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OWFC Xmas Party- Saturday November 24th

The OWFC welcomes you all to the Christmas party, to be held at The Sun in Clapham Old Town on Saturday 24th November.

To get your tickets speak to your captain or contact Jon Howe



Alumni Evening - Wednesday November 28th

Calling ***ALL*** Old Wilsonians

Delighted to report that Wilson's School are holding an

Alumni Drinks Party on Wednesday November 28th in the Great Hall in Camberwell from 6-30 p.m. until 8-30 p.m, and, Yes, that does read 'Camberwell' so it will be of particular interest to those of you who enjoyed your education there

What's an alumni, I hear those of you who were brought up in the aforesaid Camberwell, Peckham, New Cross and Elephant and Castle area cry?

Well, it simply means former members of the school – those who attended at Wallington, where the school has been situated since 1975, will explain in more detail

And that year, i.e 1975, is particularly significant as far as this event is concerned because the initial Wallington pupils will now be in their mid 50s whilst if you go 43 years in the other direction, you get well into the 90s, so the evening will be of interest to Old Wilsonians at both ends of the age spectrum

For those who remember only Wallington this is an ideal opportunity to experience the roots of the school, whilst for those whose memories only relate to Camberwell, you can go back and see if your name, which you so lovingly carved in the wall back in 1952, is still there

As well as a convivial evening, at which the memories will flow as freely as the refreshments , there will be some interesting memorabilia for the older generation of Old Wilsonians to examine, e.g.

The Punishment Book **-** A lot of familiar names there

The Commendation Book - Not so many there!

A number of people have already expressed their interest in attending, with the classes of 1956 and 1962 both promising/threatening to come mob handed, but, whether you intend attending as a group or as an individual, you will be most welcome and will undoubtedly know more than a few people there – after all, we did all go to Wilson's!

Please let me know if you wish to attend – need to know for catering purposes - and, amongst other things, we will attempt to fill the Great Hall that so many of us remember so well

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Fixtures and Results

Results - 3rd/4th November

1st XI	1	1	Old Garchonians	SAL
Mallins, B.				
Actonian Association	0	1	**2nd XI**	SAL
Clare, M.				
Kew Association	3	1	**3rd XI**	SAL
Williams, M.				
Bank of England	2	2	**4th XI**	SAL
Watson, C., Page, N.				
Albanians	4	3	**5th XI**	AFA
Breen, J., Cotter, J., Bailey, J.				
6th XI	3	1	HSBC 5s	SAL
Sherlock, Stan (2)., Sherlock, Syd.				
7th XI	4	3	Civil Service	SAL
OG, Rand, R (2)., Benwell, S.				
HSBC 6s	7	1	**8th XI**	SAL
Skeemer, L.				
9th XI	0	3	Merton 6s	SAL
N/A				
Vets	3	2	Alleyn Old Boys	LOBC
Doyle, J., Smart, D., Smart, M.				

Fixtures - 10th/11th November

South Bank Cuaco	13-30	**2nd XI**
AFA - Away		
3rd XI	14-00	Merton 3s
SAL - Hayes		
4th XI	13-30	Old Salesians 2s
OBC - Hayes		
Bealonians	14-00	**5th XI**
OBC - Away		
6th XI	13-30	Old Lyonians
OBC - Hawes Down		
Polytechnic 8s	14-00	**7th XI**
SAL - Away		
8th XI	14-00	Merton 6s
SAL - Hawes Down		
South Bank Cuaco 7s	14-00	**9th XI**
SAL - Away		
Vets	14-00	Old Tenisonians
OBC - Hayes		



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Stats

Top Goalscorer	
Sherlock, Stan	9
Watson, Ce	7
Wright, M	
Seddon, O	6
Mallins, B	5
Afoluja, D	4
Karamath, J	
Rand, R	
Stride, J	
Newman-Sanders, B	3
Sellman, D	
Williams, N	
Wright, S	
Shave, D	
Benwell, S	
Breen, J	
Sherlock, Syd	
Williams, M	

Clean Sheets	
Sherlock, T	2
Dalby, J	1
Bradley, L	
Gigi	
Healy, E	
Renee-Carter, H	

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
1st XI	8	8	0	0	24	0	100
2nd XI	8	7	1	0	22	2	100
6th XI	7	7	0	0	21	0	100
5th XI	6	6	0	0	18	0	100
8th XI	6	3	3	0	12	6	100
9th XI	4	4	0	0	12	0	100
3rd XI	8	6	1	1	19	5	88
4th XI	7	5	1	1	16	5	86
7th XI	7	4	2	1	14	7	86

1st XI Match Report (1-1 vs Old Garchonians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough	8	5	2	1	17	8	9	17
2	West Wickham	5	4	1	0	13	4	9	13
3	Polytechnic	7	3	1	3	17	12	5	10
4	Alleyn Old Boys	6	3	1	2	9	6	3	10
5	Old Garchonians	8	2	3	3	11	12	-1	9
6	Civil Service	6	2	2	2	7	9	-2	8
7	Old Wilsonians	7	2	2	3	14	18	-4	8
8	Actonians Association	7	2	1	4	9	15	-6	7
9	Old Owens	4	2	0	2	10	11	-1	6
10	Winchmore Hill	5	2	0	3	4	9	-5	6
11	Old Parkonians	5	0	1	4	4	11	-7	1

This week saw a clash of two mid-table giants, as the Old Boys took on Old Garchonians at the fortress that is Hayes Hill. Coming off the back of two big wins in recent weeks, the lads came in confident of another victory – a confidence boosted by clubfoot Healy handing the No. 1 shirt over to Powley for this weeks' game. Following a quick chat in the changing room and a good warm up, both teams were ready for kick off, with the coin toss giving Wilson's the honours.

The first 10 minutes favoured Garchonians, with them holding the majority of possession and maintaining pressure in the Wilson's half – though without creating any clear-cut chances. Having weathered this early phase, Wilson's grew into the game and were having some joy down both wings. The first real chance of the game saw Ohene thread a great ball through to meet the run of Wright, who was denied by the outstretched boot of the Garchonian keeper. The best chance of the half came late, and for Wilson's again. The ball had fallen kindly for Sellman, who forced the Garchonian keeper to parry a save right into the path of Akaya just yards from the gaping net. It seemed impossible to miss, but Akaya somehow managed to head the ball off the bar! The teams headed into half time with the score at 0-0, with Wilson's ruing these missed chances.

The second half continued in similar fashion to the first, with Garchonians edging the possession but unable to create many chances – a credit to Hackett and Osborn both having great games through the middle of defence. The opener came from a Garchonian set-piece. A delivery swung in from the right wasn't dealt with by the Wilsonian defence, with the ball falling for the Garchonian No. 9 in the 6-yard box and him slotting home. With 20 minutes to play, the Old Boys now faced an uphill battle to get anything from the game. The introduction of Aofolaju was a bright one, as he was causing real trouble with his pace and strength breaking the lines for Wilson's going forward. The late chances were falling Wilsons' way, with shots from the front men still unable to find the net. Some questioned whether Sellman and Akaya had borrowed each others' shooting boots as Sellman too managed the near impossible task of missing an open goal just yards from the line! The final minutes saw pure madness ensue. An Osborn throw launched into the box was cleared only as far as a leaping Akaya, who fired a header back goalwards, met by the in-form Mallins who was able to glance the ball to the top left-hand corner – sparking celebrations which rang around the ground. With the game drawing to a close, a late attack by Garchonians ended in what can only be described as "headloss of the year", as Hackett planted a flying elbow on the oppositions' No. 9 – drawing an early end to what had been a good game for him, and gifting Garchonians a penalty with seconds on the clock. With the taste of Hackett's elbow still rife, No. 9 stepped up to the spot kick but must wish he hadn't. With the final kick of the game, a weak effort to Powley's left was gladfully accepted by the Wilsonian No. 1, and the final whistle followed. A dramatic end, to an otherwise good contest between the two. The Old Boys had the pick of the chances but come away happy to take a point from the game.

Match Report: Sam Wright

2nd XI Match Report (1-0 vs Actonians Association)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough Res	7	5	2	0	14	3	11	17
2	West Wickham Res	7	4	3	0	15	3	12	15
3	NUFC Oilers Res	4	3	1	0	14	2	12	10
4	Winchmore Hill Res	6	3	1	2	18	10	8	10
5	Alleyn Old Boys Res	4	2	2	0	12	7	5	8
6	Old Wilsonians Res	5	2	0	3	9	13	-4	6
7	Actonians Association Res	6	1	0	5	7	14	-7	3
8	Bank of England Res	6	1	0	5	9	27	-18	3
9	Polytechnic Res	7	0	1	6	7	26	-19	1

The 2nd XI picked up a well fought 3 points away at Acton, with one of football's classic score lines, 1-0. Matt Clare scored what turned out to be the winning goal mid way through the second half after some persistent attacking.

There were many chances for both sides with the back four and Ed Healy making some great stops, and our attackers testing Acton's GK and clubhouse roof on a number of occasions.

In the end the 2s resolve and grit proved too much for the hosts, which was a welcome change from some recent results!

With the ball up in the air for large parts it wasn't one for the purists, but a great win all the same. Man of the match was Josh Mackey with some great work from right back, like a young Gary Neville.

Squad:

Ed Healy, Aaron George, Stu Dunk, Andy Free, Josh Mackley, Kev Cliffe, Craig Elliot, Gowtham Jeeven, James Taylor, Jon Howe, Matt Clare, Will Stanley, BNS

3rd XI Match Report (1-3 vs Kew Association)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 5th	7	5	1	1	17	18	-1	16
2	Civil Service 4th	6	5	0	1	22	11	11	15
3	Kew Association Res	7	4	2	1	22	13	9	14
4	Actonians Association 5th	7	3	2	2	12	9	3	11
5	Old Salesians	7	3	1	3	24	15	9	10
6	Actonians Association 6th	7	3	1	3	16	19	-3	10
7	HSBC 3rd	6	2	0	4	17	20	-3	6
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	4	1	1	2	7	5	2	4
9	Merton 3rd	6	1	0	5	14	18	-4	3
10	Carshalton 4th	5	0	0	5	5	28	-23	0

So the 3s arrived in good spirits, fully prepared and ready to have a good go at Kew on this lovely Saturday morning... Unfortunately not quite. The 3s were without a keeper, any form of a substitute and 2 Old Wilsonian donuts ended up horrifically late and changed in the light afternoon breeze on the side of the pitch. KO was delayed and about 7 minutes after scheduled kick off the initial whistle was blown.

Early on the game was even and a long ball down the side saw their left winger get down the flank, in behind. When he looked up he saw Joe Kirby between the sticks who was looking more out of position than Abu Hamza in the home end of a millwall game. The winger dispatched the chance, and in fairness to el capitano, that was his only mistake all game really, a solid performance between the sticks. Sean often found himself on the ball in the first half and was running the defence ragged. Josh and Chibu commanded the midfield winning 90% of battles. Going in to half time the 3s were all over them, free kicks and corners galore. Then a chance came, Yanni found himself in behind the defence, squared it back to Karam on the edge of the box who in about the third try managed to find a pass to Matt, which he dispatched excellently from about 10 yards out only for it to be called offside for literally no reason at all. Oh well, after that, we were in at half time and Percy pigs were gobbled and we were raring to go in the second half.

Second half we come out and about 10 minutes in Sean plays a lovely through ball across the pitch to Karam who sticks the ball on a plate for matt to tuck away on the far corner of the 6 yard box. A great footballing move and by far the best bit of football of the afternoon. Then from then onwards I think the ref just decided he was going to do his absolute best to ensure he didn't get paid (hopefully he didn't). He would give nothing, then next minute he was giving fouls here, and offsides there (I'm sure if you said please he'd have given you his sisters phone number).

Alas we went on. Around 60-70 minutes in they bagged another goal from a header from a corner. They were a taller side than us and despite what seemed like an obvious hold of Gabriel's arm in the box, the ref let the goal stand and we were 2-1 down. Going into the last 10 we had 3 or 4 half chances to draw level, many from absolutely delicious Pat Kirby corners, but none found their way in the net. At the end, last two minutes, their winger got in behind our defence and started running into the box (admittedly after some comical defending from Gabs, the back heel in the six yard box against his other shin, wasn't his best move of the game) and Josh may or may not have chopped the winger down and a penalty was given. Then their striker who looked like the offspring of sloth from the goonies, tucked the penalty away. 3-1. A couple more chances for us followed, but we were all knackered. Can't fault the performance from the boys today. Really not a score reflective of the game at all. UP the 3s!

4th XI Match Report (2-2 vs Bank of England)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham 5th	5	5	0	0	15	6	9	15
2	Corinthian-Casuals U21	6	4	0	2	21	12	9	12
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	7	3	2	2	19	12	7	11
4	HSBC 4th	7	3	1	3	16	15	1	10
5	South Bank Cuaco 4th	7	3	1	3	13	19	-6	10
6	Ibis Eagles 3rd	5	2	0	3	14	11	3	6
7	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	4	2	0	2	9	9	0	6
8	Weirside Rangers 3rd	7	1	3	3	9	20	-11	6
9	Bank of England 4th	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
10	Civil Service Fifth	6	1	1	4	10	19	-9	4

The 4s arrived at Bank of England looking to make it 12 points from the last 4 matches and consolidate our position as the league's top goalscorers.

With our confidence high, and in our tried and tested 3-5-2 formation, we started in the worst possible way. After failing to deal with a lofted ball, a solid strike found the bottom corner. 30 seconds played, 1-0.

As wake up calls go, this worked a treat and we soon began to dominate the game with the midfield trio of Magnus, Tiffin and Gunnell taking charge. After plenty of near misses, including Tom Dixon launching a long throw-in straight into the top corner, we finally found the net in spectacular fashion. Neatly controlling the ball on the turn, Cejay Watson rocketed it into the net from 25 yards leaving the keeper with no chance. 1-1 at the halfway point.

If we started the first half in the worst possible way, the start of the second was the complete opposite. Neat build up play straight from kick off led to Nick Page receiving a through ball on the edge of the area before finishing tidily.

The rest of the second half was very much the Will Gunnell show. After missing two one-on-ones to put the game to bed, he then decided to pass the ball straight to their striker (later arguing that the opposition striker was the only player who looked like he wanted the ball) who gratefully accepted the gift and and set up their winger to make it 2-2. A bad day in the office but at least he bought us some pitchers to say sorry. Thanks mate x

From this point on, the match was evenly contested with both sides coming close to finding a winner. The moment of the game came when Cristiano Ironside hit a first time shot from 40 yards, and despite Joe Richardson screaming 'yes' multiple times, was unlucky to find the inside of the post.

Although we felt as though we could have taken the 3 points, a draw away from home against decent opposition sets us up nicely to start a cup run next week. Love Saturdays.

MOM Magnus Wright

5th XI Match Report (3-3 / 3-4 AET vs Albanians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	6	5	1	0	25	8	17	16
2	West Wickham 6th	6	4	0	2	15	13	2	12
3	Polytechnic 7th	4	3	1	0	11	5	6	10
4	Merton 4th	5	1	3	1	8	9	-1	6
5	Ibis Eagles 4th	4	1	0	3	8	12	-4	3
6	Actonians Association 7th	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3
7	Merton 5th	6	1	0	5	4	14	-10	3
8	Old Wilsonians 5th	3	0	1	2	3	9	-6	1

The 5 made the 2+ hour journey to somewhere in the depths of North East London/Hertfordshire for the next round of the AFA cup against Albanians (apparently originating from St Albans, not the Balkans).

Playing on an artificial surface and against a heavy wind in the first half proved difficult but we started the game well and looked. However as the half wore on we began to drop deeper and deeper and Albanians deservedly took the lead after half hour. We saw the rest of the half out and went into the break at 1-0 knowing the second half would be a different game with the wind and low sun at our backs.

Unfortunately we conceded again against the run of play with a sloppy goal on the break. This was a really competitive game of football played at a high and aggressive tempo and with 10 minutes left we finally pulled a goal back after Bailey flicked in a corner.

The previous 90 minutes proved to be just a pre-cursor for an epic 6 minutes of injury time. Firstly we deservedly equalised as Cotter powered home after a long throw into the box was knocked down. 2 minutes later we scored what looked like a winner in the 94th minute when Breen finished delightfully with a chip sparking epic celebrations. However, we conceded a corner straight from kick off with the ref indicating it would be the last kick of the game. Predictably we didn't deal with it and somehow the game was going to extra time, 3-3.

Extra time was a bit of a stalemate as both teams had put so much into the first 90 minutes but with 5 minutes left Charman conceded the most stonewall penalty you've ever seen, they converted the penalty and it finished 4-3.

A really fantastic match and performance against a really strong side and for the first time this season we felt like the same team that was so successful last year battling till the death whilst having a laugh at the ridiculous situations that pop up in 5xi standard.

MoM Josh Cotter

6th XI Match Report (3-1 vs HSBC 5s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 5th	6	3	2	1	20	12	8	11
2	South Bank Cuaco 5th	4	3	1	0	12	3	9	10
3	Old Blues 3rd	4	3	0	1	17	6	11	9
4	Old Wilsonians 6th	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
5	Civil Service 6th	5	2	1	2	12	13	-1	7
6	Polytechnic 8th	5	2	1	2	12	13	-1	7
7	South Bank Cuaco 6th	5	1	2	2	8	11	-3	5
8	Actonians Association 8th	5	1	2	2	8	16	-8	5
9	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	4	1	0	3	9	16	-7	3
10	Old Wilsonians 7th	4	1	0	3	6	14	-8	3
11	Civil Service 7th	2	0	0	2	4	7	-3	0

This week Old Wilsonians faced up against HSBC, who going into the game were top of the league. The first 15 minutes was a cagey affair with both teams not committing too many men forward. The deadlock was broken by what only can be described as a wonder-goal from Stanley Sherlock from roughly 35 yards. Rocketing the ball over the 'keeper, arrowing it in to the top right-hand corner. Old Wilsonians then grew into the game and deservedly doubled their lead with scruffy goal from our other Sherlock, Sydney, this being less of a wonder goal and more of a tap in from a keeper error. Just before half time HSBC halved the deficit with a headed goal from a softly conceded free kick.

The second half saw the Old Wilsonians defend their one goal advantage well and they restored their two-goal lead when a clearance inadvertently played through Stanley Sherlock who slotted calmly to achieve his brace in the game, ten minutes from time. Old Wilsonians then managed the rest of the game well, meaning that 3-1 was the final score leading to HSBCs players bickering amongst themselves as Old Wilsonians came away with the three points.

7th XI Match Report (4-3 vs Civil Service 7s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 5th	6	3	2	1	20	12	8	11
2	South Bank Cuaco 5th	4	3	1	0	12	3	9	10
3	Old Blues 3rd	4	3	0	1	17	6	11	9
4	Old Wilsonians 6th	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
5	Civil Service 6th	5	2	1	2	12	13	-1	7
6	Polytechnic 8th	5	2	1	2	12	13	-1	7
7	South Bank Cuaco 6th	5	1	2	2	8	11	-3	5
8	Actonians Association 8th	5	1	2	2	8	16	-8	5
9	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	4	1	0	3	9	16	-7	3
10	Old Wilsonians 7th	4	1	0	3	6	14	-8	3
11	Civil Service 7th	2	0	0	2	4	7	-3	0

A mixed week in terms of selection, but once again we took to the field with A strong squad. We set up with our favoured 4-5-1 formation and looked to put Civil under pressure from the off. The key was to win the midfield battle early get ourselves established and settle into our game.

We were handed our first goal, after some good work down the wings allowed us to have a corner. The ball was put into the danger zone by Rickkie Rand, where it was put into the net by one of the Civil players.

This early gift really spurred us on. And we started to put them under more pressure. However we also opened ourselves up for counter attacks. Our defence coped well with most things though. The second goal was scored by Rickkie Rand, and we felt that our luck was in. Civil were awarded a penalty late into the first half. The referee judged Himesh Patel's perfectly timed tackle in the box as a foul. It was most certainly not a penalty, but the ref had made his decision. The ball was slotted home, to make it 2-1 at half time.

We switched to a standard 4-4-2 at half time, to get our second striker on the pitch. We had the slope and the sun in our favour yet we started to allow Civil back into the game. Rickkie Rand managed to get himself a second goal, which settled our nerves somewhat. Civil scored a second too. Steve Benwell, who had been working tirelessly up top on his own for the first half finally got his deserved goal. 4-2 up, we we comfortable, but switched off a little at the back. We allowed Civil to continue to play the through bald, which led to a spectacular OG by Matt Hallett, sliding on the edge of the area, he directed the ball beyond Dan Robbins in goal.

A nervous last 15 minutes, but we saw the game out. A good performance, and hopefully the start of our league campaign, albeit 4 games in...

Team: Robbins, Patel, Sparrow, Hallett, Lammas, Chappell, Rand, Strong, Martin, A.Benwell, Gilbert, S.Benwell, Fowler.

MoM: Rand

8th XI Match Report (1-7 vs HSBC 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	5	4	1	0	30	7	23	13
2	Bank of England 5th	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
3	Old Salesians Res	3	2	0	1	7	3	4	6
4	South Bank Cuaco 7th	3	2	0	1	12	13	-1	6
5	City of London 3rd	3	1	2	0	9	5	4	5
6	Merton 6th	4	1	1	2	9	13	-4	4
7	Civil Service 8th	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1
8	Old Wilsonians 8th	4	0	1	3	5	14	-9	1
9	Kew Association Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Old Wilsonians Ninth	4	0	0	4	2	18	-16	0

Never has the cliche “a game of two halves” been more appropriate.

The 8XI came into this fixture growing in confidence following some continued improvement over the last few weeks. That was evident by the way the game started. Wilson’s were battling for the ball in all areas of the pitch, and started to string together a few passes. Growing in confidence we managed to get a few more bodies forward and created a couple of very good chances with no reward.

HSBC took the lead against the run of play, poor pressure on the ball led to a free strike at goal 25 yards out, unfortunately the ball rifled into to bottom corner, a good finish and 1-0 HSBC. Things nearly got worse as left back Kenny Maxwell attempting a clearance on the half volley running towards his own goal, managed to lob the keeper and hit the inside of the post, luckily the ball bounced across the goal and out for a corner. It would have been a contender for the finest Wilson’s OG .... and there’s been a few.

After a few scares we settled back into the game, and continued to dominate the first half and create some more chances. An over lap down the right hand set Sam Forbes into space whose cut back left an open goal tap in, which was sprayed wide by a desperately stretching Leyton Skeemer. However Wilson’s did finally get their goal, after a replica attacking scenario minutes later, this time successfully converted by Leyton Skeemer.

1 - 1 at the break was probably not a fair reflection of a half that could have easily finished 3-1 to the OW’s

The second half was a complete contrasting performance, all the things we did well in the first half, were our downfalls in the second. We lost our shape and conceded numerous chances as a result.

A Leyton Skeemer missed penalty at 2-1 down, followed by a dubious award of a corner that led to a HSBC 3rd goal were major turning points in the game, that on another day may have led to a different result. We were well beaten on the back of our second half display, but some real positives to take from our dominant 1st half display.

Team: C Steel, R Bryan, D Forbes, A Phakey, K Maxwell, A Steel, D Lineker, S Patel, K Murathleen, L Skeemer, S Forbes, M Panathkia

9th XI Match Report (0-3 vs Merton 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	5	4	1	0	30	7	23	13
2	Bank of England 5th	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
3	Old Salesians Res	3	2	0	1	7	3	4	6
4	South Bank Cuaco 7th	3	2	0	1	12	13	-1	6
5	City of London 3rd	3	1	2	0	9	5	4	5
6	Merton 6th	4	1	1	2	9	13	-4	4
7	Civil Service 8th	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1
8	Old Wilsonians 8th	4	0	1	3	5	14	-9	1
9	Kew Association Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Old Wilsonians Ninth	4	0	0	4	2	18	-16	0

The bumpy slope of Hawes Down was the setting for the 9s' latest adventure, this time against a Merton side who, as the 8s, we'd drawn with earlier in the season. An inauspicious start, as the black/blue away kit we had to wear hadn't been washed and stank. So a big thanks to the team that used it last! We started the game reasonably well, and looked good on the ball. However our midfield's reluctance to help out the defence meant that we were regularly outnumbered when Merton attacked, and they duly took the lead when a missed defensive header meant their striker was clean through on goal. Only 1-0 down at half time, mainly due to a series of excellent saves by Christian Klass. The second half was always going to be tough, uphill and into the sun. Again, we didn't defend as a team, and it was inevitable that Merton would increase their lead. The scoreline would have been much worse had it not been for series of wonder saves from Christian, prompting gasps of wonder (and even a hug) from the opposition! The positives are that we look good going forward, with nice link-up play, but unless we start defending as a team it's going to be a long season!

MOM: Christian Klass

Christian Klass, Roddy Trompiz, Nick Mole, Andrew Leggett, Sajan Phakey, Alex Forbes, Matt Gundry-White, George Worrell, Mohamed Omar, Seb Ayers, Humphrey Keeper, Jack Richards

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

A THEMED REPORT - FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS Old Salesians 1 2nd XI 3

The 2nd XI achieved a good result against an unbeaten Salesians side, putting in a workmanlike performance with plenty of huffing and puffing. Alex Reeves arrived via Burger King where he consumed a bacon double cheese-burger which you would have thought would provide plenty of air which, of course, was what he was left grasping for the first goal!

The 2nd XI reverted to 4-3-3, with Paul 'Pull-back' Daniels joining Rick 'Madras' Chapman and Stuart 'Six Big Macs' Paton up front. A heavy responsibility was placed on Ashley 'Chilli Sauce' Simpson and Bruce 'Korma' Graham, with Simon 'Seaweed' Elliott providing the balance on the left

The 2nds worked hard early on and put constant pressure on Salesians, which led to a number of corners and **MICK 'mushy peas' PILGRIM** crashing home a 'Seaweed' corner. This lead should have been consolidated, but both 'Madras' and 'Big Mac' put efforts wide – some very wide! Half-time arrived and 'Mehmet Chilli sauce' dished out the kebabs with fresh orange

The second half followed a similar pattern, with the back four holding up their end or the counter, Nick 'Seven Big Macs' Mole, Dave 'Pizza Hut' Wood (The pizzas taste like cardboard) 'Mushy Peas' and Mick 'Tapas' Hoffman (The Tapas runs faster) providing a solid (Pizza) base

A sweet move, initiated by 'Seaweed', led to '**SIX BIG MACS'** converting a crashing drive in at the far post. A third goal duly followed from **'PULL-BACK'** with an excellent solo effort. An excellent team effort from the 2nd XI Stuart Paton
Reeves Hoffman Wood Pilgrim.M Mole.N (Ashley)Simpson Graham Elliott Chapman Daniels Paton

3rd XI: Blandford Galvin.D Smith.G Prince Udale Tarn McGeever Pullen Stone Burgess.J Mace
4th XI: Marsh Adams.T Milledge Robinson Mole.J Eccles Smith.A Stewart Riley Parkinson Valder
7th XI: Peckover Higgins Ayling Rayworth Brindle Spencer Bonner Blake Berks 'Andy' Harper
8th XI: Hart Cocks Dunn George Cunningham Sullivan.C Brighton Curtiss Barty Kewell Edwards

Classified Result, November 6th 1993				
Parkfield	3	1st XI	0	
Old Salesians	1	2nd XI	3	Pilgrim.M, Paton, Daniels
3rd XI	1	Old Meadonians	5	Smith.G
Old Tenisonians	1	4th XI	0	
Glynn Old Boys	2	5th XI	0	
6th XI	1	Alexandra Park	0	Haines
7th XI	4	Old Suttonains	12	
8th XI	4	Old Paulines	1	Curtis 2, Edwards 2
Notts Ciounty	3	Palace	2	Armstrong 2

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

SPIRITED FIGHT-BACK FAILS TO WIN A POINT 1st XI 3 Inland Revenue 4

Meeting their strongest opposition so far this season the 1st XI never really got to grips with this game. The first few minutes were fairly level, however, and following a fine ball inside the right-back by Les Simner, Jamie Jennings laid on a fine square ball for **GERRY REASELEY** to shoot home a fierce right footed shot.

This lead was short-lived and, following a goal-mouth scramble, the ball was forced home by the opposing centre-forward for the equaliser

Spurred on by this incentive, Inland Revenue proceeded to play some really fast, open football, switching the ball very well in midfield and varying the attacks cleverly between the wings and the centre and they received their reward for their enterprise when a quick through-ball down the centre caught the 1st XI defence very square and again their centre-forward, running through unopposed, chipped the ball past Gordon Manning in goal

One minute later a long cross from the right caught our defence flat-footed and a powerful header into the top left-hand corner virtually settled the result

The 1st XI then gradually pulled themselves back into the game and, with Dave Bartlett making some superb dribbles down the right, Gerry Reaseley was unlucky not to convert some of his fine crosses with powerful headers which were narrowly off target

The result was finally sealed when, shortly before half-time, a long ball found their centre-forward all alone (and yards off-side) and although Gordon Manning made a fine dive to prevent a goal, the ball ran loose and was shot home. To everyone on the pitch the first man was still interfering with play and the referee's decision to allow the goal was greeted with hoots of disapproval from the crowd

The second half brought a much more fluid approach from the 1st XI, with a lot more emphasis on attack. We were hampered, however, by an injury to Bill Burgoyne but still managed to keep the attack moving when we gained possession on the right-wing

By now the edge had gone out of the opposition's play and we were playing with a greater degree of urgency. We were now stretching the opposition alarmingly at the back and after making a quick interception, **JAMIE JENNINGS** shot home a low right-footed shot just inside the near left-hand post

Continuing to dominate the midfield, especially in the air, we were looking a much sharper side although the tacking was not as sharp and incisive as last week, and we were affording our visitors some respite

About ten minutes from the end a long through ball from Bill Morley found Gerry Reaseley unmarked on the right hand side and, after a quick break to the bye-line, **LES SIMNER** slotted in his fast cross. We now sustained our attack until the end and it was a very tired Inland Revenue side who were pleased to hang on to their one goal lead at the end

Terry Adams

Classified Results, November 2nd 1968				
1st XI	3	Inland Revenue	4	Reaseley, Jennings, Simner
Palmers Green	6	2nd XI	0	
5th XI	3	Old Grammarians	5	Scudamore 2, Steggle
Palace	2	Bolton	1	Payne, Jackson.C

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