flattering to our visitors, even 'though they undoubtedly deserved their victory

Although 3-0 up at one stage, the 4th XI could only scrounge a point from this exciting game, which included a "blast" from five yards by John Grimwood

Three down at the interval the 5th XI fought back to 3-4 before Tony Causer was taken to hospital, and this proved too much for us on the Finchley slope. Incidentally, Tony's injury was not as bad as first thought, and he hopes to be playing again this week

The most interesting piece of news was the following revelation:
Sorry to hear that Dave Cohen (the 1st XI skipper at the time) has lost his part-time job. He went to sleep on the job, I'm told, and became the first night watchman in history to have his hut pinched; better luck next time, Dave

Hopefully this is the prelude to a stack of reported Dave Cohen stories, and I cannot wait for the day he set fire to himself!

Classified Results, November 14th 1891

1st XI	4	Anerley	1	W. Grossmith 2, H. Plumpton, W.Bradbury
Old Salways	6	2nd XI	0	

The 1st XI continued their progress in the London Junior Cup with Anerley visiting Denmark Hill, our home ground at the time, for this re-played Cup tie to decide who will enter the third round

The OWs showed their supremacy with a 4-1 victory, with W. Grossmith maintaining his record of scoring in every match

The Reserves travelled to Leytonstone to play Old Salways, returning defeated by 6-0. Next week the senior team play that third round Cup tie whilst Grove Park Reserves come to Denmark Hill to play our 2nd XI

League Tables - Correct to November 12th

Senior Division One - bottom 5 of 11	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
OLD WISLONIANS	**7**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**9**	**13**	**7**
Winchmore Hill	7	1	3	3	8	14	6
NUFC Oilers	7	1	2	4	10	15	5
Old Parkonians	6	1	0	5	8	11	3
Crouch End Vampires	6	0	1	5	7	17	1
Intermediate Division One - bottom 4 of 11							
OLD WILSONIANS RESERVES	**6**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**10**	**14**	**7**
Old Parkonians Reserves	7	1	2	4	14	20	5
Alleyn Old Boys Reserves	5	0	1	4	6	11	1
Old Owens Reserves	3	0	0	3	7	18	0
Junior Division Two - bottom 3 of 10							
Merton 3rd XI	6	1	0	5	10	18	3
Old Owens 3rd XI	5	1	0	4	8	18	3
OLD WILSONIANS 3rd XI	**4**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**8**	**12**	**1**
Minor Division One South – Top 3 of 9							
West Wickham 4th XI	5	4	1	0	19	4	13
Alleyn Old Boys 5th XI	6	3	2	1	16	11	11
OLD WILSONIANS 4th XI	**5**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**13**	**11**	**9**
Minor Division Two South - bottom 3 10							
OLD WILSONIANS 5th XI	**6**	**2**	**0**	**4**	**10**	**24**	**6**
Merton 4th XI	7	1	0	6	12	20	3
Lloyds Warren 3rd XI	7	1	0	6	5	40	3
Minor Division Three South – bottom 3 of 9							
OLD WILSONIANS 6th XI	**5**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**7**	**19**	**3**
HSBC 6th XI	5	1	0	4	5	25	3
Alleyn Old Boys 6th XI	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Minor Division Four South - Top 4 of 10							
Kew Association 3rd XI	7	6	1	0	25	14	19
Merton 5th XI	7	6	0	1	12	6	18
Polytechnic 9th XI	6	5	1	0	20	4	16
OLD WILSONIANS 7th XI	**7**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**13**	**13**	**10**
Minor Division Five South - Bottom 3 of 11							
OLD WILSONIANS 8th XI	**4**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**19**	**3**
OLD WILSONIANS 9th XI	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**8**	**0**
Merton 7th XI	1	0	0	1	0	12	0

OLD WILSONIANS' LAWN TENNIS CLUB

COMEDY NIGHT

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Laura Lexx is a uniquely gleeful performer who indulges her audience in an unrelenting childish attention. She has a quirky, Somerset spin on the world and is happy to relax with the audience and build up a quick rapport. She delighted everyone as the compere of two of our earlier comedy shows.
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Jonny Pelham began his stand up career at University and whilst there finished runner-up in both the prestigious So You Think You're Funny? competition as well as The Chortle Student Comedy Awards. Since leaving University he has continued to impress and was recently a finalist and Judges' Choice in the BBC Radio New Comedy Awards, as well as being nominated for Chortle Best Newcomer in 2014.

Sol Bernstein has performed at The London Palladium, New York's Carnegie Hall, The Paris Olympia, Caesars Palace Las Vegas, The Scunthorpe Baths, but it's at night clubs where Sol really comes to life. His charisma, his walking stick, his catch phrase "why don't you put on a tie" his chutzpah, put it all together and you see the magic that is Sol Bernstein.
"One part Alf Garnett, two parts Mel Brooks and three part like nothing else you have heard. Bernstein is a great new comic creation in the making" - The Guardian

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Corkage will be charged per bottle @	£8.00

All moneys 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

ALL OUR TODAYS

A HARD FOUGHT BATTERING Actonians Association 5 2nd XI 2

A strong line up, for a wet day and travel problems, had the team turn up sporadically.

We started slowly and with the new high pressing strategy, finding it particularly hard to carve out chances. We went 1-0 down when a flick on from a corner found their striker on his own in the six yard box for an easy tap in. Still struggling, we went 2-0 down to another corner, where the unmarked midfielder headed home from eight yards, and it looked like it was going to be a sorry half until a great turn from Carruthers put **HOWE** through, who was stupidly taken down by the 'keeper, and he put away his ninth penalty in a row just before the half time whistle was blown.

After a lacklustre first half we came out fast in the second half and, after 15 minutes, a great touch and turn from Fox put Carruthers through, who thenput it on a plate for **HOWE,** who did his best to miss from six yards, but the visitors were level.

However, less than five minutes later we were behind again when a cross, followed by a poor touch, was not shut down and was buried. Pushing forward Wilson's were unlucky to concede a fourth

as the ball was clearly out of play and, finally, with the side still chasing, a sloppy fifth from a long ball free kick put the nail in the coffin.

A disappointing result, but a huge amount of effort in the second half makes the 2's new side this year look like it has a promising future! Jon Howe

Deadman, George, Shaw, Oluwu, Farmer, Dunk, Free, Elliot, Steadman, Smart D, Howe, Fox, Carruthers

1ST XI DOMINATE BUT FAIL TO CONVERT CHANCES 1st XI 1 Old Garchonians 2

The 1st XI put in one of their best performances of the season but came away with nothing. They started brightly, and were rewarded after just five minutes when a Wilson header was tapped home by **SITCH.**

The 1's continued their good start by dominating the first 30 minutes. They then thought they had doubled their lead when Sitch volleyed home, but the linesman flagged for off side. Then disappointment again, when Gravesande scored but another late whistle ruled it out for a foul.

The dubious decisions came back to haunt the 1st XI when Garchonians equalised from a corner when their number 10 headed home. The half finished 1-1, with the 1's knowing the game should be over.

Garchonians started the second half well, and a last ditch tackle from Parkinson stopped a decent chance materialising. But again, and for the next 40 minutes, the 1st XI dominated, as Sellman hit the post, A Parkinson was foiled by the 'keeper and J Parkinson headed wide.

But, as always, if you miss your chances you then get punished, and Garchonians broke and scored with their only shot on target in the half in the last minute. An excellent performance resulted in nothing and was hard to take but, again, if the chances are not put away, then you will be punished.

Chris Wells

Eglon; Wilson; Gravesande; Karamath; Middleton; Simmons; J Parkinson; A Parkinson; Sellman; Sitch; Fashoro; Williams; Pathmanathan

THREE LEAGUE POINTS 8th XI 3 Old Wilsonians 9th XI 0

After a pointless first three league games, we came into the first league meeting against the 9th XI. The far too common availability issue reared its head again. We had seven available and we could not call up from the 9's! Therefore we had to have a look down the back of the sofa and find a few more players. Fortunately for us, the 5's and 7's games were postponed early on, and the numbers for both teams were bolstered.

We observed a minutes silence to show our respect for those who have paid the ultimate price to allow us to enjoy the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. We then got onto the match, which we started comfortably. Will Gunnell, of OWFC 7th XI fame, decided to injure himself with pretty much his first touch of the ball, a couple of minutes in. With Tom Cosstick, and one of our "back of the sofa" picks, Ben Pilbeam, we had a lot of pace up top.

We were settled on the ball, happy to play it around, but we did not get forward quickly enough sometimes. We took the lead part way through the first half, the dubious goals panel awarding the goal to **ASHLEY WICKS**. Our skipper turned up, watched us play for a bit and then it was half time. Kek made it clear that he wanted us to pick up the tempo and get forward quicker. Kek brought himself on, for what would be a 20 minute cameo, before he had to go as he had a wedding to DJ for!

We lacked a cutting edge for a while, as our midfield seemed happy to try long shot after long shot, which usually saw the ball fly over the bar and not bother Nev in the 9's goal. Alternatively, when we got into the area, we wanted to play like Arsenal and pass it about, rather than shoot.

We doubled our lead through **COSSTICK** and then continued to play our game. A third was added, by **COSSTICK,** and it looked like the 9's were not going to challenge our goal.

Overall, a difficult week for selection, but we largely controlled the game. Jeevan showed why he should be playing higher than the 7th XI and we thanked those who answered the call for help. We finally got some points in the league, and now need to return to our early season form. James Sparrow

Team: E. Adams, M. Crombie, J. Sparrow, C. Billing, R. Savage, J. Mander, G. Jeevan, A. Wicks, W. Adams, W. Gunnell, T. Cosstick, B. Pilbeam, K. Amankwah. DoD: Gunnell - Get well soon Will.

FOURS LABOUR TO A WIN OVER HSBC 4th XI 4 HSBC 4th XI 1

Following last week's last gasp cup win, the 4th XI returned to league action and welcomed HSBC to Hayes. Having beaten the same team a few weeks earlier in the cup, 5-1, nothing less than a win would do. It was apparent prior to the match, however, that a number of the lads were feeling a bit delicate, some having just left chicken cottage a few hours earlier.

We lined up in our now favoured 4-3-3 formation and kicked off against HSBC, who could only field ten men. Unfortunately for us, we had already won the game in our heads and this meant we rarely got out of first gear. As expected, we had most of the ball and fashioned some good positions and chances, but our finishing was not up to scratch.

We were getting frustrated and trying to force the game and it took us a good 15 minutes before we took the lead when **JOSH 'CEO' FALCONER ROBERTS** latched onto a through ball and finished well, drilling the ball low into the net. The floodgates really should have opened but we continued to labour, giving the ball away, not finding our men and, frankly, just not looking like we wanted to be there.

Half-time arrived and the chat was to be professional and get the job done. Crouch and Abdou came on to give us some much needed energy, and we started the second half much better. Ten minutes into the half, HSBC were handed a lifeline when a long ball was not dealt with by Jon 'Rhino' Knight or Bheenick, and their burly striker nipped in and calmly slotted past 'Chunk'.

This was the kick up the backside the 4's needed, and we drove at HSBC, Abdou and Crouch doing much of the running and closing them down. Crouch struck a post, with a low drive, James hit the bar, with a curling effort, and Crouch hit the bar again - with a chip.

We knew the goal would come and it duly arrived when Abdou, after some excellent closing down, crossed into the box for **SAM JAMES** to expertly guide a header into the corner. We continued to press and a third arrived soon after to make the game safe when a long throw into the box was smashed into the net by **ANT ADAMS** and, at 3-1, it was now about how many could we get.

There was no doubt this game could have been any score, but our finishing let us down but, with five minutes to go, **JACQUES ABDOU** got a well deserved goal, heading in powerfully from a corner and celebrating ecstatically. The game ended 4-1 and whilst it was not a great performance, three points moves us up the table and we can turn our attentions to the London Old Boys Cup next week.

Yuved Bheenick

Squad: I Wellman(GK), M Knight, J Knight, Y Bheenick, J Watson, P Panicker, C Henderson, D Wateridge, S James, A Adams, JF Roberts, J Abdou, S Crouch

DEPLETED THREES REGISTER FIRST POINT OF THE SEASON Nottsborough 4th XI 2 3rd XI 2

Winter is coming! The first match of the season, in what would traditionally be described as "proper football weather", the 3's made the relatively short trip across to south west London to take on high flying Nottsborough, who had robbed us of three points on the opening day, looking for revenge.

Having no less than four players drop out on Friday morning, the scramble to even field a side was frantic but, eventually, we had 11 players ready to get out there and earn their stripes. As luck would have it, a couple of players became available from other matches, that fell victim to the weather and, all of a sudden, we were at 13!

Upon arriving at Clapham, however, the roller coaster week took another turn as, simultaneously, all trains to Tolworth were either severely delayed or cancelled, and another late drop out at 12.30! (less than 2 hours before kick- off, what a dream). "Never mind" was the rallying cry, "we're gonna do this with or without a full squad", and so it proved to be. Having made it to the ground, and gone through a comprehensive warm up, we started the game at lightning pace, stringing together seven to eight passes straight from kick off, resulting in an early testing shot from James Harwood that the 'keeper did well to save.

This set the tone for the game, really, and on we went, building pressure and largely dictating play, with particular joy coming down the right flank, where the ever willing runs of Nathan Tanner were giving their full back all sorts of headaches, ably assisted by the bachelor, Josh Mackley, and his marauding overlaps. One scare aside, the half continued on this theme until, eventually, from a cleared corner, Tom Highwood lifted the ball back into the danger area, Matt Rand expertly did nothing, so as not

to be called offside, and **JAMES HARWOOD** willingly accepted the invitation to open his account for the season - 1-0 and just rewards for a good opening half an hour.

No more than five minutes later, another corner was earned after good build up play led to a deflected shot. An expertly delivered corner, from Gary Bonsels, to the penalty spot (we won't mention the two that went straight out of play), saw **RICKY MARTIN** lose his marker and bullet a header in from 12 yards to give us a much deserved 2-0 lead, that we saw through to half time.

The team talk revolved around the need to stay disciplined and to expect Nottsborough to come after us in the coming 45 minutes and, sure enough, they did, However, they were not creating anything particularly clear cut, whilst, at the other end, both James Harwood and Gary Bonsels were unlucky to see good efforts cleared off the line.

On 15 minutes Nottsborough got their breakthrough after a very good move left them one on one to slot in from close range. Shortly after, two injuries were picked up, at centre back and centre midfield, and the game quickly moved to "backs against the wall, defend this lead" mode. Nottsboorugh, sensing the momentum shift, continued to send wave after wave of attack at us, but still we stood firm.

Five minutes from the end we conceded a free kick right on the edge of the area, not struck particularly well, but the curse of 'Lady luck' struck us again, as the ball took a wicked deflection, completely to the other side of the goal, and went in off the post, levelling the scores to 2-2.

There was still just enough time for James Harwood to cause chaos in their ranks one last time and he looked to have secured the win, until one of their defenders came out of nowhere to once again clear the ball off the line.

Overall this was our best performance of the season, and that is saying a lot, given how well we have played in the past three weeks. Despite not converting the lead to a win, we are now off the mark, and the team were rightly proud of the performance. Hard not to think what might have been had we had a full team or, even more than one substitute to bring on at the end, and those who dropped out so late in the day should be taking a long look at themselves, as places are never guaranteed. We take our assault on to next week, where those three points are beckoning! Ricky Martin

Squad - Pilgrim, Mackley, Tyler, Mole, Highwood, Martin (c), Akpakaru, Tanner, Rand, Bonsels, Harwood, Matthews

COMPREHENSIVE VICTORY FOR THE FIVES 5th XI 6 Old Salesians 3rd XI 0 (P. Nov 5th)

After a strong 3-0 victory away to HSBC in the AFA Cup last week, the 5th XI were looking to continue their winning cup run against an Old Salesians side several leagues below them in this Old Boys Cup encounter

Dominating the initial exchanges, but playing with a quality level that can only be described as poor, the 5's main enemy was themselves. Finally a little bit of quality came when a game of pinball finished with the ball at **CEEJAY WATSON's** feet in front of an empty goal. Despite the goalkeeper, and two Salesians players affecting a human version of a ball and chain, he could not be denied and toe poked in from five yards - 1-0.

Tyler and Elliot were in control in the middle of the park, but the 5's still struggled to find any fluidity to their play, so it was lucky that the Old Salesians goalkeeper decided to help out by inexplicably picking up a back pass in his area. Cejay and Chris Dyki carefully discussed options, and then **CEJAY WATSON** went with the time honoured "I'll blast it then and see what happens" method. Despite not getting it off the ground, the ball made its way in to make it 2-0.

Cejay then had an early chance for a hat-trick when yours truly made a run into the box only to be brutally scythed down as I went to cut it back. Full studs down the shin, Mum, it stings so bad situation. Curled in a ball of agony just off the pitch I felt the warm glow of comradeship from my team mates when a total of none of them came to see if I was alright. As I finally rolled over I saw that we were about to take the penalty, so I hobbled out of the way only to see Cejay "the ball was in a divot that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it" Watson hit a weak shot that the 'keeper saved easily.

The defence were not really being tested, but Dave Pilgrim still had to make several quick moves off his line to smother attacking threats. Will Roberts, making his debut at centre-half, was cleaning most other things up with ease, along with Elliot at right back.

Chris Dyki then rolled back the years (many many years) with some outrageous skill on the right wing to beat his man and then whip a Beckham-esque cross in that Club Legend **JONNY "barren run" QUINTON** met perfectly with a bullet header - 3-0 at half time.

You would think we would be happy, but everyone was very peeved with our performance and there were some strong words said at half time.

Into the second half, and the 5th XI were determined to up the intensity and quality of their football. Jonny Q was everywhere, harrying their defence at every opportunity. Tyler, now paired with a special guest appearance from Joe Gartell, began to shorten the game up, bringing in the overlapping full backs of Glen and Elliot and playing more to feet.

The pressure told and another cross from the right fell to me **(JAMES DOYLE)** ten yard out after a save by their 'keeper, and I managed to volley home to make it 4-0.

A series of corners nearly had the unfortunate outcome of allowing Chris Billing to score, but he somehow missed with an open header. Instructions swiftly went out to Elliot to make sure he was not allowed a free header again, and to mark him tightly!

TYLER GILSON then got a richly deserved goal for a great performance. Another move down the right and a cut back came to him on the edge of the box. Back to goal, a classic dip of the shoulder to lose the defender, and then a curler into the top corner to make it 5-0.

Determined to get in on the action, Glen "I'm hungover and I'll moan if I want to" Wheeler pulled some tricks out of the bag, going on a mazy run straight through the middle. Could be goal of the season…but Cejay was not having any of that, and the final give and go back to Glen was mysteriously shanked straight into the air. Ohh, if looks could kill; made the rest of us laugh, though.

There was still time for one more goal. The ball rolled into my path outside the box on the left, and I managed to curl one up and over the 'keeper's head for 6-0.

The winning run maintained, I think it says a lot about how this team is developing when we are not happy with a 6-0 win, but there was still some good things to take away from the game. Roll on next week! James Doyle

Dave Pilgrim, Chris Billing, Will Roberts, Elliot Roberts, Glen Wheeler, Chris Dyki (Captain), James Doyle (MoM), Elliot Tiffin, Tyler Gilson, Joe Gartell, Cejay Watson, Jonny Quinton

Reports Table

Team	P	RS	RSL	NR	NP	Pts	Dropped	% response
1st XI	17	17	0	0	8	41	10	100
8th XI	12	12	0	0		36	0	100
2nd XI	14	11	2	1	6	29	13	92
9th XI	9	7	1	1	1	21	6	88
3rd XI	10	7	1	2	7	15	15	80
4th XI	10	6	1	3	6	13	17	70
6th XI	9	3	0	6	2	7	20	33
7th XI	10	2	1	7	1	6	24	30
5th XI	11	2	1	8	2	5	28	27

P = Played RS = Reports submitted RSL = Reports submitted late NR = No Report NP = No phone