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All contributions to the newsletter should **reach Mike Pike 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".



CLASSIFIED RESULTS – FEBRUARY, 25th

Home Team	Score		Away Team
Alleyns Old Boys	**1**	**1**	**1st XI**
(League) Scorers: Giles. MOM: Ben Giles			
Economicals	**0**	**2**	**2nd XI**
(AFA Cup) Scorers: Shelton, Tanner. MOM: Adam Deadman			
Alexandra Park 3XI	**3**	**1**	**3rd XI**
(League) Scorers: Harwood. MOM: Not reported			
4th XI	**1**	**1**	**HSBC 5th XI**
(League) Scorers: Panicker. MOM: Not reported			
5th XI	**2**	**4**	**Civil Service 6th XI**
(League) Scorers: Not reported. MOM: Not reported			
6th XI	**-**	**-**	**No game**
(League) Scorers: N/A. MOM: N/A			
7th XI	**2**	**2**	**Polytechnic 8th XI**
(League) Scorers: Not reported. MOM: Not Reported			
Merton 6XI	**1**	**3**	**8th XI**
(League) Scorers: Stride 3. MOM: James Stride			
9th XI			**No game**
(League) Scorers: N/A. MOM: N/A			
Crystal Palace	**1**	**1**	**Middlesbrough**
(League) Scorers: Van Arnholt. MOM: Mamadou Sakho			

OWFC FIXTURES – MARCH, 4th

Fixtures correct at time of publication but are subject to change and alteration. For latest news follow @oldwilsonians on Twitter!

Team	Opponents	Ground
1st XI	Crouch End Vampires	Hayes
	League – 3-00 p.m	
2nd XI	Alleyn Old Boys	Away
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
3rd XI	No game	N/A
4th XI	Actonians Association 5th XI	Hawes Down
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
5th XI	Polytechnic 6th XI	Hawes Down
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
6th XI	No game	N/A
7th XI	Actonians Association 8th XI	Away
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
8th XI	Bank of England 5th XI	Hayes
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
9th XI	South Bank Cuaco 6th XI	Away
	League – 3-00 p.m.	
Vets	No game	N/A
Super Vets	No game	N/A

ALWAYS PACK A WHITE SHIRT WITH YOUR KIT
TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT WALLINGTON POWERLEAGUE, WEDNESDAYS 7PM

Leading Goal-scorers:

17	James
14	Williams. M
11	(Benteke)
10	Howe, Sellman
9	Martin, Falconer-Roberts, Stride
8	Gravesande, Kennedy, Watson
7	Adams. W, Bratterman, Giles
6	Bonsels, Buckle, Fox, Krauss

As you can see, there have been a few changes to your weekly newsletter, and my thanks to James Eglon for bringing it into the 21st century.

As a consequence, you will hopefully find it a lot more interesting – it may even induce those of you who have never contributed in the past to do so!

LATEST NEWS

- OWA SPORTS CLUB – TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- OWFC DARTS NIGHT
- OLD WILSONIANS GOLF SOCIETY – BOURNER JUG
- GEORGE CROUCHER MEMORIAL DINNER
- FIRST AID COURSES
- NETBALL CLUB RECRUITMENT DRIVE
- TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

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 per extra hour	£100.00
Corkage will be charged per bottle	@£8.00

All moneys are to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event. We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards. No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar. If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

NB: The Association relies heavily on hiring out the Clubhouse to increase its revenue from which we all benefit. The above outlines our terms and conditions, so please pass on to anyone your think may be interested or, indeed, yourself – many Old Wilsonians have already held functions in our Clubhouse.

For more details, please contact Anton Snowsill: antonsnowsill@hotmai.com

DARTS NIGHT SAT 18TH MARCH - WORLD OWFC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



Hayes turns into Ally Pally for the night. Each team to get at

least one pair together, nominate walk on music, get your Darts name sorted and support your team from 'Tables' at the club.
No entrance fee but £50 a table, to include six iced beers or jug. So, get six of you together and that is less than a tenner a head, with a beer thrown in. Fancy dress encouraged but not compulsory!

Cheap seats are available at the bar if you "Can't afford a table". Banter encouraged. We hope to have two oches in action with a final, all compared by Richard 'Sid Waddle' Smart by 10pm, so you can go to the Bridge Bar afterwards if you so wish. Flyers and posters will be at the club in the next few weeks. Please support. Stuart Paton

PLUS

On Friday March 10th, the OWFC will be participating in the 'Alf Parish Memorial Darts match', which will be taking place at Selhurst Park, an ideal opportunity for you to get your darts throwing arm warmed up for our own event the following week.

Crystal Palace football club have agreed to host this evening in honour of their Chairman's father.

More details are available from Ricky Martin, Stuart Paton and Mike Pike.

OLD WILSONIANS GOLF SOCIETY – BOURNER JUG – 13th APRIL

The Old Wilsonians Golf Society are holding their annual tournament on 13th April. The Bourner Jug is back at Banstead Downs Golf Club. It's £60 per head which includes a round of golf, a pre-round bacon roll & hot drink, a 3-course meal & great company. All welcome. For further information contact Barnes Clanachan via email: bldc1974@icloud.com

GEORGE CROUCHER MEMORIAL DINNER

To be held on 22nd April, more details to follow.

FIRST AID COURSES - MARCH 13TH

Every three years we have to renew our first aid qualifications in order to be able to play in the SAL and maintain our Charter Standard status. Unfortunately, qualifications from other activities, e.g. first aid at work, are not included in this process.

I have therefore organised a training course on Monday 13th March 7pm in the bar at the club. The session should finish at 9.30pm and, from previous experiences, it will cover some really useful first aid knowledge.

Please can each captain organise for two volunteers per team to attend. Please ask people to 100% commit to attending as we cannot afford to fall short on our first aid trained numbers. On previous occasions a lot of people have said they will attend subject to work commitments - unfortunately this does not work, as things always come up.

When you have volunteers lined up please email me their names and their mobile numbers so I can hound them nearer the time....

I really appreciate everyone helping to organise this, and if you have any questions, then please let me know.
Pete Taylor

THE NETBALL CLUB ARE HAVING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Netball Club has been running for three years now, and has about 25 members.

We are a friendly bunch and welcome all abilities and anyone over 18. You can play every week or just when it suits. It may have been a few years since you played at school or University, or you just want to improve your fitness.

We play for fun at Hayes every Wednesday evening (not school holidays) between 7-30 pm and 8-30pm, under floodlights if required, with socialising afterwards in the bar!

For those who wish to play more competitively, we offer Saturday am league games at local indoor courts as part of the North Kent Netball League.

If you are interested please contact me, Jane Paton, on 07764 939814 or email janesastar@aol.co.uk or just turn up on a Wednesday night!

We are now also on the Old Wilsonians' website - link here - www.oldwilsonians.com/netball/
Jane Paton, Chair Wilson's Ladies Netball Club.

TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 24 MARCH

The Tennis Club's ever-popular Quiz Night is fast approaching – Friday 24 March. This time the questions are set by John Drabwell and his helpers. Entry is £6.50 per person, with a fish & chip supper on offer for those who want it, costing £7.00. Please start getting your team, of up to six people, together and let John know if you wish to book a table or need help in rounding up additional team members. His email address is drabbers.snr@gmail.com



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Classified Results, February 22nd 1992				
1st XI	3	Old Bromleians	4	Kendrick.N, Trout, Pilgrim.M
2nd XI	2	Old Southallians	1	Weaver.A. 2
Old Tiffinians	0	3rd XI	4	Chapman. Stone, Valder
Old Sedcopians	2	4th Xk	1	Forbes.A
5th XI	2	Old Thorntonians	3	Murray.B, OG
Old Reigatians	2	6th XI	5	Smith.A 2, Nelson, Drawbridge, Harris.L
7th XI	1	Old Suttonians	3	Harper

PROMOTION HOPES TAKE A KNOCK Old Sedcopians 2 4th XI 1

With a strong wind blowing straight down the pitch we, as usual, chose to kick with the wind in the first half and spent most of the first 45 minutes in their half, although Sedcopians did produce enough counter-attacking play to keep the 4th's defence on its toes.

Much of the game, though, was spent trying to control the ball on a bumpy pitch in the strong wind and, frankly, the ball was hoisted into the air far more than was necessary.

The 4ths took the lead when a long, high through ball (or was it a shot?) from **ALEX FORBES** confused their goal-keeper and we found ourselves ahead from a very soft goal.

Half-time came with no further goals and we had no real concern about facing the wind as we do play more controlled football into it.

Unfortunately Sedcopians equalised soon into the second half from a free-kick just outside our penalty area. The kick was a strong one, which Andy Kirchin could not hold, and the following up player shot home.

The rest of the game was a question of not giving Sedcopians' midfield enough room, for they were capable of causing us severe problems and, when we got possession, keeping the ball on the deck and playing to feet and, in fact, during this period we created the two best chances of the match.

From the first Alex Forbes was unlucky to hit a post, cutting in from the left with just the 'keeper to beat. The second chance saw us with a three against one break, but the player in possession chose to shoot and, unfortunately, miss-hit his shot wide. To be fair, a gap did open up for the shot but, obviously, if you do not score then the wrong option has been taken!

Sedcopians scored the winner about five minutes from time when another quick break saw their left forward cut into the penalty area and his strong cross-come-shot finished in the back of the net.

It was really disappointing to have lost this game, as it has made our chances of promotion that much more difficult. We did enough against a team that contained several good individuals to have won this game, and certainly deserved at least a draw.

A final mention goes to Mickey Hoffman, whose 100% commitment and honest endeavour was an example to us all. He was up against a very talented individual, who knew how to foul and look the complete innocent, and a referee who left a lot to be desired. The referee even decided to have a word with Mickey after the individual concerned had taken a kick at him after Mickey had won yet another tussle.

Geoff Robinson

Kirchin Hoffman Beckley Robinson Adams (Ali)Simpson Barry Forbes.A Stringer Wilson Weaver.D

2nd XI: Reeves Smith.G Mole.N Wood Udale McGeever Weaver.A Law Giles Tarn Egan
3rd XI: Wing.K Galvin.D Prince Davis Quarrington (Ashley)Simpson Pullen Valder Stone Mace Chapman
6th XI: Britton Higgins Forbes.S Banks Pegg Nelson Drawbridge Milledge Hobbs Harris.L Smith.A
7th XI: Blandford Cunningham Horner Rayworth Brighton Harper Dutton Khan Brindle Rice Anderson.M

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - GOING EVEN FURTHER BACK

Classified Results, February 25th 1967				
Mill Hill Village	2	1st XI	5	Reaseley 5
2nd XI	5	The School 1st XI	1	Brittain 3, Walker 2
3rd XI	1	The School 2nd XI	5	Carpenter
Old Bromleians	1	5th XI	3	Roberts 2, Reynolds
Northampton	1	Palace	0	

In an inspiring match the 1st XI comfortably beat Mill Hill Village, who are currently at the bottom of the division. Many more goals should have been scored and if **GERRY REASELEY** had had a good night's sleep, he would have scored more than five.

(If my memory serves me correctly Gerry was so tired that he had to be undressed before the game. No record exists as to who had to perform this unpleasant task but Gerry certainly would not be top of my list of people I'd like to undress. Come to think of it, he would not be ***bottom,*** either! - (current editor)

An easy win for the 2nd XI against an average school team. Neither side played good football, and the school were unlucky to have two good goals disallowed. Doug Clasper missed a 'sitter' from three feet and, for the record, **JOHN BRITTAIN** scored two with his head.

Well done the school. This thrashing of the 3rds was due entirely, quote, "to lack of bite", unquote. Les Wilks, apparently, was the only OW to play well. Next week they have a very hard match against a Tennis Club XI, but who will Les play for?

(Alright then, own up; who played for the school that afternoon. No Geoff (Robinson), I don't believe you got all five goals - (current) editor.

A good win for the 5th XI. They have now taken more points than in any previous season – well done.

Dennis Brown, Northampton's recent signing from Swindon, scored a grand fourth minute goal on his home debut. He ran on to a pass from Moore and although forced out wide to the right, still retained sufficient control to shoot home a low drive.

Johnny Byrne, making his league debut on his return to Palace, could not be blamed for missed opportunities. He made some great moves but could not outwit the powerful Branston.

Dave Cohen unfortunately injured his ankle again last Saturday whilst having a try out in the 2nd XI and may now be out for the rest of the season.

Bill Morley took his driving test last week. When questioned on the Highway Code, two of his answers were "not between 11 and 7" and "never in Peckham Rye car park." He failed.

ALL OUR TODAYS

Reports Table

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	NP	Points	Dropped	% Response
8XI	21	21	0	0	0	63	0	100
1XI	28	27	1	0	18	62	22	100
9XI	19	17	2	0	2	51	6	100
2XI	26	20	3	3	15	48	30	88
3XI	22	17	2	3	17	36	30	86
4XI	21	15	1	5	15	31	32	76
6XI	19	6	0	13	5	13	44	31
5XI	24	3	1	20	3	7	65	16
7XI	19	2	1	16	1	6	51	15

1st XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	14	10	3	1	37	14	23	33
2	Alleyn Old Boys	16	8	6	2	26	16	10	30
3	Old Owens	14	7	2	5	29	25	4	23
4	Old Wilsonians	14	7	2	5	24	23	1	23
5	Old Garchonians	15	6	2	7	29	28	1	20
6	Nottsborough	13	6	2	5	19	19	0	20
7	West Wickham	13	5	4	4	17	15	2	19
8	NUFC Oilers	11	2	4	5	16	20	-4	10
9	Old Parkonians	12	3	1	8	16	27	-11	10
10	Winchmore Hill	14	2	4	8	15	28	-13	10
11	Crouch End Vampires	12	2	2	8	18	31	-13	8

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Crouch End Vampires (h)
11/03	Winchmore Hill (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-1 vs Alleyns Old Boys
3-2 vs Nottsborough
1-1 AET (2-4pens) vs Old Carthusians
2-1 vs NUFC Oilers

MATCH REPORT:

LATE GOAL GOES AGAINST 1ST XI THIS TIME Alleyn Old Boys 1 1st XI 1

After another routine win against Nottsborough, confidence was high in the squad but knowing that a game against second in the table Alleyns would not be an easy match. On a windy day, it looked like a good toss to win, with a first half being played against the wind.

Alleyns set up playing the fashionable 3-5-2 formation, leading to their centre halves having lots of time on the ball. With the central players matching up numerically, it was clear that we were going to get most joy down the flanks, and this turned out to be the case, with a series of excellent balls into the box from the impressive full back pairing of 'Serge' and 'Kara' putting pressure on the Alleyn backline.

Wilson's took the lead soon after Sellman had hit the post when an unmarked **GILES** planted a header into the top corner at the far post from a Childs cross. This was thoroughly deserved and, with a series of strong defensive tackles from the back four, Wilson's looked good for their 1-0 lead at the interval.

Despite the wind advantage in the second half, the ball was dominated by Alleyns. Wilson's however, continued to create chances, with Jamie Parkinson twice coming close with headers from corners (just in case you thought he may have come close another way), with one header coming off the top of the bar and another being cleared off the line.

Alleyns continued to create chances at the other end and could have equalised if it had not been down to a couple of smart saves from Eglon. After a - probably not very –

controversially ruled out goal for Childs, Alleyn's found an equaliser with ten minutes left on the clock, as a ball from the right wing was bundled home.

The final few minutes saw half chances at either end but, in the end, a draw was probably a fair result, which did very little favours for either side. Ben Giles

Team: Eglon, 'Serge', Shaw, Wilson, Karamath, J Parkinson, A Parkinson, Akkaya, Childs, Sellman, Giles, Chen, 'Midds'.

*Editor's comment: The 1st XI are one of the better respondents to the newsletter, in fact they have provided a report for **every** game, so well done, **but,** and for the second time in three weeks, the above is an example of the reporter submitting his thoughts to the wrong person! However, the real Achilles heel of the 1st XI, and many others, is their inability to be able to use a 'phone, and it could result in them not securing the (Reports Table) championship*

2nd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic Res	13	9	0	4	35	20	15	27
2	NUFC Oilers Res	10	7	2	1	32	16	16	23
3	West Wickham Res	9	7	2	0	28	16	12	23
4	Civil Service Res	10	5	1	4	16	13	3	16
5	Nottsborough Res	12	4	2	6	18	32	-14	14
6	Old Garchonians Res	11	4	1	6	29	31	-2	13
7	Old Wilsonians Res	13	4	1	8	25	37	-12	13
8	Actonians Association Res	11	4	0	7	16	19	-3	12
9	Old Parkonians Res	11	2	3	6	18	26	-8	9
10	Alleyn Old Boys Res	10	2	2	6	13	20	-7	8

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Alleyn Old Boys (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

2-0 vs Economicals
2-3 vs Alleyn Old Boys
1-0 vs Civil Service
2-7 vs NUFC Oilers

MATCH REPORT:

TWOS SNEAK THEIR WAY INTO AFA CUP FINAL Economicals 0 2nd XI 2

This was certainly the most prepared we have been for this season, and all, apart from Adam "Wayne Shaw" Deadman, were at the ground an hour before kick-off

A good warm up, and certainly one of the biggest games in the OW 2nd XI history, saw us well prepared to battle for everything. A change of ends at the toss meant we knew the first half was going to be tough and, playing a high line, Economicals managed to get through on goal a few times early on but some good last ditch defending, and some excellent shot stopping by 'Deaders', we kept the score at 0-0. As the half continued our shape got better and their opportunities became less worrying. A couple of half chances for the Old Boys, but nothing to note, with Chris Kennedy very isolated up top. We got in at half time with a clean sheet and knew chances would come in the second half.

Immediately we looked stronger with the wind and some good possession lead to a corner, which Dan Harris swung in from the right. Clumsy hands from the 'keeper, and a determined **JACK SHELTON,** and we were 1-0 up. The game was end to end for the next 30 minutes, with chances for both teams, but Wilsonians looked the stronger side, both in defence and attack.

Then came the moment when our hearts were in our mouths. A late tackle in the box lead to a penalty, and their angry ginger centre back stepped up. 'Deaders', full of mind games, guessed correctly and saved the follow up. Thirty seconds later a ball out from the

back to 'Kenners' and an overlapping **TANNER** was played from James Karamath and finished coolly to wrap up the game.

A fantastic effort from the team gave us this win. It is three weeks until the final, and it is imperative that the team stay fully fit and ready for a battle against Nottsborough. Jon Howe

Deadman, Tanner, Shelton, Free, Farmer, Harris, Elliot C, Carruthers, Howe, Kennedy, Karamath J, Smart D, George, Dunk

Editor's comment: One of the regular contributors and congratulations on reaching the AFA Cup Final

3rd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Alexandra Park 3rd	15	11	0	4	46	27	19	33	
2	Old Finchleians 3rd	14	9	1	4	46	37	9	28	
3	Carshalton 3rd	15	7	1	7	33	43	-10	22	
4	Civil Service 4th	15	6	3	6	28	27	1	21	
5	Nottsborough 4th	13	5	4	4	35	25	10	19	
6	Old Owens 3rd	15	7	1	7	31	39	-8	19	*
7	Old Parkonians 4th	13	5	3	5	32	35	-3	18	
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	16	4	3	9	38	45	-7	15	
9	Merton 3rd	16	4	0	12	30	41	-11	12	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	No Game
11/03	

RECENT RESULTS:

1-3 vs Alexandra Park
1-1 vs Old Owens
2-3 vs Old Finchleians
0-2 vs Merton

MATCH REPORT

ENCOURAGING SIGNS DESPITE DEFEAT Alexandra Park 3 3rd XI 1

On a chilly blustery afternoon, the 3rd XI played Alexandra Park, a team that knew they needed to win to give themselves a shot at the league title.

In the early stages of the game the 3's were in the ascendency, stringing together a series of impressive passing moves and making light work of an horrendous pitch. This early dominance soon paid off as Ricky Martin launched himself in the air to head to **HARWOOD**, who found himself three yards out with a good chance. He made no mistake in the finish, a clinical blasted half volley past the 'keepers near post, and the 3's were one up.

We continued to press home our advantage, showing an impressive desire to win second balls in the midfield and support each other in the press. However, as the game went on the opposition's main threat, the counter attack, began to become apparent. They featured a number of quick and tricky players, but our defenders valiantly stuck to their tasks, to the detriment of Guy Hannah, who received an early booking as the referee stated his intention to be as much part of the spectacle as the players were. However, our hosts soon won a corner, which was delivered to the far post and gathered pace in the swirling wind. Their centre back charged through a mass of bodies and won the ball with a diving header to make the game 1-1.

We did not let this deter us and continued to seek the advantage, maintaining possession and confidently shifting the ball out wide to cause the opposition problems. However, despite spending large amounts of time at the edge of the opposition's area, we were unable to grab a second goal before half time.

We were encouraged by a good first half against one of the league's high flyers but knew that we were in for a tough second half, and this did prove to be the case as the pitch became increasingly boggy and the opposition began to turn the screw and put us under

increasing pressure. In the early stages of the second half they won a succession of corners, which proved tough to deal with, as the relentless wind arced the ball towards our goal.

One of these corners was our undoing, an in-swinger that directly found its way into our far post. - 2-1, and a disappointing start to the half. At this stage, it is important to note that Ballard was suffering with indigestion, having genuinely consumed an entire pie at half time in a bid to gain attention - a visibly frustrated skipper ignored him, much to Ballards disappointment.

Our misery was soon compounded when one of their midfielders found space 25 yards out and dispatched a stunning dipping volley into our top corner. We were 3-1 down and needed to react, as Alexandra Park were growing in confidence, which began to show in the number of fancy flicks they began to attempt. As time wore on their backline receded and we began to show signs of a spirited fight back, but we were missing the final pass and were not able to carve out anything more than half chances. They were happy to soak up the pressure and then hit us on the counter to run down the clock.

Overall there were many elements to take solace from in the game. The ability we had as a team showed, confidently controlling the game for large periods of time. However, lapses in concentration, and lack of game-management, were always going to be punished against a team which included impressive individuals. The season as a whole shows we have a lot more to offer, and we can take encouragement from that. Bring on the spring cup! Chibu Akpakwu

*Editor's footnote: After a horrendous 2015/16, in which the3rd XI managed to submit **no reports at all,** they have improved considerably this season with only three no shows. However, they, like many others, seem to have lost the ability to use a 'phone!*

4th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 5th	12	9	2	1	57	14	43	29
2	West Wickham 4th	11	9	2	0	36	9	27	29
3	Weirside Rangers 3rd	12	7	2	3	24	22	2	23
4	Alleyn Old Boys 5th	13	5	3	5	24	22	2	18
5	Old Wilsonians 4th	11	5	1	5	24	19	5	16
6	Actonians Association 5th	12	4	3	5	23	33	-10	15
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	15	4	3	8	22	33	-11	15
8	HSBC 4th	13	2	2	9	23	57	-34	8
9	HSBC 5th	13	1	2	10	17	41	-24	5

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Actonians Association 5XI
11/03	Old Owens 4XI

RECENT RESULTS:

1-1 vs HSBC 5XI
0-3 vs Alleyn Old Boys 5XI
1-2 vs Wearside Rangers 3XI
2-0 vs Bealonians 4XI

MATCH REPORT:

BOGEY TEAM STRIKES AGAIN FOR THE 4TH XI 4th XI 1 HSBC 5th XI 1

After a good win last week the 4th XI built up to this game well, with good availability and strong pre match preparation. However, the squad were aware that, for no clear reason, we struggle to get results against this HSBC side.

Conditions were not ideal and it took us a few minutes to grow into the game, although the away side never really tested us during this time. As the half played out we began to compete better across the pitch, with Falconer-Roberts providing a constant out ball as well as hassling the HSBC defence and causing mistakes.

Eventually some good link up play down the right between James and Matt Knight caused bedlam inside the HSBC box, with the loose ball falling to **PANICKER**, who rifled the ball into the back of the net with a strong volley. The goal really set up the tone for the rest of

the half, with us pushing hard for the second, but it should be said we failed to really test the HSBC 'keeper (his luminous orange outfit was possibly a key distraction!) The best chance to double the lead fell just before half time, with James missing a close-range header after more swift link up play from Knight and Falconer Roberts on the right.

At half time we knew we had not been fully at the races but were ahead and needed to dominate the rest of the game. We had the majority of play for the first 20 minutes and a few more chances, with Henderson and Jon Knight both coming close to doubling the lead from set pieces. 'Chunk' was then forced into a couple of smart saves but was holding firm, and the game looked to be heading the way we wanted.

Then a mad five minutes struck. Firstly, Adams had an excellent finish unfairly disallowed, apparently because James was offside (although not near the play). Then, to add insult to injury, HSBC got an equaliser after a speculative set piece was scrambled home with less than ten minutes to go.

We pushed hard but could not get the winner, and both sides had to share the points from a hard fought but disappointing result for Wilsonians. With one more week to go before the cup final it is important we bounce back strongly next week.

Jon Knight

Squad- I Wellman, M knight, J Knight, Y Bhenick, I Phillips, S Bradley, J Watson, C Henderson, P Panicker, D Wateridge, S Crouch, A Adams, J Falconer- Roberts, S James

Editor's comment: Fairly reliable, thanks mainly to Jon Knight, although yet another 'phone phobic' side, all of which is very surprising because I seem to spend a lot of my life dodging out of the way of people on the pavement who seem to have a 'phone permanently affixed to their ear; either that or they are looking at emails rather than where they are going

5th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 4th	17	16	0	1	79	18	61	48
2	Actonians Association 6th	12	10	1	1	51	11	40	31
3	Polytechnic 6th	14	10	1	3	53	19	34	31
4	Ibis Eagles 5th	13	7	2	4	30	29	1	23
5	West Wickham 5th	15	6	3	6	29	25	4	21
6	Old Wilsonians 5th	15	5	2	8	30	46	-16	17
7	Bank of England 4th	16	5	0	11	30	46	-16	15
8	Civil Service 6th	15	4	2	9	23	54	-31	14
9	Merton 4th	17	4	0	13	34	47	-13	12
10	Lloyds Warren 3rd	14	1	1	12	15	79	-64	4

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Polytechnic 6XI (h)
11/03	West Wickham 5XI (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

2-4 vs Civil Service 6XI
3-3 vs Lloyds Warren 3XI
1-6 vs Carshalton 4XI
3-0 vs Merton 4XI

MATCH REPORT:

No match report submitted

Editor's comment: In serious relegation trouble, with only three reports all season

6th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 5th	11	8	1	2	45	19	26	25
2	Old Salesians Res	14	6	5	3	47	33	14	23
3	Polytechnic 7th	15	6	5	4	44	31	13	23
4	Actonians Association 7th	11	5	3	3	18	20	-2	18
5	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	8	5	2	1	32	11	21	17
6	West Wickham 6th	13	5	1	7	40	38	2	16
7	South Bank Cuaco 4th	15	4	2	9	30	44	-14	14
8	Old Wilsonians 6th	12	4	1	7	23	37	-14	13
9	HSBC 6th	13	3	0	10	20	66	-46	9

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	No game
11/03	Carshalton 5XI (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

0-3 vs Alleyn Old Boys 6XI
2-3 vs West Wickham 6XI
2-1 vs Polytechnic 7XI

MATCH REPORT:

N/A – No game

Editor's comment: The 6th XI were not in action this week so there is no report. Like the 3rd XI failed to respond at all last season and although a vast improvement this term still too close to the bottom of the table for comfort

7th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 9th	12	10	1	1	45	18	27	31
2	Kew Association 3rd	14	8	1	5	50	41	9	25
3	Merton 5th	13	8	1	4	28	24	4	25
4	Civil Service 7th	16	7	2	7	41	34	7	23
5	Actonians Association 8th	12	7	1	4	30	24	6	22
6	Ibis Eagles 6th	12	6	0	6	33	26	7	18
7	Old Wilsonians 7th	14	5	2	7	25	33	-8	17
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	15	4	2	9	29	32	-3	14
9	Polytechnic 8th	14	3	4	7	20	26	-6	13
10	HSBC 7th	14	3	0	11	18	61	-43	9

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Actonians Association 8XI (a)
11/03	Merton 5XI (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

2-2 vs Polytechnic 8XI
1-8 vs Civil Service 7XI

MATCH REPORT:

No match report submitted

Editor's comment: Bottom of the pile and almost beyond help and hope

8th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Carshalton 6th	11	10	1	0	74	9	65	31	
2	Merton 6th	11	7	1	3	33	29	4	22	
3	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	12	5	3	4	39	35	4	18	
4	Civil Service 8th	9	5	1	3	40	25	15	16	
5	Bank of England 5th	12	5	1	6	32	20	12	16	
6	Old Salesians 3rd	12	5	2	5	33	32	1	14	*
7	Old Blues 4th	8	4	2	2	22	22	0	14	
8	Old Wilsonians 8th	11	3	3	5	24	39	-15	12	
9	Merton 7th	9	3	2	4	30	37	-7	11	
10	South Bank Cuaco 6th	11	3	2	6	20	35	-15	11	
11	Old Wilsonians 9th	12	0	0	12	6	70	-64	0	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	Bank of England 5XI (h)
11/03	South Bank Cuaco 6XI (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

3-1 vs Merton 6XI
2-2 vs Old Salesians 3XI
2-9 vs Old Owens 5XI

MATCH REPORT:

A DESERVED WIN Merton 6th XI 1 8th XI 3

The Joseph Hood Rec played host to the clash between second from top, and second from bottom in Minor Division 5. Obviously the 8th XI were not the top team, given our recent run of form, and once again the side had an unfamiliar look to it as Old Wilsonians kicked off the game.

Not playing into the wind, the 8's were utterly dominant and created several chances. It was surprising that the inevitable goal took so long to arrive as a close-range shot from **JAMES STRIDE** squeezed past the 'keeper at the near post after 35 minutes.

We knew the second half would pose a tougher test. With Merton arguing amongst themselves before the end of the first, they would surely re-group and come back at us with more conviction. After all, they are second in the league for a reason! Anticipating this, the 8's defending was resolute and we focused on closing down their playmakers in midfield.

Our second goal was an interesting one. A cross from the right was met with a header that was superbly saved by the 'keeper, there was then a goalmouth scramble, and the ball eventually cleared to Jacob, who powered it straight back at goal. The 'keeper parried the ball, and waiting to pounce, was **JAMES STRIDE.**

With the score now 2-0, this gave us some much-needed breathing space. Another goal came ten minutes later, a calamitous mix-up in the Merton defence allowing 'fox-in-the-box' **JAMES STRIDE** to head into an unguarded net to complete his first hat-trick for Old Wilsonians.

On 75 minutes Merton pulled one back after some sloppy defending, setting up a frantic last 15 minutes where the tension within both teams was evident, but the 8's were able to see out the game and record their first league victory in over three months.

This was a superb team effort and gives us a much-needed confidence boost, with heroic performances all over the park. The hallowed turf of Hayes awaits us next week...

On a different note I would like the take the opportunity to thank Himesh Patel for his consistent submission of match reports this season. I am sure there are many people who have enjoyed reading the exploits of the 8th XI - the good, the bad, and the ugly! (Here here – ed) Kek Amankwah

Team: Rose, Page, Crombie, Hallett, D.Forbes, Patel, Amankwah, Jacob, Rand, D.Stride, J.Stride, Fowler, Trompiz

Editor's comment: Continue to be an example to all – something they have been doing for a number of seasons – with Kek and Himesh leading the way

9th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Carshalton 6th	11	10	1	0	74	9	65	31	
2	Merton 6th	11	7	1	3	33	29	4	22	
3	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	12	5	3	4	39	35	4	18	
4	Civil Service 8th	9	5	1	3	40	25	15	16	
5	Bank of England 5th	12	5	1	6	32	20	12	16	
6	Old Salesians 3rd	12	5	2	5	33	32	1	14	*
7	Old Blues 4th	8	4	2	2	22	22	0	14	
8	Old Wilsonians 8th	11	3	3	5	24	39	-15	12	
9	Merton 7th	9	3	2	4	30	37	-7	11	
10	South Bank Cuaco 6th	11	3	2	6	20	35	-15	11	
11	Old Wilsonians 9th	12	0	0	12	6	70	-64	0	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

04/03	South Bank Cuaco 6XI (a)
11/03	Alleyn Old Boys 7XI

RECENT RESULTS:

1-7 vs Merton 6XI
0-12 vs Civil Service 8XI

MATCH REPORT:

N/A – No game

Editor's comment: No game this week but vie with the 8th XI in their support of the newsletter, particularly praise worthy in view of the results they get – see table above
Skipper Roddy leads by example, with excellent support from stalwarts Alex and Neville
Why is it that our bottom two sides show more commitment than any others?
Discuss, with particular reference to the Hungarian agricultural policy of the 15th century