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The SUPER DRAW & PRIZE DRAW are part of the OWA Lotteries. All payments to Old Wilsonians' Association fund raising lotteries will be used to improve facilities at the club and grounds for the benefit of all members.

Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match - March 29th

The Football Club seek to retain the Alf Parish Memorial Trophy! The ever vigilant Alex Forbes, perfectly illustrated by his excellent weekly round-up of all things Old Wilsonian, has vigorously promoted the Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match which takes place on FRIDAY MARCH 29th at Selhurst Park.

The event is particularly pertinent to the Football Club as they are the current holders, thanks to the efforts of their illustrious team, Alex Forbes, Doug Forbes, Matt Rand, Ian Wellman and James Taylor who, hopefully, will be representing the OWFC again – the indefatigable Alex is working to ensure that this is the case
The Football Club are not only the current holders but won the event the year before, so are hoping to achieve a notable hat-trick. “If we win it for a third time do we keep the trophy?” inquired the ever optimistic Alex.

There are eight other teams competing – including the Old Wilsonians’ Cricket Club, which will add to the intensity of the competition from an OW perspective Crystal Palace Football Club always provide a superb buffet and some excellent raffle prizes,
which include:

- A signed shirt by the Crystal Palace first team squad
- Two bottle of the Eagles unique brand of wine
- Two tickets for a game of your choice

At the end of the evening the trophy will be presented by Doreen Parish, Alf’s widow, whilst Steve Parish, the Crystal Palace Chairman. hopes to attend – he has always done so in the past – if other commitments permit

All participating teams are guaranteed some prize money, irrespective of where they finish in the competition - the more people who attend the more money we will make - and there is a bar for those who like a drink!

Supporters are welcome and the more who attend the greater the pot at the end of the evening (Two years ago Stuart Paton claimed this event was the OWFC’s “ biggest fund-raiser”)

More details from yours truly but please let me know if you wish to attend so that I can inform the catering staff accordingly Pikey - 0208 659 6443 owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk

George Croucher End of Season Dinner - April 27th

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The 2018/19 OWFC End of Season Dinner will take place on Saturday April 27th.
This year will see awards for the Vets and SuperVets for the first time.

Full details, including how to book your place, will follow.

OWFC Tour to Riga- Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May

This seasons tour takes in the wonderful city of Riga (provided someone books the flights), for what will no doubt be a fun weekend with questionable quality of football. There are still a few places available, so get in touch with those listed below if you are interested in joining.

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FRIDAY 3RD MAY -
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Fixtures and Results

Results - 9th March				
1st XI	-	-	No Game	
2nd XI	1	5	HAC	SKAFA
Conrad				
Old Salesians 1s	P	P	**3rd XI**	SAL
4th XI	4	3	Civil Service 5s	SAL
Watson, C., Osbourne, A., Newman-Sanders, B (2).				
Polytechnic 7s	2	1	**5th XI**	SAL
Adams, E.				
6th XI	4 1	0 0	Actonian Association 8	SAL
Game 1: Douthwaite, D., Adams, R., Seddon, O., Shave, D. Game 2: Seston, D.				
7th XI	4 4	0 3	Civil Service 6s	SAL
Game 1: Rand, R., Benwell, S., Carter, S., Fairhurst, S. Game 2: Carter, S., Cheshire, S., OG, Dhariwal, M.				
8th XI	2	2	HSBC 6s	SAL
Connew, L., Forbes, S.				
9th XI	7	4	Dorkinians 6s	SAL
Allchin, D (4)., Bryne, N (2)., Stringer, B.				

Fixtures - 16th March		
Nottsborough	14:00	**1st XI**
SAL - Away		
2nd XI	14:00	Actonian Association
SAL - Hayes		
3rd XI	14:00	Old Salesians 1s
SAL - Hayes		
Alleyn Old Boys 6s	14:00	**4th XI**
SAL - Away		
5th XI	14:00	Ibis Eagles 4s
SAL - Hawes Down (Double Header)		
HSBC 5s	14:00	**6th XI**
SAL - Away		
South Bank Cuaco 6s	14:00	**7th XI**
SAL - Away		
Civil Service 8s	14:00	**8th XI**
SAL - Away		
9th XI	12:00	Old Salesians 2s
SAL - Hawes Down		



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Stats

Top Goalscorer	Goals
Watson, Cejay	18
Benwell, S	15
Sherlock, Stan	12
Wright, M	11
Kennedy, C	
Williams, M	
Rand, R	10
OG	9
Karamath, J	8
Newman-Sanders, B	
Seddon, O	
Relf, H	7
Fairhurst, S	
Carruthers, B	6
Gunnell, W	
Forbes, S	
Dixon, T	
Sherlock, Syd	
Afoluja, D	5
Allchin, D	
Breen, J	
Bryne, N	
Cotter, J	
Douthwaite, T	
Lineker, D	
Mallins, B	
Quinton, J	
Small, J	
Stride, J	
Strong, A	
Williams, N	

Clean Sheets	
Ballard, M	3
Dolby, J	
Sherlock, T	2
Gigi	
Healy, E	
Rutter, K	1
Steel, C	
Bradley, L	
Renee-Carter, H	
Forbes, D	
Shelton, J	

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
2nd XI	21	20	1	0	61	2	100
6th XI	20	20	0	0	60	0	100
1st XI	19	17	2	0	53	4	100
7th XI	21	16	4	1	52	11	95
4th XI	19	15	3	1	48	9	95
3rd XI	19	12	4	3	40	17	84
5th XI	18	14	2	2	44	10	89
9th XI	16	12	2	2	38	10	88
8th XI	16	10	5	1	35	13	94

1st XI Match Report (No Game)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham	14	9	3	2	34	16	18	30
2	Polytechnic	14	9	2	3	40	19	21	29
3	Nottsborough	14	8	2	4	28	22	6	26
4	Old Owens	16	7	3	6	32	31	1	24
5	Alleyn Old Boys	14	6	4	4	25	18	7	22
6	Winchmore Hill	13	6	2	5	15	17	-2	20
7	Old Wilsonians	16	5	4	7	27	33	-6	19
8	Old Parkonians	13	4	2	7	17	25	-8	14
9	Old Garchonians	15	3	5	7	21	30	-9	14
10	Actonians Association	12	3	1	8	18	30	-12	10
11	Civil Service	15	2	4	9	14	30	-16	10

2nd XI Match Report (1-5 vs. HAC)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough Res	12	9	2	1	30	7	23	29
2	West Wickham Res	15	7	6	2	29	16	13	27
3	NUFC Oilers Res	10	7	3	0	28	9	19	24
4	Winchmore Hill Res	13	7	3	3	36	22	14	24
5	Alleyn Old Boys Res	13	6	4	3	32	18	14	22
6	Actonians Association Res	14	4	0	10	22	39	-17	12
7	Polytechnic Res	14	3	1	10	21	42	-21	10
8	Bank of England Res	12	2	1	9	18	44	-26	7
9	Old Wilsonians Res	11	2	0	9	12	31	-19	6

In our last chance for silverware this season the 2s faced HAC in the Kent Cup Semi Final.

From the beginning of the match it was clear that HAC possessed a few attributes which we struggle with. They clearly knew each other very well on the pitch, trained together regularly and on this occasion their average height and weight (Stu Dunk aside) was noticeably stronger than ours.

Quick to show our desire to battle hard none the less, Charlie Filmer-Court hurled himself at the opposition winger and by some accounts was lucky not to put us down to 10 men in the first few minutes.
The opening stages of the game were fairly even, with both sides winning patches of comfortable possession. HAC's main threat was the touch line hugging right winger who was taking advantage of the strong wind blowing every long ball speedily out in his direction. However, he was not best mates with the linesman on the same side who called him offside on almost every occasion.
Despite some comfortable passing, the 2s struggled to craft many meaningful chances, the best chances of the first half falling to Craig Elliot who's shot from a swirling high ball in the box was blocked, and Josh Eves who's brilliant volleyed effort from the edge of the box edged wide of the post.
The perpetually wide right winger eventually managed to stay onside long enough to find a HAC player in the box who tucked it away to put HAC 1-0 in front before HT.

The second half seemed optimistic at first, but the less said about it the better.
Two HAC goals in quick succession and then our wonderfully entertaining goalkeeper GiGi (Powley take note - all a bit doom and gloom with you) had to be subbed off with a shoulder injury.
Who could the 2s put in goal now? The shortest person on the pitch Josh Eves of course, who actually is a pretty decent goalkeeper it turns out.
The only bit of the second half worth remembering is that Nathan Cooper was needlessly bundled over in the box. Penalty! Conrad stepped up and cooly put it away to begin the comeback. 3-1
Unfortunately the comeback didn't happen and we let in another goal.
A late lob over giant Josh's head sealed the 5-1 loss.

At least we can now turn our attention to the league. Hopefully there'll be silverware for captains Aaron and Powley to list next season.

MOM: Josh Eves

3rd XI Match Report (P-P vs. Old Salesians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 4th	14	12	0	2	42	23	19	36
2	Polytechnic 5th	13	9	2	2	41	25	16	29
3	Kew Association Res	15	7	3	5	40	43	-3	24
4	Old Salesians	13	6	2	5	44	26	18	20
5	Actonians Association 5th	14	4	3	7	22	27	-5	15
6	HSBC 3rd	15	4	3	8	34	49	-15	15
7	Actonians Association 6th	10	4	2	4	21	28	-7	14
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	13	2	4	7	28	35	-7	10
9	Merton 3rd	15	3	1	11	29	45	-16	10

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

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham 5th	16	11	2	3	38	25	13	35
2	Corinthian-Casuals U21	15	10	1	4	54	34	20	31
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	15	8	4	3	39	25	14	28
4	Bank of England 4th	13	6	4	3	20	14	6	22
5	South Bank Cuaco 4th	16	6	2	8	33	42	-9	20
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	12	6	1	5	35	32	3	19
7	Weirside Rangers 3rd	15	4	6	5	25	31	-6	18
8	HSBC 4th	13	4	1	8	25	33	-8	13
9	Civil Service 5th	12	2	1	9	24	38	-14	7
10	Ibis Eagles 3rd	13	2	0	11	23	42	-19	6

The 4s entered this week's game against Civil Service looking to get back to winning ways after last week's disappointment. Of course, in traditional 4s fashion, things did not go exactly to plan, with a customary slow start putting us 1-0 down within 10 minutes. Bravely blocking at the feet of the Civil Service striker earned Ballard a nasty knock to the head that even Tyson Fury wasn't getting up from, allowing Civil Service to tap the rebound into an empty net. Somehow the goal stood, and the Civil Service swiftly took advantage of the dazed Ballard to double their lead moments later. 2-0 down.

Most teams give up at this point, but never the 4s. We continued to push to get a goal back before halftime and were soon rewarded when Watson was dragged down in the box by a Civil Service defender who was clearly too keen to watch the Six Nations later that evening. WATSON stepped up and put the other week's penalty miss behind him and got us one back before half time. 1-2, game on.

The 4s continued to press in the early stages of the second half and got the goal needed to equalise through ALI, who took advantage of a wind assisted looping pass to head strongly past the onrushing Civil Service keeper. 2-2.

The second half became fairly even, before unlucky deflections at the back allowed the ball to fall to a Civil Service forward, who struck hard and low under Ballard to put us 2-3 down going into extra time.

Again, most teams would give up, but not the 4s. NEWMAN-SANDERS, converted a dangerous set piece into the box, before again converting from a dangerous Dixon cross (and wise decision making from Dixon to save his one and only trick for the 93rd minute, when it really counts) in the dying seconds to put us 4-3 ahead. Jubilant scenes ensued, with the Civil Service not experiencing pain like this since the last Tory government cut.

Strong defending and great energy from the whole saw us over the line for an incredible turnaround and very important result in the race for promotion. We love Saturdays.

5th XI Match Report (1-2 vs. Polytechnic 7s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	16	14	2	0	67	20	47	44
2	Polytechnic 7th	13	9	1	3	37	22	15	28
3	Actonians Association 7th	14	7	1	6	33	33	0	22
4	West Wickham 6th	18	7	1	10	33	48	-15	22
5	Merton 4th	16	5	5	6	40	45	-5	20
6	Old Wilsonians 5th	14	5	2	7	31	38	-7	17
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	12	4	1	7	24	28	-4	13
8	Merton 5th	17	1	3	13	22	53	-31	6

"I'm injured, I shouldn't be playing really, I just like the beer"

Jamie Moniz's 5th XI sought to avenge defeat last week against Poly 6s with a trip to Chiswick to take on Poly 7s – both Poly sides have been doing well in the league this season, but with news of the 3 rd XI postponement on Friday night meaning a welcome reappearance on the teamsheet for goalkeeper George Young, the 5s were full of confidence.

Sadly this confidence was dented 10 minutes in, with slack marking from a throw in leaving the Poly winger free to run through and lob Young, stranded in no mans land, from 40 yards. Poly went on to double their lead shortly after, with the unflappable centre half pairing of Billings and Bennett flapping at a lobbed through ball leaving Poly's pacy striker clean through to apply a clinical finish.

This setback spurred us on for the remainder of the second half, and we were starting to look more dangerous, with our midfield having more time on the ball to pick out passes. Going into the second half, Jamie Moniz, playing in an unorthodox central midfield role, pushed even further forward as we switched from a 4-5-1 to a 4-4-2. We continued to be the better side, and were rewarded when good work on the right by Dyki put Moniz in, who delivered a fizzed cross into the centre for ED ADAMS to slide in with the finish.

Despite dominating possession for the rest of the game, we couldn't find the equaliser – the 5s will go again next week where the new-look passing game will be on show on Hawes Down against Ibis Eagles.

Team: Young, Charman, Billings, Bennett, Shelton, Dyki, S. Moniz, E. Adams, Fowler, J. Moniz, Mander, G. Bywaters.

6th XI Match Report (4-0 and 1-0 vs. Actonians Association 8s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Old Wilsonians 6th	13	9	2	2	32	13	19	29
2	South Bank Cuaco 5th	14	9	2	3	45	27	18	29
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	16	7	2	7	40	49	-9	23
4	Old Blues 3rd	16	7	1	8	33	26	7	22
5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	15	7	1	7	41	47	-6	22
6	Polytechnic 8th	14	6	3	5	42	40	2	21
7	HSBC 5th	12	5	3	4	34	26	8	18
8	Civil Service 7th	11	4	2	5	27	32	-5	14
9	South Bank Cuaco 6th	15	3	5	7	27	32	-5	14
10	Civil Service 6th	15	4	2	9	29	42	-13	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	15	3	5	7	21	37	-16	14

It was a double header for Old Wilsonians 6's this week, facing up against a strong Actonians 8th team.

Wilson's made a strong start to the first game with our quick passing proving too much for our opponents, and after a great ball into the box from the right, Tobias was there to finish at the back post, giving us a 1-0 lead. Old Wills kept the pressure on and quickly doubled their lead after Robbie Adams was able to follow up on a shot that was saved by the Actonians keeper. Wilson's didn't stop there, and after less than 15 minutes we found ourselves 3-0, after a great ball into the box from Dan Shave which found Owen Seddon who was able to finish calmly with a chip from just inside the box. Our opponents then started to play a lot better as a team, stringing some nice moves together but our defence was resilient and they could not find a way past Joe Dolby in goal. Wilson's went into the break buzzing and looking to carry on scoring, knowing a strong goal difference is going to be needed if we want to be contending for the league title.

Wilson's continued to dominate possession in the second half, but Actonians seemed to have an extra man in midfield and shut down any chances. Despite the Actonians defence keeping is out for the majority of the second half, Wilson's got their fourth, after a good move from the Wilson's midfield saw Dan Shave through on goal, who's left footed effort was too much for the Actonians keeper to handle and found the far corner. The last ten minutes of the first game saw our opponents becoming frustrated, with several strong challenges being put in, but Wilson's continued to dominate, and finished the game looking to replicate the performance in the second match of the day.

It was clear our opponents were taking a much more physical approach to the second game, with some very strong challenges flying in again and again, but the referee failing to notice. This new approach from Actonians seemed to put Wilsonians on the back foot slightly, with us being unable to even create half the amount of chances we had in the first game. Actonians were also using their size advantage from set pieces, with them hitting the post after a well worked corner, as well as a fantastic clearance off the line from Robbie Adams.

Going into half time of the second match, Wilson's knew something had to change, and after some substitutions we were back on top and dominated possession once again. However, our opponents still looked dangerous on the counter and were once again kept out by a great bit of defending from Syd Sherlock, who was there to clear the ball off the line, after an effort on target had beaten Joe in goal. Wilson's continued to create the better chances and finally with around ten minutes to go the ball fell to dan Seston in the six yard box, who blasted home, giving Wilson's a much deserved 1-0 lead. After the goal a slight change in formation saw us looking to see put the game, which is exactly what we did, giving us a massive 6 points. And after results elsewhere going our way, we find ourselves top of the league on goal difference, with a game in hand over the team in second. Solid performances all round, notably to the boys at the back and Tobias in midfield, who didn't stop running all day.

7th XI Match Report (4-0 and 4-3 vs. Civil Service 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Old Wilsonians 6th	13	9	2	2	32	13	19	29
2	South Bank Cuaco 5th	14	9	2	3	45	27	18	29
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	16	7	2	7	40	49	-9	23
4	Old Blues 3rd	16	7	1	8	33	26	7	22
5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	15	7	1	7	41	47	-6	22
6	Polytechnic 8th	14	6	3	5	42	40	2	21
7	HSBC 5th	12	5	3	4	34	26	8	18
8	Civil Service 7th	11	4	2	5	27	32	-5	14
9	South Bank Cuaco 6th	15	3	5	7	27	32	-5	14
10	Civil Service 6th	15	4	2	9	29	42	-13	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	15	3	5	7	21	37	-16	14

A chance to climb up the table with a double header and a potential six points. In the first game we started fast out of the blocks pressing well as a team with RAND intercepting the ball out wide and then slotting a finish in to the bottom corner. For the rest of the first half we controlled the game with CHESHIRE frustrating the opposition by outplaying them in the middle of the park. We created several chances but were unable to add to the scoresheet.

In the second half we carried on where we left off. BENWELL struck an effort goal bound which in the windy conditions completely caught the opposition goalkeeper off guard. This was closely followed by another as a through ball to STRONG was flicked up in to the path of CARTER who neatly finished. A fourth goal was added shortly after as FAIRHURST outmuscled the opposition centre back then looped the ball over their keeper.

We carried on the start of the second game in the same vein. Early on the ball was worked out wide to CARTER who fired in to the top corner. CHESHIRE caused the opposition trouble all day with his long throws and one of these lead to CARTER being pulled down inside the penalty box. CHESHIRE stepped up and added our second with a composed finish.

Into the fourth half of the day. Civil Service netted early on as a ball was played through the middle to their striker who finished well. Shortly after RAND curled in a corner which was helped in to the goal by an opposition defender. At this point it looked like we would produce another convincing win. However, as fatigue started to kick in and we slightly switched off Civil Service scored two quick goals to level the tie up. We pushed hard to get a winner and with a few minutes remaining produced another goal from another corner. The ball was crossed in to CHESHIRE who volleyed on to the underside of the crossbar and seemingly over the line, with DHARIWAL making sure.

Interim manager for this week STRIDE filled in for SPARROW and made good tactical decisions throughout.

MOTM
Match 1: Sam Cheshire
Match 2: Sam Carter

Team; Rutter, Chappell, Phakey, Hallett, Trompiz, Cheshire, Martin, A.Benwell, Dhariwal, Strong, Rand

8th XI Match Report (2-2 vs. HSBC 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	13	11	2	0	70	19	51	35
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	13	8	2	3	40	33	7	26
3	City of London 3rd	15	6	5	4	47	26	21	23
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	3	4	28	33	-5	21
5	Old Salesians Res	11	5	2	4	31	17	14	17
6	Merton 6th	13	4	4	5	34	43	-9	16
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	13	3	4	6	26	36	-10	13
8	Civil Service 8th	12	3	1	8	19	28	-9	10
9	Old Wilsonians 9th	15	0	3	12	19	79	-60	3

The 8's played top of the league HSBC at home in some very windy conditions. Going in against a team who hasn't lost a game all season we knew it was likely to be a tough afternoon. With the wind in their favour first half, HSBC started strongly, and after some sustained possession started to create a few chances. Eventually the pressure told and HSBC struck first to brake the deadlock and take the lead. Despite some excellent keeping and some resilient defending from a battling 8th XI, HSBC remained patient and managed to score again to go into the break 2-0 up.

A rousing half time discussion lifted the spirits, and the never say die attitude that has started to resonate within the side meant we started the second half strongly and began to create some chances and grow into the game as a result. Halfway through the second half our resilience paid off as we scored a break away goal to get back into the game at 2-1.

As we gained a foothold in the game, it started to became a bit more open, with chances being created at both ends. With the game nearing its conclusion, a more direct route one style of football was necessary, which finally reaped a reward with a last gasp opportunity saw us finally hit the back of the net again, making it 2-2 with very little time remaining, shortly after the final whistle blew, resulting in a well earned point against a very good unbeaten HSBC side.

Scorers: Luke Connew, Sam Forbes

Team: D Forbes, K Maxwell, J Mole, L Connew, G Nelson, J Green, W Davies, A Cruz, S Forbes, S Lawrence, W Doh, Z Shelton, S Phakey, S Ayers.

Report: S Ayers

9th XI Match Report (7-4 vs. Dorkinians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	13	11	2	0	70	19	51	35
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	13	8	2	3	40	33	7	26
3	City of London 3rd	15	6	5	4	47	26	21	23
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	3	4	28	33	-5	21
5	Old Salesians Res	11	5	2	4	31	17	14	17
6	Merton 6th	13	4	4	5	34	43	-9	16
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	13	3	4	6	26	36	-10	13
8	Civil Service 8th	12	3	1	8	19	28	-9	10
9	Old Wilsonians 9th	15	0	3	12	19	79	-60	3

A very delightful performance by the team finally getting the first win of the season that had been eluding the team for so long. A poor start however saw us fall to a 3 goal deficit, including a goal straight from a corner with a big push from the wind that had been blowing strongly throughout the whole game. As the players began to find their rhythm, Dan A dragged us back into the game with 4 magnificently taken goals with 2 of them coming from 25 yards out. The second half was much more calmer with a few chances at either end and goals from Luca and Niall (2) leading us to a 7-4 full time score. A good start to the cup, top of the table hopefully more strong games could see the 9s with some silverware come the end of the season.

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

NO, I'M THE REFEREE, NOT CAPATIN BOB! 2nd XI 2 Old Meadonians 3

An introduction to Robert Maxwell with a God complex best describes the entrance of the referee. No swearing, no spitting, no arguing – in fact the list of "Do Nots" was so long that we were unsure what we were actually allowed to do (Play football, perhaps? -ed)

With this in mind we started pretty well and proceded to show a reasonable amount of commitment and enthusiasm which provided more injuries than football. Our lucky horse-shoe showed itself in the form of an 18 stone centre-half (Robert Maxwell again? - ed) trying to break Hugh McGeever's back

Down to ten men we were still 1-0 up at half-time, **STUART PATON** taking advantage of a mix-up in their defence – a creditable performance given the circumstances

Bad defending allowed them to equalise, followed by a well-taken solo effort from **PAUL SHERWIN.** This was followed by an errant call from 'Albert' Reeves which gave their forward a clear header and he made it 2-2

Neil McCoustra was then chopped back in a tackle and hobbled off for some needle point to his leg and Meadonians took advantage of playing against nine men and promptly scored a third to take the lead

Unfortuntaely this was how it ended, which was disappointing given that the result did not reflect the general run of play but reflected a spell of bad luck for the 2s which must surely come to an end soon

Simon Elliott

Reeves Mole.N Pilgrim.M Wood Udale McGeever McCoustra (Ashley)Simpson Elliott Sherwin Paton

1st XI: Lake Forbes.D Horswood Webb Kendrick.N Goddard Graham Murray Townson Trout Gilcertson
4th XI: Kirchin Adams Milledge Robinson Hughes.G Valder Burgess.C Giles Stewart Parkinson Smith.A
5th XI: Bushell Lloyd Bier Forbes.S Harper.S Curtis Barry Mole.J Vigar Nelmes Blake
6th XI: Smith.J Lewis Pilgrim.I Nelson Parsons James.M Wilson Ayling Horner Dry Janson
7th XI: Peckover Higgins Rayworth Johnson.A Spencer Dutton Clanachan Smart.D Johnson.G Berks Andrews

Classified Resuts, March 5th 1994				
1st XI	0	Old Aloysians	0	
2nd XI	2	Old Meadonians	3	Paton, Sherwin
3rd XI	5	Old St Marys	2	Daniels 2, Tarn, Chapman, OG
Old St Marys	5	4th XI	1	Valder
5th XI	0	Old Josephians	0	
Glynn Old Boys	7	6th XI	2	Wilson, Dry
Old Tiffinians	2	7th XI	2	Berks, Dutton
Portsmouth	0	Palace	1	Young

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

This was easily the best game the 1st XI has played, certainly this season and possibly last season as well. Whereas the members of the side have been diffident and nervous of their own and their colleagues' ability, which produced tentative and uninspired play, on Saturday the adrenalin seemed to run through their systems and the result was fast, inventive and, indeed, intuitive soccer

Whilst it is probably wrong to single out individual performances, mention must be made of Terry Adams and Dave Bartlett who, in their different ways, were the hub of our midfield invention. Dave, with his ability to take on two or three of the opposition within the space of five or six yards, drew the defence to him like moths are attracted to the light, and then, when the ball was truly taken, channeled it into the spaces that his ability had created

There, generally to be found, was 'Curly' Adams, who slipped the ball quickly on, stretching the defence to its limits and beyond. John Houghton overlapped down the right so often that, after a while, we presumed he was on rails, and with Geoff Robinson, Les Simner's late replacement fitting into the pattern, it was all systems go. However the all important factor – the result – did not go our way as a mixture of bad luck, downright bad finishing and good goal-keeping kept our tally to a miserable two goals, scant reward for our midfield domination

Playing into a strong breeze and up the slight slope we were on the defence early on as Colfes, breaking fast with two slippery wingers, looked dangerous. It was no real surprise when a particularly quick break down our left ended with a snap header against the bar and, in the confusion that followed, a shot entered our net by way of that expanse known as Morley's – Bill's not Robert's – left thigh, Colfes scored again in the first half but sandwiched between these goals were probably half a dozen clear-cut chances which we failed to take

In the second half we really took a grip on the game and although our first goal was tinged with an element of luck, it was no more than we deserved. **JOHN HOUGHTON** set off on one of his right-wing gallops, ran out of space, cut inside and miraculously collided with, amongst other things, the ball. His shiny dome, resembling a Dunlop 65 after Jack Nicklaus had imparted considerable treatment with a one-iron, met the ball, helped it goal-ward where the 'keeper, thinking that the referee had blown – it was in fact the rugby ref at the rear whose whistle had sounded – allowed the ball to roll gently past him, preoccupied, no doubt, with Reaseley's boot, which was some inches from his jugular vein!

TERRY ADAMS added another one not long afterwards and we looked to be heading for a win. As our football got better and our chances easier, our finishing became more erratic and, for a while, the Old Colfeians' full-back on the bordering rugby pitch was the busiest player to be seen, returning our orbiting shots at goal!

Our frustrations were completed when a four foot midget somehow headed a cross from a rare Colfes breakaway into the net. Thus we lost the game but can draw consolation from the manner of our defeat, which could easily have been a resounding victory

Thoughts for next week: Cohen, alias Captain Fantastic, to pass his driving test in a four wheel drive independent suspension pram; Reaseley to straighten out his three-penny bit head; Houghton to fit parachute brakes and, finally, Bartlett for England

Bill Burgoyne

Pikey adds: The above game saw Geoff Robinson make his 1st XI debut

Classified Results, March 1st 1969				
Old Colfeians	3	1st XI	2	Houghton. Adams.T
2nd XI	0	Old Parmiterians	3	
3rd XI	2	Mill Hill Village	2	Favell, Howell
Palace	3	Cardiff City	1	Hoy, Taylor,C. Taylor.T

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