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OWFC World Cup Predictor

With the 2018 World Cup around the corner it is time to start finding ways to distract yourself from England's inevitable Group Stage exit following a 0-0 bore draw with Panama. After the success of the Premier League Eliminator we have tweaked the design to bring you the OWFC World Cup Predictor. Based on the US' College Basketball "March Madness" the rules are simple:

- For each of the 8 Groups predict where the teams will finish by entering them in to the yellow boxes. Make sure you predict all four places as there are points available for each position correctly predicted.
- Once the Groups have been completed your Round of 16 fixtures will auto-populate. Continue to guess the winner of each fixture all the way through to the final, crowning your FIFA 2018 World Cup Winner.
- Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for each correctly placed team in the group stage (max 64 points), 4 points for each correctly predicted Quarter-Finalist (max 32 points), 8 points for each correctly predicted Semi-Finalist (max 32 points), 16 points for each correctly predicted Finalist (max 32 points), 32 points for correctly predicting the winner of the World Cup and 16 points for correctly predicting the 3rd placed team (max 48 points). Total points available is therefore 208.
- In the event of a two or more people scoring the same points the winner will be decided by predicting the total number of goals scored in the tournament

Entry is £10 (please pay in to the OWFC bank account) with £4 going to the club and the remaining £6 going in to the prize pot. Prizes will be split as follows: 1st place - 40% / 2nd place - 20% / 3rd place - 15% / 4th place - 10% / 5th and 6th place - 5% / 7th and 8th place 2.5%.

All that is left to do is pay your entry fee, complete the spreadsheet (**which can be found here**), and email it to James Eglon at **eggyowfc@gmail.com**

Good luck!!

OWFC Events

OWFC AGM

The Football Clubs AGM will take place on 10th July at the club. Come along and have your say on the future of your club. If you don't turn up and it's voted that Yearly Subs will increase you'll only have yourself to blame!

OWFC 5-a-side

The annual OWFC 5-a-side competition takes place at the Old Wilsonians Sports Club on Sunday 12th August. Games start at 10am & should finish before 6pm. BBQ & bar open all day. Feel free to enter a side entry fee £65 per team up to a week before, thereafter £75. Come along and play, watch, enjoy this yearly event. For more information contact Jon Howe jon.howe14@gmail.com

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OW Praia Jacket

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Price: £41.60



OW Nixi Top

Price: £31.48



OW Desna Pant

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Price: £4.92



OW Rigel Top

Price: £16.21



OW Tarim Top

Price: £24.36



OW Helsinki Jacket

Price: £46.85



OW Academy Bag

Price: £20.72

To the Club Shop

Fixtures and Results

Results - 17th April

Alleyn Old Boys	0 - 2	**2nd XI**
Goals: Free, A., Percy, G.		

Results - 21st April

Alleyn Old Boys	2 - 2	**1st XI**
Goals: Sellman, D., Fashoro, O.		

4th XI	4 - 4	Ibis Eagles
Goals: Williams, M., Jeevan, G., Akpakwu, C.		

5th XI	2 - 2	South Bank Cuaco
Goals: Young, G., Charman, C.		

7th X	3 - 0	South Bank Cuaco
Goals: Stride, J (3)		

Bank of England 5s	0 - 4	**8th XI**
Goals: Langley, A., Davies, W., Quinton, J., Wellman, I		

Results - 24th April

South Bank Cuaco 7s	8 - 1	**8th XI**
Goals: Wrenn-Smith, C.		

Results - 28th April

2nd XI	1 - 3	Nottsborough 2s
Goals: Karamath, J		

Polytechnic 6s	3 - 2	**4th XI**
Goals: Rand, M., Williams, M		

HSBC 6s	2 - 4	**7th XI**
Goals: Stride, J., Eglon, J., Benwell, S., Fairhurst, S.		

Results - 5th May

1st XI	2 - 2	Winchmore Hill
Goals: Gravesande, J. (2)		

Alleyn Old Boys 4	6 - 2	**3rd XI**
Goals: Not reported		

8th XI	4 - 6	Civil Service 8s
Goals: Page, K., Stride, J. (2), Davies, W.		

Results - 12th May

1st XI	1 - 2	Nottsborough 2s
Goals: Gravesande, J		

Polytechnic 6s	2 - 3	**7th XI**
Goals: Small, J., Strong, A., Benwell, S.		

HSBC 6s	4 - 3	**8th XI**
Goals: Akpakwu, C., Dyki, C., Quinton, J		



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Stats

Most Clean Sheets:

Goalkeeper	Clean Sheets
Healey, E	8
Sparrow, J	5
Ballard, M	4
Powley, M	3
Hall, D Holland, J Young, G	2

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:

Scorer	Goals
Williams, M	24
Stride, J	14
OG	13
Small, J	12
Watson, C	11
Carruthers, J Gilson, T Sellman, D Williams, N	10
Dyki, C Fashoro, O	9
Breen, J Benwell, S	8
Dhariwal, M Carruthers, B Stanley, W Jeevan, G Karamath, J	7
Eglon, J Farmer, T Quinton, J Rand, R Wrenn-Smith, C	6

8th XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	20	17	1	2	77	31	46	52
2	Old Blues 3rd	20	11	3	6	55	43	12	36
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	20	10	3	7	49	59	-10	33
4	South Bank Cuaco 6th	20	9	5	6	62	46	16	32
5	Bank of England 5th	20	9	2	9	51	43	8	29
6	South Bank Cuaco 7th	20	8	4	8	63	50	13	28
7	Civil Service 8th	20	8	4	8	48	41	7	28
8	Old Salesians 3rd	20	7	2	11	46	51	-5	23
9	Merton 7th	20	6	3	11	63	74	-11	21
10	HSBC 6th	20	5	3	12	55	69	-14	18
11	Old Wilsonians 8th	20	4	2	14	38	100	-62	14

The artists formerly known as the 9th XI, having failed to gain a single point the previous year, started the season with modest expectations. Those expectations appeared optimistic after our first league game ended in an 11-0 defeat at Merton. Luckily, the 5s on the pitch next to us also lost 11-0, making us feel a whole lot better about ourselves. Thanks lads!

Our first point of the season, which is a big deal for us, came in our very next game – a hard fought 3-3 draw at home to South Bank 6s. After that, the points flooded in, including a memorable 5-1 thrashing of Old Blues on the 1st XI pitch, with a little help from a couple of OWFC youth players. After Merton and South Bank 6s were also put to the sword, plus a draw against South Bank, our points tally was a mind boggling 11.

Feeling a little dizzy from reaching double figures, our form wavered and we've been stuck on 11 points since, with a goal difference that doesn't bear mentioning, with some serious thrashings along the way.

It's been a decent season by our admittedly modest standards, and it would have been a lot worse without our player of the season, a quality player equally comfortable in the heart of midfield or defence, Mr Consistent: Aaron Steel.

7th XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	20	17	1	2	77	31	46	52
2	Old Blues 3rd	20	11	3	6	55	43	12	36
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	20	10	3	7	49	59	-10	33
4	South Bank Cuaco 6th	20	9	5	6	62	46	16	32
5	Bank of England 5th	20	9	2	9	51	43	8	29
6	South Bank Cuaco 7th	20	8	4	8	63	50	13	28
7	Civil Service 8th	20	8	4	8	48	41	7	28
8	Old Salesians 3rd	20	7	2	11	46	51	-5	23
9	Merton 7th	20	6	3	11	63	74	-11	21
10	HSBC 6th	20	5	3	12	55	69	-14	18
11	Old Wilsonians 8th	20	4	2	14	38	100	-62	14

WERE YOU ONE OF THE 87?

After being ridiculed by Barnes last year for having the audacity to write an actual report, I will keep this one very short so everyone can get back to the business of drinking.

Last year we used 89 players; halfway through this season winning the league became an impossibility, so the focus switched to beating the record for the number of players used in a season. At the time of this going to print, it was 87.

The 7th XI would now like to take a drink with anyone who played for the 7th XI this season.

We have gathered momentum as the season draws to a close, including the dismantling of Alleyn's 100% league record, and are now the dark horses in the race for promotion.

There was a unanimous verdict on the Player of the Season; he has been at the heart of the team since I started as captain 5 years ago, is approaching (or may have passed) 250 appearances for the club, and since stepping in as a goalkeeper has improved with each game.

I am pleased to announce that the 7th Player of the Season is…James Sparrow

6th XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	16	11	3	2	67	31	36	36
2	Old Wilsonians 5th	16	11	2	3	34	31	3	35
3	Actonians Association 8th	16	8	2	6	50	39	11	26
4	HSBC 5th	16	7	2	7	43	35	8	23
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	16	7	2	7	37	39	-2	23
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	16	4	5	7	31	41	-10	17
7	Merton 5th	16	5	2	9	25	41	-16	17
8	Civil Service 7th	16	5	1	10	30	34	-4	16
9	City of London 3rd	16	2	5	9	22	48	-26	11

Under new management this season the 6s underwent a bit of a reshuffle over the summer in terms of playing personnel. With many of last year's squad leaving or deciding not to play a number of players were drafted in from the 7s.

After a successful pre-season, skippers Eggy and Adams were so confident in the squad they had assembled that they decided to miss the first two league games of the season to take a well-earned vacation. Taking on an advisory role during this period the match-day management was left to Steven Wicks' who proved that a minimalistic approach can work a treat, 2 wins from 2, 7 goals scored, 0 conceded and top of the league.

Eggy and Adams returned from vacation and the good form continued, progress in the LOB Cup was followed by an impressive come back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 against HSBC. However, the highlight of that game was actually Michael Crombie travelling to HSBC, not realising it was a home fixture. The results meant that the 6s remained top of the league in mid-October, and things looked promising for the rest of the season.

But then the new manager bounce faded. Defeat against the 5s was followed by elimination from the LOB Cup where Eggy missed a last-minute penalty. This period also coincided with the 4s taking our two stand-out players, rightly so, as they have certainly proved that they have the ability to be play higher. The poor form continued and left the 6s without a win in 8 games. However, with the final game of 2017 the 6s picked up a vital 3 points, showing great determination in coming from behind to beat Civil Service.

6th XI End of Season Report

2018 started and it was clear we would need to start picking up some points, unfortunately our next three games were against the top three teams. 3 defeats against Merton “6s”, Acton and a feisty encounter against the 5s left us staring at the possibility of relegation. One positive from the game was Nick Page’s goal of the season against Acton, volleying home an unstoppable drive from 25 yards out. Everyone enjoyed the goal, everyone that is except Nick’s girlfriend, who, despite coming to the game with him decided to sit in the car rather than watch.

The next three games would be huge and most likely define our season. So what better time for the 4s to come calling for two more players. If nothing else it proves that the 6s really is a great place for the younger players to develop and make the step-up to the higher teams! The main impact was that we had to rely on our players bringing mates along to make up the numbers, thankfully we have some friends who are very good players. 3 wins from 3, scoring 4 in each pushed us up to 4th in the league. All that was left was to see out the season with an 8-3 defeat against Merton “6s” who are currently 15 points clear of their 5TH XI, so clearly some selectional strength issues going on there.

It was a season of mixed fortunes but given the lack of players at the start of the season it can be looked back on as a successful one. We are currently 4th in the league and can finish no lower than 5th so there is certainly something to build on next season, albeit with someone else at the reigns (Yes, you can treat this as my resignation as skipper!).

A few more of our highlights over the season included a running theme of players turning up late for games and then coming up with obscure reasons for their lateness. Callum Wrenn-Smith will be coming around with a bucket for spare change which will go towards buying a new car, as on at least two occasions it has broken down on match day. Jake Lawrence meanwhile will probably be the last to finish eating tonight, one Saturday he turned up late because he “couldn’t eat his lunch quick enough so ended up leaving the house later than planned”.

6th XI End of Season Report

Eggy's ambitious attempt at a bicycle kick away at Acton. Some say he got close to the ball, other's say he was nowhere near. All we are certain of is there is still a huge dent in the Gunnersbury Park pitches from the landing.

We also had Steven Wicks being called out by a City of London player for "looking like a pirate", who, when pointed out to him that he didn't really have a leg to stand on given he was wearing tights, responded with "yeah, well…I stole them from your girlfriend".

Then finally there is Kris "pulls who he wants" Page, who, while pre-drinking for a night out at uni decided to share a picture of his Mount Gay Rum with the group and declared that "Me and Shelts on the rum and plastic glasses tonight", a case of "wrong WhatsApp group" apparently. Drink on Lads.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

This year's vote for player of the season saw 8 different people receive votes and it has become clear that I'm not as successful at rigging elections as the Russians are. Despite the spread of votes there was a clear winner. Watching him play you wouldn't know that it was his first season in adult football, as he has held his own while playing an important role in the centre of our defence. Calm on the ball and not afraid to throw himself in to a tackle, as I'm sure some of the 5s will confirm, he has had a great first season and I hope that he has many more ahead of him at this club. Congratulations **TOBY SHELTON**.

5th XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	16	11	3	2	67	31	36	36
2	Old Wilsonians 5th	16	11	2	3	34	31	3	35
3	Actonians Association 8th	16	8	2	6	50	39	11	26
4	HSBC 5th	16	7	2	7	43	35	8	23
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	16	7	2	7	37	39	-2	23
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	16	4	5	7	31	41	-10	17
7	Merton 5th	16	5	2	9	25	41	-16	17
8	Civil Service 7th	16	5	1	10	30	34	-4	16
9	City of London 3rd	16	2	5	9	22	48	-26	11

A change in management close season saw Charman drop to vice captain and myself become skipper during the close season. We managed to retain a core of players from last year whilst the class of 2002 returned to Old Boys with the recruitment of 7 fading, overweight, unfit 'galaticos' who still trade on tales of Surrey Schools Cup Finals from the year 2000, ask most birds who go out in and around Brixton in the past couple of decades.

We had a good pre-season and opened the league campaign with a win against Merton 5s which lead to extremely premature talk about how we would stroll the league with the quality of players we had. This was swiftly put to bed by us getting thrashed 5-0 and 11-0. The 11-0 was one of the most harrowing experience as an Old Wilsonian as we fielded a strong, if slightly changed team and found ourselves 5-0 in 15 minutes against a suspiciously strong Merton 6th team. In between these horrendous results we also got dumped out of the LOB in the first round 4-0.

Pressure was mounting on the new management and the questionable close seasons signings, some could only 7 or 8 minutes playing time at a time at this point and the rolling subs league rule was really tested in most games. Next up was the club derby against the 6xi who had started the season extremely well. We must of had 25 shots on goal before the 6s went 1-0 up with their first. We managed to turn the game around in the 2nd half and this really proved the turning point in our season as we went on a run which included beating an unbeaten Carshalton team from 3 leagues above us in AFA and our league form improved before we were beaten by Merton 6s again in a tight game.

Following this defeat we went on remarkable run in the league and haven't dropped points in the league since November at the time of writing which has seen us risen from mid table to top of the table. We haven't scored more than 2 goals in any match with 6 out of 8 wins coming by 2-1 margins. The football has been far from pretty but we have ground out results including coming from behind to score 2 in the last 5 minutes to rescue 3 points against HSBC and an injury time winner away at Acton to secure promotion against 3rd placed Acton. Indeed, we have only just made it to positive goal difference and have the 3rd worst goal scored in the league but with two games against Merton and South Bank to go can we hang on for an unlikely league title.

It's been a really enjoyable season with plenty of laughs, far too many post match piss ups and most importantly a relatively settled squad of the same 16 or so players every week. Josh Cotter still hasn't scored a goal, Steve Moniz still hasn't pulled a bird, Mark Underwood hasn't played more than 20 minutes in a match and Will Bennett still falls over, a lot. But bless 'em, they try.

5th XI Player of the season – George Young

4th XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 6th	16	12	3	1	48	25	23	39
2	Ibis Eagles 4th	16	9	4	3	42	23	19	31
3	West Wickham 5th	16	8	2	6	44	27	17	26
4	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	16	6	5	5	41	39	2	23
5	HSBC 4th	16	7	0	9	36	43	-7	21
6	Old Wilsonians 4th	16	5	5	6	34	40	-6	20
7	Bank of England 4th	16	4	3	9	24	29	-5	15
8	Polytechnic 6th	16	3	5	8	25	51	-26	14
9	City of London Res	16	3	3	10	24	41	-17	12

The 4s season can be summed up as a season of 2 halves; before Xmas we were flying and optimism was high, we went 8 games unbeaten, Matt Rand was forced to come up with ever more fan inventive chants each week and Yuved was declaring his undying love for Saturdays. Particular victories to be savoured included beating Old Bealonians 3-2 away in the AFA cup in the last minute thanks to an Ant Adams screamer, dominating a strong Owens side at their place and winning on pens against Sillhill from Birmingham in fading light.

Our last game before Xmas we came from behind to beat West Wickham 2-1 and complete a satisfying double over our neighbours!

After Xmas unfortunately the momentum did not continue, first game back throwing a 2 goal lead away against a very beatable Salesians to lose 4-2, and then losing 3-1 to Max Rushden's Polytechnic dumping us out of the cups. February also saw us suffer 3 demoralising defeats, which began with a heavy defeat by City of London on a mud bath in Catford, followed by Alleyns and HSBC, all games with up to half the usual squad unavailable.

This pretty much put an end to earlier our hopes of going for any silverware. Frustratingly in recent weeks we seem to have recaptured some of that early season form.

It is fair to say availability has been our downfall, with our strongest squad we have looked a very strong side and we should have been up their challenging for the league!

Special mentions go to Matt 'The Big Show' Ballard who has been terrific all season between the sticks, coming up with some of the best performances I've known from him, Tiffin paired with Ironside or Godwin have made a very solid centre back pairing, Gowtham and his BFF Will Gunnell have made the CM spots their own, and Adams and JFR have often been able to come up with the goods when we've needed them to. Cejay has been one of our best players, as ever, and towards the end of the season Tom Dixon and Nick Page have stepped up from the 6s with some brilliant performances. Other regulars Matt Rand, Jacques Abdou, Elliot Roberts, Yuved and Phil Platts also deserve a mention for their contribution and the strength they've added to the team.

As I write we still have are in 4th with 3 games to play to determine our final position.

Cheers for a great rollercoaster season boys, I've enjoyed the experience!
4th XI Player of the season – Gotham Jeevan

3rd XI End of Season Report

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 4th	20	16	3	1	50	15	35	51
2	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	20	14	2	4	67	42	25	44
3	Nottsborough 4th	20	11	3	6	54	34	20	36
4	City of London	20	10	4	6	39	25	14	34
5	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	20	9	5	6	42	40	2	32
6	Carshalton 3rd	20	9	2	9	47	42	5	29
7	Actonians Association 4th	20	7	4	9	34	37	-3	25
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	20	4	6	10	33	40	-7	18
9	Kew Association Res	20	6	0	14	37	52	-15	18
10	Merton 3rd	20	5	1	14	31	59	-28	16
11	HSBC 3rd	20	3	2	15	23	71	-48	11

Football is nothing without a good cliché – “It’s still 0-0 lads”, “Make the first tackle count”, “Play to the whistle” and the classic “It’s a game of two halves”… For us, this has very definitely been “a season of two halves” – In fact so much so, that we refer to the season as “pre-November” and “the shit rest of the season”.

18th August 2017, the sun breaks over South London and the 3rd Xi are reconvening after a summer of rest/holidays/weddings and model shoots (more of that later). We travelled to a Dorkinians side that had played our 2s the week before, for our first friendly with several new faces in the squad and it was clear that there was a slick new style and cohesion flowing through the side. We lost narrowly but confidence was high and this came to the fore very clearly in the following 2 friendlies, scoring 8 and conceding 1. We took this confidence into the opening league game and saw off newcomers to the league City of London 3-2, despite several players turning up with various renditions of the flu or a cold or infernos hangovers (Chibu). Having agreed that “we definitely would’ve lost that last season”, we descended upon the bar and discussed how we needed to turn up sharper the following week as we embarked upon our AFA Cup challenge.

This was clearly taken seriously as we promptly dispatched Tiffinians Reserves by the small margin of 10 goals to nil. There may or may not have been some rods cast to see if we could get a certain senior striker to bite about the fact he hadn’t scored in a 10-0 rout… No one’s ever seen Bonsels bite so hard! In to September and the good form continued as we progressed in each of the cups, and officially racked up the same amount of cup wins in that month as we had done for the entire previous 3 seasons.

3rd XI End of Season Report

October wasn't quite so kind to us. There was a win against the schoolboys but our first league defeat of the season to a suspiciously strong HSBC was followed up by a Palace-esque 90th minute conceding of a goal to draw away at South Bank and the end of 2 cup challenges. Dusting ourselves down and a change in system we welcomed Nottsborough to Hayes and despite Kirby's jubilance at the "youthful look of our squad" upon announcement, we won 3-0 with goals coming from a 26yr old Tyler Gilson, 2 from a 30yr old Matt Williams and a man of the match performance by 37yr old Prav Panicker! League campaign still in tact and buoyed by the Notts result we followed up with dominant performances against Owens, Merton and to cap it off a 7-0 thumping of Kew. 25th November 2017 – If only the league finished here – We'd have finished second with a +9 goal difference…. The season did not finish here.

"Deadman's December" saw us lose to Acton with 2 goals conceded in the last 5mins (the winner, a 40yrd toe-blow) and concede another 90th minute equaliser to South Bank.

Could the season be slipping away? Not if we started the new year well and a home fixture, on Hayes, against rock bottom Merton gave us the perfect platform… We lost 2-1. Merton at this stage had 4pts to show for the season, all courtesy of Wilsons! A defeat to leaders Poly followed and yet another unjust draw away to Carshalton. A title challenge was now out of the question but there remained a slim chance of promotion. With skipper Ricky away for the week, heir to the captaincy and future club Chairman Joe Kirby took the reigns seeking a win against a Kew team we had thrashed 7-0 in November. A message from Jimmy Taylor forewarned that "I didn't want to know the score" – He was right. 4-1 reverse! The season was fast turning into a relegation scrap and lady luck was against us, losing players to injuries, illness, war tours and "finding myself" travels. Defeats to Carshalton, City of London, Nottsborough and a draw to Alleyns meant we arrived in April having now not won a game of football since November! A season defining game away to HSBC now took on extra relevance. It must have been a cold day in hell on 7th April because despite a very dodgy referee, we ground out a deserved 4-1 win to effectively ensure survival. It's been a rollercoaster of a season, one that, much like a through ball from Chibu, initially looked good but ultimately went wayward!

3rd XI End of Season Report

Despite this, it has been an enjoyable one and I'm sure there will be success in the future. Plenty of contenders for dick of the season – Chibu mistaking a cricket box for "a small boat", Dave Beer for leaving in the 70th minute to look after his dog, Chibu screaming "my goal, my goal!" as he helped a goalbound effort over the line from a yard out, Dan Searle dropping out 2hrs before kick off to work at BoxPark, and Chibu for nearly missing a game to appear as an extra on Real Housewives of Cheshire!

There was however, only one real contender for Player of The Season. A new member to the team this year, he has played in several positions and always put in a solid 8/10. He has chipped in -literally- with no fewer than 10 goals from midfield, the crowning jewel being a 20yrd chip against Nottsborough, effectively retiring the goalie in the process. He may have busted his nose early in the season but it hasn't stopped him challenging every ball and going for every header. He's seamlessly stepped up from the 5s last season and with an almost clean sweep of the votes, this seasons player of the year is Tyler Gilson.



2nd XI End of Season Report

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham Res	18	13	4	1	56	18	38	43
2	Alleyn Old Boys Res	18	12	1	5	49	26	23	37
3	Polytechnic Res	18	9	5	4	37	18	19	32
4	NUFC Oilers Res	18	9	5	4	54	37	17	32
5	Old Wilsonians Res	18	7	2	9	33	36	-3	23
6	Nottsborough Res	18	6	4	8	34	35	-1	22
7	Actonians Association Res	18	5	5	8	27	38	-11	20
8	Winchmore Hill Res	18	6	2	10	24	36	-12	20
9	Civil Service Res	18	4	5	9	30	50	-20	17
10	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	18	1	3	14	20	70	-50	6

My first year fully in charge of the team at the club has been a steep learning curve and I would like to first take a moment to thank the efforts that all the skippers have put in getting sides out and raising money for the club. Also to thank Stu Dunk and Jamie Parkinson for all their help on match days.

On the pitch this year it has been our most disappointing with regards to results, but has seen some excellent results and at time great team performances. A lack of a availability for us along with injuries, babies, trips abroad and suspensions to some of our regulars has hindered us. However, it has always been a joy to play both during games with a hugely positive atmosphere and walking of the pitch with a smile whatever the result. However, to be more successful this year we need to turn this enjoyment to play with each other to grit and determination to win games for each other. We lost 4 games from winning positions in the league and without this we would have been in a title challenge.

Off the pitch the introduction of the introduction of Sam James has added quizzes, horrific pictures, raps, terrible banter and feuds with Old Boys Matt Ballard and Gary Bonsels to the whatsapp group which is growing beyond control. Such is its entertainment that Doug Smart turned out for us this week so that he can remain in the group for next season. There is an abundance of beers post games where at home or away at MILL HILL BROADWAY. This has only been rivalled by the 5s AA group and tours of yester year. This has made the hard work of the week getting a team together so worthwhile and hope that with a more consistent unit next year we can gain some silverware again.

2nd XI End of Season Report

Key highlights of the season were £3 pints in the bridge tavern.
James Kyne losing stuff most weeks as he drunk himself into a comer.
The player from Garchionians 1s who waited around for 2 hours to shout at the whole club after Jon called him a cunt.
Teddy Farmer going down quicker than a fat bird on James Paton on a Rep team tour to Gurnsey. And constantly getting nailed subsequently.
Will Stanley regular vomiting.
Skipper Jon Howe turning up to Actonians and bench himself as he was too hung over to play.
Away win at cunting Civil with 10 men for over an hour. Dan Harris being the worse fines master ever.
Stu Dunk getting landed on by the biggest player in the league and one of their players saying if he continues to play his shoulder would fall off
Teddy and Aaron texting each other every half time
Nathan Tanner – That is all

The player of the season decision was difficult, and despite his efforts Jon Howe was still no where near winning. A big mention to James Kyne who will be a future captain of the club after a break from Jon Howe's grooming when he was 11 years old it continued this year and allowed him to flourish in the 2s. John Carruthers was a goal machine before he left for OZ. Jamie Parkinson midfield enforcer until he had a baby. Andy Free post steroid ridden Sochi trip came back and won 3 of our last 6 MoMs. Teddy Farmer certainly our most improved player. But our winner is Will Stanley, another groomed member of Howe's first managerial legacy 11 years ago. Will's goals, followed by obligatory vomit, and performances for the 2s have lead to him playing a number of games for the 1s. Ever committed deciding to stay for football and then travelling to see his Missus in Essex and here is to meeting her when Parks come up next season. Well done buddy!!

1st XI End of Season Report

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	20	15	3	2	71	14	57	48
2	Alleyn Old Boys	20	12	4	4	45	22	23	40
3	Nottsborough	20	12	3	5	54	21	33	39
4	West Wickham	20	9	5	6	35	36	-1	32
5	Old Wilsonians	20	7	7	6	39	31	8	28
6	Old Parkonians	20	6	6	8	32	43	-11	24
7	Old Garchonians	20	6	5	9	34	44	-10	23
8	Old Owens	20	5	5	10	36	43	-7	20
9	Winchmore Hill	20	4	6	10	37	51	-14	18
10	East Barnet Old Grammarians	20	5	3	12	31	73	-42	18
11	Bank of England	20	4	3	13	21	57	-36	15

This season was a year of big swings in league form for the 1s. After the introduction of a revolutionary 4-4-2 diamond by captain Sellman, OWs didn't pick up a league win until mid-November! However, after ditching this approach for the more conventional 4-3-3 hit the channels tactic and Nick Williams had got a bit aggy at the Christmas party, the 1s started to climb the league. This conveniently coincided with the university players returning, proving once-and-for-all that you probably can win things with kids.

An injury crisis, probably resulting from too much training or from the fact that there were a number of North London trips in the middle of winter, meant even Jon Howe had to turn out a couple of times and led to a bit of soul-searching from captain Sellman to try and avoid relegation. But, as the weather has picked up so has the form and we currently stand in fourth, with three to play.

There were runs to the Surrey Premier cup quarter final and AFA cup semi-final alongside this, with the Surrey cup ending in an emphatic 8-1 defeat to Worcester Park proving the 1s cannot do it on a cold Monday night in Colliers Wood – if you ever have a spare £75 though it's worth going to Colliers Wood as they put on great sandwiches!

The AFA cup semi-final was more frustrating, losing to eventual winners Actonians. In a close game, it was one breakaway goal from a Wilsons 3 on 2 attack that made the difference, proving even at this amateur level it is a game of fine margins!

In the end, it was a solid season and if some of the draws could have been turned into wins and can keep everyone fit then it should be possible to push on next season for the inaugural league title!

POTY - Ed Healy

11 different people got votes this year, and if the trophy went to the person with the most second placed votes then Sellman would deservedly be walking away with the trophy. As it is, there was one overwhelming winner. This year's winner has punched his way to 9 clean sheets and maintains an equally clean flat by ensuring all drinks are placed on coasters at all times. He has been a regular top-peformer, pulling of numerous important saves to ensure 3 points for the side. Going by the Instagram tag of 'weekend_millionaire', this year's winner is Ed Healy.

End of Season Award Winners

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

Great end of Season dinner last night. #prayforjonhowe

8s celebrated their best ever points tally. Aaron Steele picking up POTY

2 members of the 7s had a wild one. @jambosm6 left with the trophy

6s were there in force with youngster Toby Shelton collecting the gong. #thebestbrother

5s celebrated promotion in force. Great day for keeper @GeorgeOYoung. A goal and POTY

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

3s provides the most comprehensive account of their average season. POTY was @TylerGilson1. @mballard_24 again dropped the award. #arewestillinnovember

2s as usual performed better at the bar than on the pitch. Will Stanley celebrated his award with worst worm you could ever see #greatstoryjonhowe

1s had more at the dinner than they had available this week. @edhealy88 was POTY despite being the second best keeper at the club. He also picked up golden glove award #cruellyoverlooked

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

Top scorer was again Matt Williams smdespiye living 1000 miles away. Sam James made a noble attempt to retain the crown scoring 3 goals. #shitforthe2s

There were some strong contenders for J Arthur but Lloyd French won for looking like Stevie Wonder. #ijustcalledtosayiloveyou

Clarke Quarrington went to the Chairman's neighbour @jeglon. He left early to look after his new puppy

Matt Rand
@mattranduk
Following

Replying to @mballard_24 @oldwilsonians @Gow_J

Congrats to the @Lunacroydon bouncer on winning 4s POTY

Old Wilsonians
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Following

Congratulations to all award winners. Thanks to @jonhowe14 and Alex Forbes for a top evening and guest speaker @KendoCricket. Also massive thanks to all that make this club so special.

All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

Classified Result, May 15th 1993				
Old Aloysians	2	1st XI	3	Churchman 2, Trout

THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME Old Aloysians 2 1st XI 3

We were beginning to wonder if the season was ever going to end! Off to North London for a mid-day kick-off on F.A Cup Final day against the team that hammered us 7-0 only two months ago. Certainly I felt that the previous 7-0 score-line needed some avenging and I suspect some of our other players felt the same and played accordingly.

Our first goal came after about 15 minutes when 'League Boy' Murray, for once, treated the opposition defence with deserved contempt. He roasted them, hit the by-line and served up a low, hard cross which was spooned home from five yards by 'New boots' **JEFF CHURCHMAN.**

Unfortunately, by half-time, we had conceded two goals, one of which was a glorious header by our very own Jason 'Beardy' Burgess!

For the second half we were playing against the wind, and this put the midfield and defence under some pressure, but we battled hard and most of Aloysians' goal attempts were restricted to outside the penalty box. One notable challenge came from Paul Horswood, who took the ball at the last possible moment from a right cocky little Aloysian who was sure he was going to score

Our 'Jolly Nice' Carl Burgess had a good game at the heart of our defence, whilst our attacking play gave Aloysians a lesson in swift attacks down the flanks and getting support quickly into the box and **'TROUTY'** slotted home one cross and our third came from **'NEW BOOTS.'**

All in all the 1st XI have had quite a good season, reaching the semi-final of the London Old Boys Cup and attaining a comfortable mid-table position and there is not one team in the Premier league that we have not drawn against or beaten.
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