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News

TRAINING
training takes place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 8pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates.

OWFC XMAS PARTY
SAVE THE DATE! This year we will be holding an OWFC Christmas Party on November 25th at The Sun in Clapham. Full details to follow so keep your eyes peeled.

OWFC CLUB SHOP
If you are need of training kit look no further than the OWFC Club Shop. We have an exclusive agreement in place with Macron to supply the kit which can be purchased here.

OWFC AGM 2017
This years AGM took place on the 4th July with 14 people turning up to have their say on the future of the OWFC. The main issues discussed were the amendments to the constitution. Those present unanimously voted in favour of amending rule 5(a) to include "brothers" in the definition of an Old Boy, while an amendment to rule 5(b), allowing two committee members of the OWFC Junior FC to recommend players to join the OWFC, was passed with a vote of 12-2. It was also agreed (13-1) that subs for 2017 would increase from £120 to £125.

ANNUAL SUBS NOW OVERDUE
Subs were due on 31st October, if you are haven't paid then you can't play! This year's subs are £125, please make sure these are paid to the club account as soon as possible. Account number is 00685852, Sort Code 20-05-57. Once you have paid please email Alex Forbes (alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk) to let him know, alternatively you can pay at the bar after your next home game. If you would like to discuss payment plans please talk Alex. Failure to pay means you won't be able to play after October 30th.

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 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

Events - OWFC Christmas Party

25th November
The Sun
Clapham Old Town

Bring friends and family then on to Clapham Common.

£10 a ticket any profit will go to the football club

To purchase your ticket please pay £10 in to the club account with the reference XMAS and contact Jon Howe (07432126627), or contact your teams Social Sec.



OWFC Eliminator

The first round of the competition is now underway with 104 participants.

There is still one fixture left this week but most involved went for the safe choices of Man City, Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United, although the later provided a brief scare after going 1-0 down to Newcastle.

Those who selected Everton and Palace are out, those who selected Palace may feel hard done by after some poor officiating. A grand total of 2 eliminations:

Aaron George (Everton)
Olivia Parkinson (C Palace)

And King will have to wait until Monday evening to find out his fate after selecting B******n.

Make sure you post your selections on the WhatsApp group or submit to Jon Howe before Friday nights game between West Ham and Leicester. Full fixtures on the right, remember you can't select the same team twice!

Friday 24 November 2017

West Ham	20:00	Leicester

Saturday 25 November 2017

Crystal Palace	15:00	Stoke
Man Utd	15:00	Brighton
Newcastle	15:00	Watford
Swansea	15:00	Bournemouth
Spurs	15:00	West Brom
Liverpool	17:30	Chelsea

Sunday 26 November 2017

Southampton	13:30	Everton
Burnley	14:00	Arsenal
Huddersfield	16:00	Man City

OWA AGM – 12th December

Old Wilsonians' Association

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association
to be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at the Clubhouse Hayes.
To commence at 19.30

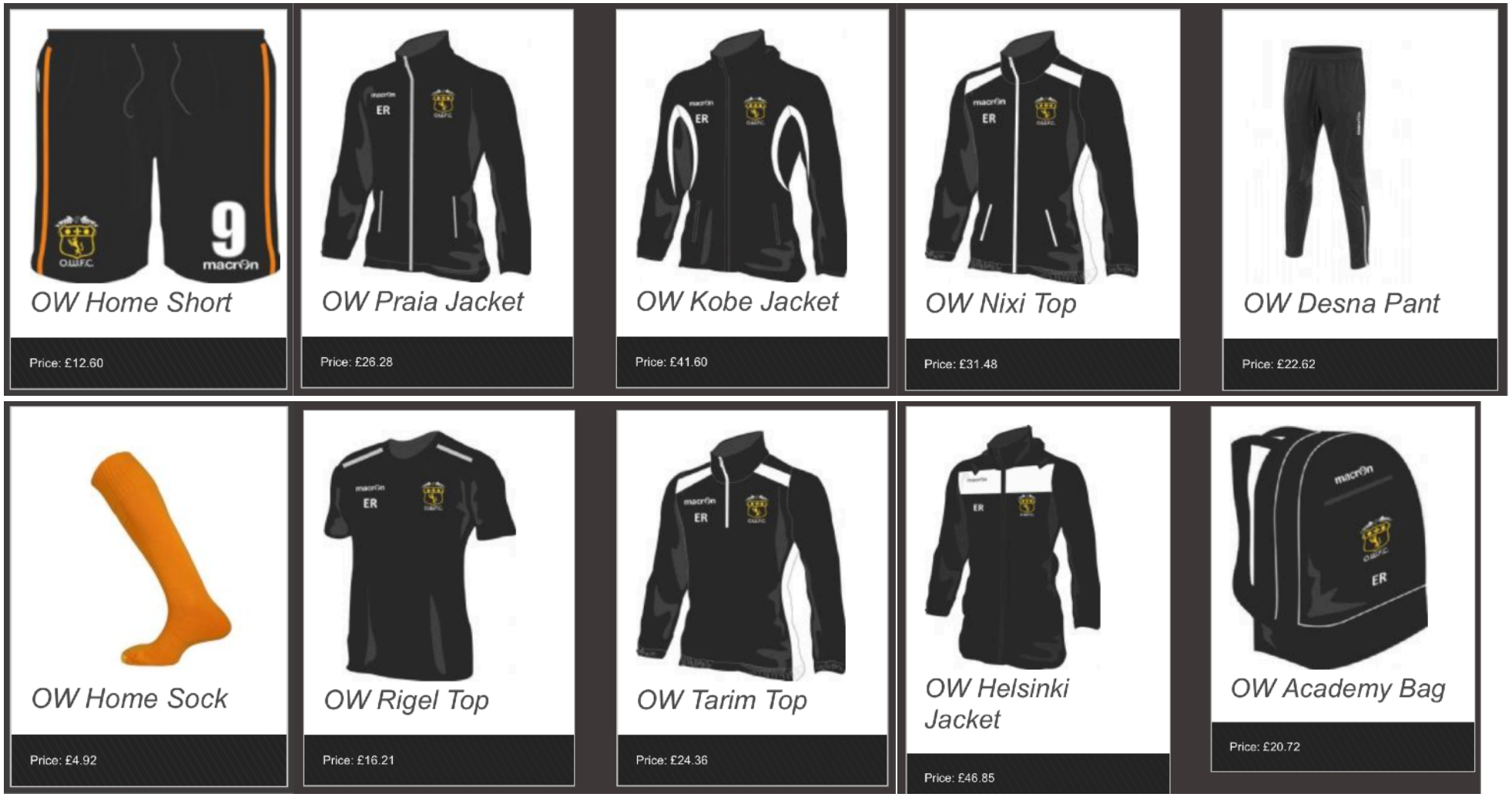
Agenda and Notice of Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2016 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the OWA President
5. Ground Maintenance Arrangements
6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2016/2017
7. Bar Report
8. Sports Club report
9. Clubhouse report
10. Ground report
11. Confirmation of President for 2017/2018
12. Confirmation of Club Captain for 2017/2018
13. Election of Vice Presidents
14. Election of Officers
15. Election of Council
16. Election of Honorary Members
17. Reports of Subsidiary Clubs
    a. Football Senior
    b. Football Junior
    c. Cricket
    d. Tennis
    e. Squash and Racketball
    f. Netball
18. Any Other Business

Roger Matthews
Hon Secretary OWA

Minutes of the 2016 AGM are available from the Secretary or on the Old Wilsonians' website

Club Shop



To The Club Shop

Social Media

Old Suttonians FC
@OldSuttsFC
Follow

Super Sunday Vets game tomorrow has been called off by @oldwilsonians. Have a lie in or go for a run - you decide! #imsleepingin

11:02 AM - 18 Nov 2017

Matt Rand
@mattranduk
Following

Tapping up a place in the 3s @oldwilsonians @richiem31



Eggy
@jeglon

Rumours of an earthquake in the Acton area are false. It was just me landing after an attempted bicycle kick @oldwilsonians #swingandmiss #LoveActonAway

6:25 AM - 18 Nov 2017

1 Retweet 7 Likes

Matt Rand
@mattranduk
Following

Watson ✅
Gunnell ✅
Rand ✅
JFR ✅
Platts ✅

#5outof5 pens #5outof5 wins

Old Wilsonians @oldwilsonians
Sat 18 Nov. @AmateurFA Minor Cup. 4s 3-3 @SilhillFC AET. @Josh_F_Roberts Platts, Godwin. 4s win 5-3 on Pens.

Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 18th November				
1st XI	0	2	Old Carthusians	OBC
Old Meadonians	3	2	2nd XI	AFA
Goals: Carruthers, J. (2)				
Merton	1	1	3rd XI	SAL
Goals: Gilson, T.				
4th XI	3	3	Silhill	AFA
Goals: Falconer-Roberts, J., Godwin, T., Platts, P. MoM: Platts, P. **OWFC 4th XI win 5-3 on penalties*				
5th XI	0	2	Merton 6s	SAL
MoM: Adams, R.				
Actonians 8th XI	4	0	6th XI	SAL
MoM: Hall, R.				
Civil Service 8th XI	2	0	7th XI	SAL
MoM: Connew, L.				
8th XI	2	10	South Bank Cuaco 7s	SAL
Goals: Adebayo, G., Trompiz, R. MoM: Adebayo, G.				

Fixtures- 25th November		
Old Parkonians	14-00	1st XI
SAL - Away		
Winchmore Hill	14-00	2nd XI
SAL - Away		
3rd XI	14-00	Kew Association 2nd XI
SAL - Hayes		
Actonians 6th XI	14-00	4th XI
SAL - Away		
5th XI	14-00	Carshalton
AFA - Hayes		
6th XI	14-00	Civil Service 7th XI
SAL - Hawes Down		
Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI	14-00	7th XI
SAL - Away		
8th XI	14-00	Old Blues 3rd XI
SAL - Hawes Down		



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Match Reports

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
3rd XI	14	13	1	0	40	2	100
5th XI	12	11	1	0	34	2	100
2nd XI	12	12	0	0	36	0	100
6th XI	12	12	0	0	36	0	100
7th XI	11	11	0	0	33	0	100
4th XI	11	11	0	0	33	0	100
8th XI	10	10	0	0	30	0	100
1st XI	15	13	1	1	40	5	93

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:

Scorer	Goals
Williams, M	12
Carruthers, J.	10
Watson, C	9
Bonsels, G., Stride, J., Williams, N., OG.	5
Giles, B., Carruthers, B., Small, J., Dyki, C., Gilson, T.	4

Somehow we managed to get all 8 sides out this week, so well done and thank you for those who helped out.

Not a great set of results for the club this week with no wins and only two draws. Thankfully one of those draws was followed by a penalty shootout which saw the 4s progress to the next round of the AFA cup. The other draw saw the 3s held by Merton in the league.

The 1s, 5s, 6s and 7s all lost without scoring a goal, while the 8s shipped 10 (ten) goals but did manage to score two in reply. The 2s also suffered a defeat, crashing out of the AFA Cup after extra time.

Read all about it in the match reports…

Match Reports – 1st XI

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	7	5	2	0	20	4	16	17
2	Alleyn Old Boys	7	5	1	1	13	5	8	16
3	Nottsborough	7	3	2	2	15	10	5	11
4	Old Parkonians	5	2	2	1	9	9	0	8
5	West Wickham	7	2	2	3	10	14	-4	8
6	East Barnet Old Grammarians	7	2	2	3	11	16	-5	8
7	Bank of England	7	2	1	4	10	20	-10	7
8	Old Wilsonians	5	1	3	1	5	5	0	6
9	Old Owens	5	1	2	2	12	9	3	5
10	Old Garchonians	7	1	2	4	8	16	-8	5
11	Winchmore Hill	6	0	3	3	5	10	-5	3

OWFC 1ST XI 0 - 2 OLD CARTHUSIANS

No match report submitted

Match Reports – 2nd XI

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic Res	9	6	2	1	27	10	17	20
2	West Wickham Res	6	5	0	1	20	8	12	15
3	Actonians Association Res	8	5	0	3	18	13	5	15
4	Civil Service Res	8	3	2	3	15	22	-7	11
5	Alleyn Old Boys Res	4	2	0	2	6	2	4	6
6	Old Wilsonians Res	3	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
7	Winchmore Hill Res	6	2	0	4	13	14	-1	6
8	Old Garchonians Res	7	2	0	5	18	24	-6	6
9	NUFC Oilers Res	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	5
10	Nottsborough Res	7	1	1	5	6	17	-11	4
11	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	5	0	1	4	2	18	-16	1

OLD MEADONIANS 3 – 2 OWFC 2nd XI (AET)

An AFA Cup tie despatched the 2s to Barnes to face off with an Old Meadonians team sitting pretty atop of their league table. The game started at a frenetic pace, the 2s releasing frustrations at having shared their journey with the toffs and bogans headed to Twickenham. Both teams had opportunities and Meads were held at bay by a combination of diving blocks and schoolboy bollocks (Messrs Eves). On the half-hour the Meads centre half showed super-human strength to ragdoll Foxy to the floor and James Kyne's resulting free kick was handled chested home by the relentless John Carruthers.

Meads reacted positively and ensured they went in at the half level, a well worked move down the flank finished by an advancing midfielder.

The second half continued much like the first, a sodden pitch contributing to some agricultural tackling that wouldn't have looked out of place at Rugby Football HQ. With 80 minutes on the clock the 2s produced a move of real quality. Having replaced the injured Mike Evans, substitute goalkeeper-come-wing back Matt Powley found Ted Farmer, who floated a picture perfect through ball for John Carruthers to strike home clinically.

The 2s weathered both metaphorical and literal storms until a late corner was met by the shin of a Meadonian, the ball besting the impressive Luke Bradley in net and sending the game to an extra time that no-one really wanted.

Both teams continued to miss gilt edge chances and the small travelling squad was tested. Chibu was bruised from a meaty challenge and we swapped one hamstrung midfielder for another, with injured Evo returning in place of the injured Mids. With little time left on the clock, a corner wasn't dealt with sufficiently and the ball fell to a Meadonian to lash the ball home, a dagger to the collective 2s hearts.

Not the result we wanted but lots of positives to take from a spirited performance with a changed and patched up squad. We go again.

Team: Bradley, Taylor, George, Kyne, Evans (Powley), Eves, Chibu, Middleton, Farmer, Fox, Carruthers
Report by Jon Howe

Match Reports – 3rd XI

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	8	4	2	2	16	12	4	14
2	Polytechnic 4th	5	4	1	0	14	3	11	13
3	City of London	6	3	1	2	14	10	4	10
4	Nottsborough 4th	7	3	1	3	14	14	0	10
5	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	5	3	0	2	12	12	0	9
6	Carshalton 3rd	7	3	0	4	15	17	-2	9
7	Old Wilsonians 3rd	5	2	2	1	11	9	2	8
8	HSBC 3rd	5	2	1	2	8	7	1	7
9	Kew Association Res	7	2	0	5	13	20	-7	6
10	Actonians Association 4th	5	1	1	3	9	10	-1	4
11	Merton 3rd	6	1	1	4	8	20	-12	4

MERTON 3RD XI 1 – 1 OWFC 3rd XI

Winter is here... At least in South West London as the temperature definitely dropped a few degrees and the rain consistently fell whilst the 3s took on a Merton side they had already dispatched in pre season. Bouyed by last week's return to winning ways, the team were confident of another 3pts.

An early injury to Scott Bradley (which definitely didn't happen via a shanked cross in the warm up and earning him dick of the day) served as an early signal as to how our luck would play out in this game, the reshuffle of players causing some disjointment for the next 10mins whilst we adapted. During this time, Merton managed a break down our left side and a scuffed cross, aided by a couple of deflections, found its way to a gleeful striker who duly scuffed it past a flailing Dan Hall who slipped as the ball trickled in. This was the wake up call we needed and a change in shape saw us shift the momentum to a position of dominance from here on in, creating a couple of chances before half time that really should've been converted were it not for some good goalkeeping.

We came out strongly after the break, with renewed confidence that we were fitter, stronger and capable of playing better football than the oppo and that an early goal would signal a turnaround. This belief was shown right from the off as we proceeded to play the next 45mins almost exclusively in their half, an early chance falling to Matt Perkins who expertly managed to head onto the post from a yard out when it appeared easier to score. Some good work from Mackley at left back was getting us higher up the pitch and the midfield were starting to dictate tempo and creating spaces for our wide men to isolate their full backs, after a couple of very strong shouts for penalties were denied by a somewhat inconsistent referee, we were finally rewarded when Guy Hannah stepped out from the defence and found Matt Williams peeled off down the right, who crossed in for Tyler Gilson to guide home on the half volley into the far corner. The next 20mins went by in a flash and for all the effort applied we just lacked the correct final ball at times and/or the composure to finish when required.

In the end, a frustrating game to have not won given the dominance and definitely a case of 2pts dropped but good character shown to battle back from a losing position in tough and challenging conditions. With games in hand and only 1 defeat in the league so far, hope is still high for a promotion push but we must be more clinical when chances present themselves.

MoM - Josh Mackley

DoD - Scott Bradley and Matt Perkins

Match Reports – 4th XI

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 5th	8	7	1	0	26	7	19	22
2	Actonians Association 6th	9	6	1	2	21	17	4	19
3	Polytechnic 6th	7	2	4	1	18	19	-1	10
4	Ibis Eagles 4th	5	3	0	2	14	8	6	9
5	HSBC 4th	6	3	0	3	18	16	2	9
6	Old Wilsonians 4th	5	3	0	2	10	11	-1	9
7	West Wickham 5th	6	3	0	3	12	16	-4	9
8	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	7	1	2	4	13	16	-3	5
9	Bank of England 4th	8	1	1	6	11	19	-8	4
10	City of London Res	7	0	1	6	5	19	-14	1

OWFC 4th XI 3 – 3 SILLHILL 'D' (OWFC win 5-3 on Penalties) – 4s SCRAMBLE OVER THE LINE IN THE DARK
The 4s took to Hayes in the 2nd round of the AFA Cup looking to make it 5 wins in the bounce. We welcomed Silhill from Solihull who also brought down some wet and dreary conditions with them. A mix up from the ref saw us start late with Vik Shah taking the whistle for the first 5 minutes or so, initially forgetting he needed a time piece of some sort. With a few players missing the 4s had to undertake a re-shuffle but this didn't seem to affect them as they started the game on the front foot with a number of efforts on goal. The most notable from CJ who cracked one against the post only for Platts to hit the rebound over with the goal at his mercy. The 4s then shot themselves in the foot, conceding from their own corner with Silhill breaking quickly, our defence was sliced open and they went 1-0 up. We didn't panichowever and having found the net for the first time last week JOSH FALCONER ROBERTS latched onto a great through ball and finished well into the bottom left. 1-1 and we realised Silhill were there for the taking and made it 2-1 when from a corner TOBY GODWIN smashed home through a bundle of players to keep up his impressive goals to games ratio. We continued to pressure Silhill with a series of excellent corners and free kicks from Rand and Platts but couldn't stretch our lead. Silhill drew level when some more poor defending gave them too much space. With 5 minutes to go before half time a mis-placed pass from Matthews who was doing his best to impersonate Ironsides pass completion rate allowed Silhill to break free again and go 3-2 up. Frustrating to be behind at half-time but we had hardly played the football resembling anything of the past few weeks and knew a bit more quality would see us through. Conditions worsened as did the light in the second half and the game became very stretched. Adams and JFR were causing all sorts of problems with Platts switching play well and Vik Shah was providing some real bite to the team. Ant Adams pounced on a loose ball from Silhill and he slotted through PHIL PLATTS who finished well to make it 3-3. Chances came and went at both ends with some good saves and poor finishing keeping the scores level. Gunnell was providing an excellent outlet down the left for us and a cut across fell sweetly for Vik Shah who already saw his name up in lights but troubled the birds nest in the trees more than the goal. Some last ditch defending from Tiffin and Ballard kept it at 3-3 at full-time. With the light fading fast it was agreed to go straight to penalties. Watson, Gunnell, Rand, JFR and Platts finished superbly and we won 5-3. A game played in excellent spirit in tough conditions with the chaps from Silhill drinking the bar dry afterwards. 5 in row for the 4s as we return to league action next weekend at Acton as we look to climb the league table.

Squad: M Ballard(GK), P Matthews, E Tiffin, T Godwin, M Rand, W Gunnell, Y Bheenick, C Watson, P Platts, J Falconer Roberts, A Adams, V Shah
MOM: P Platts
Report by Yuved Bheenick

Match Reports – 5th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 8th	8	6	1	1	31	13	18	19
2	Merton 6th	9	5	2	2	35	19	16	17
3	HSBC 5th	9	4	1	4	27	23	4	13
4	Old Wilsonians 5th	8	4	1	3	16	22	-6	13
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	6	3	1	2	14	12	2	10
6	Civil Service 7th	7	3	0	4	12	12	0	9
7	Merton 5th	8	2	2	4	14	21	-7	8
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	6	1	2	3	8	15	-7	5
9	City of London 3rd	9	0	4	5	11	31	-20	4
10	Carshalton 6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OWFC 5th XI 0 – 2 MERTON 6TH XI

The last time these two teams met earlier this season we the 5s were humbled 11-0. Since then however we were unbeaten and had actually managed to go above Merton 6s into second place in the league.

Pre match talk focused on avenging that humiliation but a slow start and some poor defending at the centre of the defence allowed two quick Merton breaks and we were 2-0 down after 15 minutes. However, this was not the case and we quickly rallied playing most of the rest of the 1st half on the front foot forcing their keeper in to some terrific stops.

The second half was a much improved performance with Robbie Adams providing some much need pace upfront. Again we found the opposing keeper in inspired form and despite consistent pressure and numerous chances were unable to find a way back into the game. A frustrating game which we should of got something from and we were left to rue our slow start.

Team: J Breen, J Moniz, C Billings, P Smith, C Charman, C Dyki, J Doyle, S Moniz, R Adams, Jonny Q, J Small, W Bennett
MoM: Robbie Adams
Report by Jamie Moniz

Match Reports – 6th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 8th	8	6	1	1	31	13	18	19
2	Merton 6th	9	5	2	2	35	19	16	17
3	HSBC 5th	9	4	1	4	27	23	4	13
4	Old Wilsonians 5th	8	4	1	3	16	22	-6	13
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	6	3	1	2	14	12	2	10
6	Civil Service 7th	7	3	0	4	12	12	0	9
7	Merton 5th	8	2	2	4	14	21	-7	8
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	6	1	2	3	8	15	-7	5
9	City of London 3rd	9	0	4	5	11	31	-20	4
10	Carshalton 6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ACTON ASSOCIATIONS 8TH XI 4 - 0 OWFC 6TH XI

Just like a kid on Christmas morning I woke up full of excitement. Acton Away. My favourite day of they year. A squad of 12 brave souls had assembled to travel to West London, a journey that must have been a record for the number of changes thanks to engineering works. A minor injury scare on the Jubilee line as Ed was assaulted by a woman and her suitcase, but he was confident he could shake it off before kick-off.

My reign as 6XI skipper has so far involved a different starting 11 and at least 1 new face in the squad every week, and this was no different. Santa, if you're reading this, my Christmas wish is to be able to run through the team before kick-off without having to do introductions. I knew it was going to de a particularly difficult week after Ed revealed to me on the journey that one player had messaged him looking for a pair of size 10 boots. We then had also faced the task of taking on an Acton side sitting top of the league, with 5 wins from 7.

The game was a lot tighter than expected, and we only went in 1-0 down at the break after a miss-hit cross caught out our 'keeper. For the first time in a while we were playing short passes and breaking quickly, unfortunately the boggy Gunnersbury Park pitch made standing upright difficult and often resulted in us losing the ball when in good areas. Acton grabbed a second just after the break despite the fella being a good five yards offside, and it wasn't long before they made it 3-0 with a free header from a corner. The fourth was the killer, after the winger shouted "Leave it" at the back post for everyone to hear, except for the ref, who despite awarding a free kick earlier in the game for a similar incident decided to ignore it this time round.

The 6s continued to press as the game went on, and nearly scored goal of the decade. Callum ran down the left, cut back and crossed the ball in to the box. With the ball in the air and behind me I saw my opportunity, rising majestically to attempt a bicycle kick. Unfortunately the outcome was not Rooney vs. Man City 2011 as I was very close/nowhere near, depending on who you asked, to connecting with the cross, falling back to earth with a thud. At least I could provide some amusement in a heavy defeat.

To be honest the result was not that bad considering we had a make shift team and were playing top of the league. Given that three of their goals were very fortunate we can be proud of our performance. We must take that in to the next two games and make sure we come away with three points, starting with Civil Service next Saturday.

DoD: Crombie, M - for walking in to a pole on the way home.
MoM: Hall, R - very assured on debut and kept our midfield ticking.
Team: Stride, D., Crombie, M., Adams, E., Dixon, T., Dhariwal, M., Page, N., Stride, J., Hall, R., Mander, J., Wrenn-Smith, C., Eglon, J., Stride, D.
Report by James Eglon

Match Reports – 7th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	4	4	0	0	21	5	16	12
2	Civil Service 8th	6	4	0	2	19	12	7	12
3	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	4	3	1	0	23	9	14	10
4	South Bank Cuaco 6th	6	3	1	2	18	13	5	10
5	Old Blues 3rd	4	3	1	0	17	12	5	10
6	Bank of England 5th	4	3	0	1	14	6	8	9
7	Merton 7th	6	2	0	4	25	26	-1	6
8	Old Salesians 3rd	6	2	0	4	14	18	-4	6
9	Old Wilsonians 7th	6	2	0	4	10	19	-9	6
10	Old Wilsonians 8th	4	0	1	3	6	33	-27	1
11	HSBC 6th	6	0	0	6	7	21	-14	0

CIVIL SERVICE 8TH XI 2 – 0 OWFC 7th XI - WE DIDN'T DESERVE THAT

A combination of traffic, railway engineering works, and taking 15 minutes to find out where our pitch was meant that the game kicked off late. With half of the battle won by simply having 11 on the pitch, it soon became apparent that the two other members of the squad would be no-shows (very poor form). Everyone likes a game where there is zero chance of being subbed, but the openness of the first half meant that the interval was much needed.

Both teams were evenly matched, and it was more of the same in the second half as we repelled wave after wave of Civil Service attacks. Marelli was having an excellent debut in goal, making some excellent saves, and the 7s had a couple of chances on the break but the final product was lacking.

With 10 minutes to go, most of us decided that settling for a point was the sensible thing to do. With 5 minutes to go we conceded a corner; usual set-up, but a lapse in concentration allowed one of their players to head home. It was a bitter blow, and now meant we had to chase the game. The 7s pressed in the opposition half, but Civil Service were able to get a break and their midfielder calmly dinked the ball over our 'keeper to kill the game.

The opposition knew that they had been given a game, and it was agreed all around that the sportsmanship was top-notch. We gave 100%, but just couldn't get the result. And so the 7th XI continue the quest for squad consistency where we don't have to introduce ourselves every week!

Team: Marelli, Chen, Sparrow, N.Mole, Connew, Hallett, Benwell, Amankwah, J.Mole, Loprien, Krauss
MoM: Luke Connew
Report by Kek Amankwah

Match Reports – 8th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	4	4	0	0	21	5	16	12
2	Civil Service 8th	6	4	0	2	19	12	7	12
3	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	4	3	1	0	23	9	14	10
4	South Bank Cuaco 6th	6	3	1	2	18	13	5	10
5	Old Blues 3rd	4	3	1	0	17	12	5	10
6	Bank of England 5th	4	3	0	1	14	6	8	9
7	Merton 7th	6	2	0	4	25	26	-1	6
8	Old Salesians 3rd	6	2	0	4	14	18	-4	6
9	Old Wilsonians 7th	6	2	0	4	10	19	-9	6
10	Old Wilsonians 8th	4	0	1	3	6	33	-27	1
11	HSBC 6th	6	0	0	6	7	21	-14	0

OWFC 8th XI 2 – 10 (TEN) SOUTH BANK CUACO 7TH XI

Having secured our first point of the season against South Bank 6s, it was not unreasonable to assume we had a good chance of more points against their 7th team. We started the game ok, matching the opposition in most departments, but a sloppy clearance led to their opening goal. This gave them confidence and two more goals quickly followed. We stuck at our game plan however, and it paid off when debutant Gabriel Abebayo slotted home from a tight angle. 3-1 down at half time and well in it, we felt, especially since we had the Hawes Down slope in our favour second half. However, we struggled even more in the second half, conceding 3 sloppy goals in quick succession, not helped by our midfield's reluctance to defend. Then something happened that no-one expected – skipper Roddy Trompiz took a shot from 40 yards out, it bounced in front of the keeper and went in the top corner! 6-2 and we felt we could at least make the scoreline respectable. It was not to be however, and South Bank added 4 more. The score was a bit harsh on us, but we have to start defending as a team.

MoM: Gabriel Abebayo

Team: Doug Forbes, Roddy Trompiz, Ian Wellman, Seb Ayers, Alex Forbes, Jason McLarty, Gabriel Abebayo, Greg Wareham, Aubrey Cruz, Dylan Hamilton, Armani Hamilton, Tom Sims, Steve Chinnery

Report by Roddy Trompiz

All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

Classified Results, November 21st 1992				
Mill Hill County	1	1st XI	1	Kendrick.N (Won 7-6 on penalties)
Old Daynes	2	2nd XI	2	Mace 2
4th XI	1	Old Minchendenians	5	Sullivan.K
5th XI	1	Old Adeyans	0	Smith.A
6th XI	2	Old Bromleians	2	Leach 2 (Lost 7-6 on penalties)
Old Wokingians	8	7th XI	0	
Old Suttonians	5	8th XI	2	Mulser 2
Palace	1	Nottingham Forest	1	Armstrong

NICK TARN DOES A LOT OF SCREAMING Old Daynes 2 2nd XI 2

Just two changes this week for the 2nd XI, and that in itself is some sort of record! One of these changes saw the enforced absence of Kevin Law, who has decided to put right the injury that has been affecting his mobility. Some would say that he should have done this years ago, but not me of course.

To continue the tactics we started last week we kicked off with ten men. Five minutes later we had 11 but still had not touched the ball. After 15 minutes we began to settle down and at last started to put some passes together, the most promising of these resulting in a through ball by Nick Tarn which would have found Mark Mace with just the 'keeper to beat, had the centre-back's outstretched hand not intervened. The offender was booked for this indiscretion only to be fortunate five minutes later not to be sent off when he went over the ball in a challenge on Mark Mace.

Unfortunately, just as we were finding our feet, we did our usual trick of conceding a soft goal, Alex Reeves saving the initial shot well but being unable to prevent the loose ball from being scrambled over the line. This set-back affected our game but we still ended the first half better than we started it and felt we had plenty to play for in the second 45.

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All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

As the second half progressed we enjoyed greater and greater possession without quite creating the opportunities in front of goal. However, after some 20 minutes **MARK MACE** broke into the right-hand side of the penalty area and with Nick Tarn screaming for a ball to the far post, unleashed a cross come shot which ended up in the far top corner of the net. Within a minute of the re-start Alex Reeves played a long ball over the opposition's back four for **MARK MACE** to run onto, again wisely ignoring Nick Tarn's scream for a square ball, and finishing with ease.

At this point it seemed a question of by how many, rather than if we were going to win. However, we then proceeded to concede another silly goal against the run of play and found ourselves battling to find a winner.

The game ended in controversy as, first, the referee turned down a double penalty appeal when their goal-keeper brought down first Nick Tarn and then Mark Mace in a single break on goal. Then Richard Egan released Mark Mace with a well-timed pass in the final minutes only for Mark to be adjudged off-side. Nick Tarn

Reeves Mole.N Wood McGeever Udale Egan Smith,G Prince Elliott Tarn Mace

1st XI: Lake Goddard Graham Pilgrim.M Boxall Chapman Townson Burgess.C Paton.S Trout Kendrick.N
6th XI: Britton Higgins Kendrick.M Stone Serre Leach Taylor(Malcolm) Quarrington + three
7th XI: Peckover Peck Lewis Ayling Brindle Creamore Fletcher Harris.A White Rice Berks
8th XI: Smart.D Craven Cocks Raw Dibbens Grayson Phillips Shale Smith.J Nixon Mulser Sub:Sullivan.S

All Our Yesterdays - 50 years ago

Classified Results, November 18th 1967				
2nd XI	0	Old Parkonians	5	
Old Parkonians	2	3rd XI	1	Marks
4th XI	6	Centymca	2	(John)Matthews 3, Saunders 2, Portman
5th XI	2	Southgate Olympic	4	Roberts, Evans
Palace	2	Millwall	2	White 2 (Attendance 30,304)

Out of the Old Boys Cup the 2nd XI were beaten by a strong Parkonians side.

The thirds, however, were very unlucky not to get at least a draw, their opponents being very relieved to hear the final whistle.

Three goals by **JOHN MATTHEWS** put paid to the ambitions of Centymca. In fact John could have beaten them all by himself!

The 5ths did well to lose by only two goals – old cheese roll is still at it I see.

White twice gave Palace the lead. First a swallow dive got his head to the ball and the ball into the net after a pass by Byrne had let Payne centre from the left and then he was on hand to prod the ball past King after a shot by Byrne had been stopped, but not held, by the Millwall goal-keeper.

Bryan Conlon took the first point this season from Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. It was his head that gave Jacks Millwall's first goal in the 26th minute and it was his long right leg that scored their second after an hour.
Palace: Jackson.J Long Presland Payne Stephenson Bannister White Kember Byrne Woodrull Jackson.C
Millwall: King Gilchrist Burnett Jacks Kitchener Jones Possee Dunply Conlon Howell Neil

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