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This week's games , December 17th

Team	Opponents	Ground	Contest	K.O.
1st XI	Nottsborough	Away	League	2-00
2nd XI	NUFC Oilers	Away	AFA Cup	1-30
3rd XI	Alexandra Park 3rd XI	Hayes	League	2-00
4th XI	West Wickham 4th XI	Hawes Down	League	2-00
5th XI	Bank of England 4th XI	Hayes	League	2-00
6th XI	No game			
7th XI	South Bank Cuaco 5th XI	Hawes Down	League	2-00
8th XI	Old Parkonians 7th XI	Away	AFA Cup	1-30
9th XI	Merton 6th XI	Away	League	2-00
10th XI				
Vets				
Super Vets				

ALWAYS PACK A WHITE SHIRT WITH YOUR KIT

Classified Results, December 10th

Home	Score			Away	Scorers
1st XI	2	V	0	Old Owens (League)	Simmons, Sellman
2nd XI	2	V	3	Honourable Artillery Company (SKAFA)	Radvanyi, Giles
Old Finchleians 3rd XI	3	V	4	3rd XI (Away)	Williams 2, Bonsels, Rand
4th XI	5	V	0	Clapham Old Xvarians (LOBC)	Henderson, Knight, Adams.A, James 2
5th XI	0	V	3	Shene Old Grammarains (LOBC)	
Old Bealonains	2	V	3	6th XI (AFA Cup)	Phakey, Scott, Small
Alleyn Old Boys 7thXI	3	V	3	8th XI (League)	Adams.W, Barry, Amankwah
Bank of England 5th XI	6	V	0	9th XI (League)	
Hull City	3	V	3	Palace	Benteke, Zaha, Campbell

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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: Sam Wilson 2nd XI: Aedan Radvanyi 3rd XI: Not reported 4th XI: Ant Adams 5th XI: Not reported 6th XI: Not reported 8th XI: Not awarded 9th XI: Not awarded

Leading goal-scorers

14 – James 12 – Williams.M 9 - Sellman 8 - Martin, (Benteke) 7 – Adams. W, Howe
6 - Bratterman, Fox, Watson 5 - Buckle, Cosstick, Krauss

IMPORTANT: ***The OWA AGM will take place THIS TUESDAY; see you there- agenda on page six***

Classified Results, December 14th 1991				
Sedcopians	0	4th XI	0	Abandoned after 20 minutes – signal failure at London Bridge – and fog, frost etc

Many thanks Denise; Many thanks Annette

Many thanks to Denise Pilgrim and Annette Hughes for working so hard to provide an entertaining and boisterous Christmas party for the children of Old Wilsonians last week. Between 30 and 35 attended – most of them seemed to belong to Dave Wood! – and a good time was had by all.

Food, magic, balloons and a visit from Father Christmas were the highlights, the latter, allegedly, being Ian Pilgrim. (No; he was far too quiet). 'Wolfie' seemed to spend most of the time leaning against the bar and even refused to believe that one of the cokes was for me, whilst George Wing's birthday celebrations looked like continuing until he is 50.

OBVIOUSLY NOT OUR YEAR FOR A CUP TRIUMPH 4th XI 0 Old Tenisonians 3 (P December 7th)

At home, at last, and we were gearing ourselves up to a humdinger against a usually very strong side. We were not disappointed and Tenisonians came at us from the start and, within five minutes, they were a goal up after a superb finish which gave Jim Marsh no chance.

However, we battled well and slowly played ourselves into the match and, for the last 20 minutes of the first half, it was one-way traffic, but the ball would not hit the back of the net!

The second half was a similar story and, again, the clinical finishing of Tenisonians quickly put them 2-0 up. We again battled away and our heads did not drop at all, forcing their goal-keeper into a string of fine saves whilst Jim Marsh was performing similar feats at our end but had no chance with their third after another well-constructed move.

Another outstanding game from Lou Barry in an end to end thriller, and the result was not reflected in the score-line. Despite being beaten there was no disgrace as the whole team kept trying right until the end. Andy Kirchin

Marsh Hoffman Robinson Adams Lloyd Valder Barry Mole,J Stringer Bier Stone

Quote of the week

"My initial reaction was that it could not possibly be suicide for it was not in his nature, but now I feel that, briefly, and in his case it would have been briefly, he might have taken his life when the balance of his mind was undisturbed." - Roy Greenslade, former editor of 'The Daily Mirror' talking about the death of Robert Maxwell

Senior Division One - top two	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
OLD WILSONIANS	**9**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**20**	**9**	**15**
Old Suttonians	10	7	1	2	21	14	15
Intermediate Division South – top three							
Old Sinjuns	8	5	2	1	20	9	12
Old Reigations	7	5	1	1	21	6	11
OLD WILSONIANS RESERVES	**9**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**17**	**18**	**9**
Division Two South - top two							
Old Tenisonians 3rd XI	8	6	2	0	25	8	14
OLD WILSONIANS 3rd XI	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**15**	**7**	**11**

League Tables - Correct to December 10th

Senior Division One - Top 6 of 11	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Polytechnic	9	7	2	0	28	9	23
Alleyn Old Boys	11	6	4	1	18	9	22
Nottsborough	10	6	1	3	15	12	19
Old Owens	8	5	1	2	18	11	16
Old Garchonians	11	4	2	5	18	23	14
OLD WISLONIANS	**10**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**16**	**19**	**13**

Intermediate Division One - bottom 3 of 11							
OLD WILSONIANS RESERVES	**7**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**13**	**19**	**7**
Alleyn Old Boys Reserves	7	1	2	4	8	12	5
Old Owens Reserves	3	0	0	3	7	18	0

Junior Division Two - bottom 4 of 10							
OLD WILSONIANS 3rd XI	**8**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**25**	**24**	**11**
Old Finchleians 3rd XI	7	3	1	3	21	23	10
Merton 3rd XI	8	1	0	7	13	23	3
Old Owens 3rd XI	7	2	0	5	11	21	3*

*Points deducted

Minor Division One South – Top 4 of 9							
West Wickham 4th XI	7	6	1	0	25	5	19
Polytechnic 5th XI	7	4	2	1	26	11	14
Weirside Rangers 3rd XI	8	4	2	2	16	15	14
OLD WILSONIANS 4th XI	**6**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**16**	**11**	**12**

Minor Division Two South - bottom 3 10							
Merton 4th XI	10	2	0	8	23	27	6
OLD WILSONIANS 5th XI	**7**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**11**	**26**	**6**
Lloyds Warren 3rd XI	8	1	0	7	7	49	3

Minor Division Three South – bottom 4 of 9							
OLD WILSONIANS 6th XI	**8**	**3**	**0**	**5**	**14**	**25**	**9**
South Bank Cuaco 4th XI	9	2	2	5	19	25	8
HSBC 6th XI	8	2	0	6	11	40	6
Alleyn Old Boys 6th XI	3	0	2	1	6	9	2

Minor Division Four South - Top 6 of 10							
Merton 5th XI	9	7	1	1	19	10	22
Polytechnic 9th XI	7	6	1	0	26	6	19
Kew Association 3rd XI	9	6	1	2	29	24	19
Polytechnic 8th XI	11	3	3	5	18	21	12
Civil Service 7th XI	10	3	2	5	23	26	11
OLD WILSONIANS 7th XI	**7**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**13**	**13**	**10**

Minor Division Five South - Bottom 5 of 11							
OLD WILSONIANS 8th XI	**8**	**2**	**1**	**5**	**16**	**33**	**7**
Bank of England 5th XI	6	2	0	4	20	13	6
Civil Service 8th XI	3	2	0	1	12	5	6
Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI	6	1	1	4	15	28	4
OLD WILSONIANS 9th XI	**6**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**21**	**0**

Old Wilsonians' Association

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association
to be held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at the Clubhouse Hayes.
To commence at 20.00

Agenda and Notice of Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2015 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the OWA President
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2015/16
6. Sports Club report
7. Clubhouse report
8. Ground report
9. Confirmation of President for 2016/2017
10. Confirmation of Club Captain for 2016/2017
11. Election of Vice Presidents
12. Election of Officers
13. Election of Council
14. Election of Honorary Members
15. Reports of Subsidiary Clubs

i. Football
ii. Cricket
iii. Tennis
iv. Squash and Racketball
v. Netball
vi. Junior Football
vii. Super Draw and Prize Draw

16. Any Other Business

Roger Matthews
Hon Secretary OWA

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 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

FOURS CONTINUE EXCELLENT FORM BUT TOUGH TESTS AHEAD 4th XI 5 Clapham OX 0

Quarter-Final day in the London Old Boys Minor Cup and the 4th XI welcomed Clapham Old Xverians to Hawes Down looking to put in another strong performance and continue their winning run.

A strong 13 were once again available, further underlying the commitment which has helped the on-field success so far. We lined up 4-3-3 kicking uphill and started the game extremely well, putting the opposition under pressure straight from the off. The 4's had the best of the first 10 minutes before Clapham started to claw their way back into the game, forcing a succession of corners, which the 4's defended stoutly.

Ant Adams was looking our most threatening player, fashioning some new bright blue boots, and he was turning their players inside out and making things look easy. The 4's deservedly took the lead when some excellent passing down the left saw Bradley centre the ball and there was **CALLUM HENDERSON** to stroke home, providing us with a parting gift before his two weeks in Bali.

Clapham had a couple of half-chances to level but Jon Knight and 'Chunk' were blocking well, whilst Bheenick was doing his best not to head the ball into his own goal!

The 4's doubled their lead, breaking from a defensive corner with a sweeping move that resulted in **MATT KNIGHT** being played through on goal, and he took his time and put away a composed finish, giving him that extra confidence boost for his 'tinder' date later that night (we have since found out she is a 'solid 8, boys'). 2-0 up at half-time, the 4's were not really playing to their full potential but were doing enough to make the game safe.

We knew going downhill in the second half would play further into our hands and ten minutes in we made the game safe when a Scott Bradley long throw was nodded in by **ANT ADAMS** to claim a well deserved goal. A couple of changes were then made, with Abdou and Phillips entering the fray.

The game started to become more stretched, Clapham striving to score a goal, whilst the 4's were looking to further up their tally. Matt Knight had a chance to grab his second when the ball was flashed across the box, but he just could not stretch far enough to poke the ball home. Their 'keeper pulled off a couple of excellent saves to keep the score at 3-0, whilst a lot of their players started moaning about anything they could moan about, which got pretty boring.

In light of this, **SAM JAMES** decided he wanted to score and smashed one in from about 25 yards out, leaving their 'keeper stranded. With ten minutes to go **SAM JAMES** nicked another after Wateridge's clever dummy in the box allowed the striker to notch his 14th of the season and remain top of the charts. We saw the game out and booked ourselves a spot in the semi-finals.

Next week sees us play 'top of the league' local neighbours and rivals West Wickham in a crunch game that may decide whether the league is on for the 4's. A solid, efficient performance that sees us notch our ninth win out of ten, with a view to getting a perfect ten next week before the Christmas Break. Up the Wilsonians. Yuved Bheenick

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

SIXES BEAT THE INVINCIBLES Old Beaonians 2 6th XI 3

As the 6th XI prepared for a long trip to Essex, they knew their work would be cut out. Bealonians were undefeated all season, winning eight and drawing just one in that journey, and have scored 22 goals in their last three fixtures. The team talk was simple - show the same spirit and hard work that has underpinned our recent form, with five wins in the last seven games, and that was what we did, and in abundance.

The game started in Bealonians' favour as they enjoyed the early possession and a few chances, but the score remained level, and 'keeper 'George' made some good saves as he craved that long-awaited clean sheet. Around 30 minutes in came the turning point, as Bealonians had what looked like a sure fire goal cleared of the line in a piece of incredible defending. The technology showed it was definitely no goal...

That was the catalyst for Wilsonians to end the half strongly. Chances started falling our way and, on 40 minutes, a long-range Charman free-kick was met in the air by **ASH PHAKEY** to make it two goals in two for the new 'CDM' and 1-0 at half time.

As much as the first half started slowly for the 6's, the second half started with a bang, as **CHRIS SCOTT** engineered a superb goal from kick off, chipping over the 'keeper after a heel flick assist from McGill. Wilsonians continued to control the game, and a foul 15 minutes later on McGill resulted in a penalty, duly converted by **JON SMALL** - 3-0 with 30 minutes to go; possibly the longest 30 minutes ever.

Bealonians, clearly riled by the prospect of a first defeat, started venting their frustrations, both at each other and at Wilsonians, the highlight of the slurs being calling Ash "little" (amongst other unpleasant expletives). They served their purpose, however, as Bealonians lifted their game, scoring a good goal on the counter to make it 3-1, and plant a seed of uncertainty in the result.

The 6th XI dropped deeper and deeper, almost playing with a back six at times. We soaked up the pressure admirably, only for the referee to award a dubious free kick on the edge of the box. Bealonians stepped up and fired home to make it 3-2 and set up an exciting last five minutes.

Now the balls were longer but the defensive stalwarts of Forbes and Charman dealt with the danger repeatedly, shielded well by Tyler, who marked their mouthy midfielder out of the game. A

defensive masterpiece was on show, with everyone doing their part.

Scenes of jubilation met the final whistle, as the 6's cup run continues. They end 2016 on a high, six wins in eight, and a settled team in which the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. On this form, and with this attitude, 2017 can be a very good year for the 6th XI.

Final words to skipper Chris, speaking in the post-match press conference: "Well done today lads; everyone was on point today and we ground that out. Beating an unbeaten team in their own backyard is always satisfying, even more so when one of them is a massive bellend. #COYOW6XI".

Ash Phakey

Team: Young (GK), Moniz, Whittaker-Campigotto, Charman, Phakey, Cotter, O'Callaghan, Scott, Matthews, Fowler, McGill Subs: Small, Forbes

EVERY MISTAKE PUNISHED Bank of England 5th XI 6 9th XI 0

Having played here in the cup earlier in the season, and losing only 3-0 with 10 men, we felt we could get something out of this game.

However, with several players nursing hangovers, we were caught napping after one minute when a corner was unfortunately bundled into his own net by Andrew Hoffmann. We started as we meant to go on (don't think you meant that! – ed) with mistake after mistake gifting Bank goal after goal. We had some decent spells, with an excellent chance falling to Steve Chinnery, who managed to shoot over the bar from three yards.

Even skipper Roddy Trompiz managed a shot on target, which did not trouble the 'keeper, obviously! Bank were by far the better team, but we made it easy for them, with Matt Hallett adding a second own goal in the second half (good finish to be fair). A card-happy referee (two yellows for us, one for them in a game without a single bad challenge) did not help things.

We need to regain our composure and positional discipline of the past few weeks, and cut out the silly mistakes. Drinking less on a Friday night would also be a very good idea! Roddy Trompiz

Team: Nev Spencer,Roddy Trompiz, Matt Hallett,Andy Steel, Grady Kavanagh, Aubrey Cruz, Al Forbes, Steve Chinnery, Jim Lloyd, Michael Hoffmann, Andrew Hoffmann, Adam Barber-Welch

KENTUCKY FRIED FOOTBALL Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI 3 8th XI 3

A game against one of the teams we always have a lively match against - friendly brawls, mid game poos and, of course pizza, eating! To add to that we had a full squad; Christmas had come early, especially after last week, where we had no substitutes and needed one.

The game started with little in the way of domination by either side. Childs' long kicks started to create opportunities but neither team got the ball down. We started searching out our wingers and managed to get some low balls across the goal mouth, but no one was on the end of them. They threatened with some corners but we punished them by pressing in defence and getting the ball out of our half to **W.ADAMS**, who grabbed our first. We cruised until half time... Or so we should have. With ten minutes remaining, we made some errors and allowed them to score twice, once through a lack of clear conviction in clearances that led to an opposition shot and a deflection into our goal, and another through a mistake that let the opposition straight through us - 2-1.

We were the better team in the first half, and we were determined to get the win to prove it. Within minutes of the start of the second half we won a corner and **BARRY**, the shortest man on the pitch, leapt over everyone to hammer in our equaliser with his head. Continuing to press we were hit on the break, and positioning and tracking back led to a few mistakes that gave their striker a free run on a cross and their third goal.

Once again we pressed and levelled quickly. **AMANKWAH** took a trade mark cross, like his corners, which flew over the 'keeper into the top corner. We had chances to finish it at the end, with Page chipping over the bar. One more game until the break and a win is needed. Himish Patel

Childs, Crombie, Sparrow, E.Adams, Patel, Amankwah, O'Malley, Page, Norman, Mcaweaney, Rose, Jones, W.Adams, Barry

DoD: Patel (for not knowing you cannot be offside from a goal kick)

INDIVIDUAL ERRORS LEAD TO CUP DEFEAT 2nd XI 2 Honourable Artillery Company 3

Reclaiming a number of players from the 1st XI, the 2's faced a strong HAC side with another very changed team. Coming under early pressure from HAC, 'Deaders' made a number of early stops to keep the game at 0-0 before **AEDAN RADVANYI,** returning from the US, reacted quickest to a corner that HAC allowed to bounce in their six yard box to bundle the ball home and make it 1-0.

Failing to counter the opposition wingbacks, the 2's came under more pressure as the half went on but ultimately it was two individual errors that led to HAC leading at half time as, first a long clearance was missed at centre back before the HAC captain slotted past 'Deaders' and then the hosts failed to clear the ball in their own box, leading to another sucker punch goal just before half time.

Second half changes brought the lively forward trio of Piri, Ben Giles and Howe into the game more and the 2nd XI had a number of chances to put the game to bed before **BEN GILES** converted from a corner after a deft dummy on the line from skipper Stu Dunk. With the missed chances racking up, and a number of good saves from the HAC 'keeper, the game looked destined for extra time until another defensive lapse in concentration led to the winning HAC goal with two minutes left.

It was a frustrating afternoon for the 2's, who again did enough to win the game but made too many individual errors which were punished by HAC. Jon Howe

Deadman, George, Radvanyi, Shelton, Middleton, Elliott, John, Dunk, Piri, Howe, Giles, Farmer, Smart

A HUGE SCARE BUT THREE POINTS FOR THE THREES Old Finchleians 3rd XI 3 3rd XI 4

A rainy autumn morning saw the 3rd XI make the long journey to North London to face Old Finchleians. A turn in our form meant this, and the following week's fixture, could be crucial to keeping our hopes of winning the league alive, so a win today was nothing less than essential.A few absent faces returned to the line up, with Joe Kirby and Sam Elliott making appearances after relatively long periods out.

The game began against a very unorganised opposition who lined up with only ten, a fault we preyed on. Quick passing across a slippy surface had us in behind once without joy in the first minute, and then lovely visionary, a David Silva style reverse pass from the skipper, saw **MATT WILLIAMS** break the high line and get an early goal.

The pressure continued and we enjoyed the vast majority of the ball before a 'ping' from Mackley released **GARY BONSELS** and a sweet finish off the inside of the post saw us 2-0 ahead before half time. An array of chances went- a- miss (as expected) but strong defending meant we maintained a two goal lead going into the break.

The message at half time was clear: keep focused. The opposition's eleventh man showed up so it was undoubtedly going to be a different second half, but we had faith our quality would shine through.

The second half began and we looked shaky at best. The extra man did, unfortunately, seem to show, and a bit of sustained pressure from Finchleians culminated in a sweetly struck volley that saw them back in the game - 2-1.

That all too similar horrid feeling seemed to start to hit as we restarted and continued to be second best. One or two shots went- a- miss as we maintained a one goal lead and the game seemed to be evening out a little again.

Then horror struck, as another ricochet in the air looked to drop to the Finchleian winger in the area. Guy Hannah scrambled across to get goal side before he shot, but the player struck the ball first time past a diving Dave Pilgrim into the bottom corner – a class finish;2-2.

Panic. How could we have lost a well earned lead again. The momentum was not with us and, whilst the fight was there, we could not stop the inevitable as somehow we found ourselves 3-2 down in the rain.

At this point the game did not only even out, but we began to take the upper hand once again. A young, fresh, 'Callum', who was introduced, could not match Old Finchleians physically, but still managed to stick a few passes together in a move that ended up freeing **MATT WILLIAMS** once again to put us right back in the fixture with all but ten minutes to go - 3-3

The rest of the match was a series of clean breaks that would surely end in a goal for one side or the other. Real quality was displayed from James Harwood, who seemed to be able to turn clearances

from our back 4 into real opportunities, but unfortunately without joy until, once again , James Harwood, with an excelled extended leg, brought down a clearance from our centre half and released Dan Searle on the right.

With minutes to go we could not afford any more missed opportunities. With men lining up in the middle screaming for the ball, Dan picked a clever pass into **MATT RAND,** who found himself with his back to goal and about three options to lay the ball off. But, no, unquestionable strength to hold off the man and an unexpected swivel on the floor, that resembled more of a slide tackle than a strike at goal, saw the ball end up in the bottom corner - 4-3 Old Wilsonians!

Moments later the whistle blew and a huge sigh of relief was heard. A huge scare, but a well deserved three points thanks to the 'rip roaring free scoring' super sub Matt Rand. Dan Searle

'SIMMO' BACK IN THE GOALS 1st XI Old Owens 0

With a few late changes to the team, due to injuries, we set about avenging a 4-1 away loss to Old Owens earlier in the season. 'Ope', who had been out for a number of weeks with a groin injury, unfortunately only lasted a few minutes, and 'Nick' replaced him up top.

The game started at a fast tempo and, initially, we found ourselves on the back foot, trying to deal with Old Owens' attacking formation, which often left four upfront. Despite the pressure, we defended well and did not allow them many clear cut opportunities. We began to find our way into the match, having more possession in their half and a number of set pieces. From one corner a near post flick from Nick landed at the feet of 'Shawy', who did not have time to adjust and he put his shot wide.

'Kara', as always, was getting up and down the left side from full-back and we managed to find him high up the pitch and a lovely floated cross to the back post saw **SIMMONS** close his eyes and turn his back to an onrushing 'keeper, who flapped at it, and the ball bounced off 'Simmo's' back and into the net. He'll probably tell you he meant it!

We went in at half time 1-0 up, and started the second half looking to defend our lead and add to it if the opportunity came. They were having some success dropping the ball in behind our full backs and centre half for their quick strikers to run onto, and, on one occasion, after initial hesitation to come off of his line, 'Eggy' pulled off a smart save from their striker to keep our noses in front. Owens also had a goal disallowed when their striker controlled the ball with his hand.

Danny Stratford, back over from the States, filled in at full-back, due to injury, and was very solid playing out of position. Finding himself with a bit of space on the edge of their area, he hit a shot from 20 yards which looked destined for the top corner, until their 'keeper pulled off a great save.

As Owens poured forward the game became more open and we managed to find the crucial second goal. **DAN SELLMAN** was found in some space just outside their area, cut inside and hit a powerful shot that squirmed under the 'keepers' body and into the net to compound a miserable afternoon for their custodian.

We successfully saw out the remainder of the game to come away with a well deserved victory and a second clean sheet in a row. We now look forward to next week, with a tough fixture away at Nottsborough, but a good opportunity to gain another three points in the league and to have a very positive end to the year. Sam Wilson

Team: James Eglon, Dan Stratford, Richard Shaw, Sam Wilson, Alex Karamath, Jamie Parkinson, Andy Parkinson, Oz Akkaya, Ope Fashoro (Nick Williams), Dan Sellman, Mark Simmons

Reports Table

Team	P	RS	RSL	NR	NP	Pts	Dropped	% response
1st XI	22	21	1	0	12	50	16	100
8th XI	16	16	0	0	0	48	0	100
2nd XI	17	14	2	1	9	35	16	94
9th XI	13	11	2	0	1	34	5	100
3rd XI	14	11	1	2	11	23	19	85
4th XI	13	9	1	3	9	19	20	76
6th XI	13	4	0	9	3	9	30	30

7th XI	12	2	1	9	1	6	30	25
5th XI	15	2	1	12	2	5	40	20

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