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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 - 16th March				
Nottsborough	1	1	**1st XI**	SAL
Williams, N.				
2nd XI	0	2	Actonian Association	SAL
3rd XI	1	4	Old Salesians 1s	SAL
Williams, M.				
Alleyn Old Boys 6s	1	6	**4th XI**	SAL
Watson, C., Davis-Winifred, S., Page, N. (2), Gunnel, W., Adams, A.				
5th XI	P	P	Ibis Eagles 4s	SAL
HSBC 5s	0	2	**6th XI**	SAL
Sherlock, St., Douthwaite, T.				
South Bank Cuaco 6s	2	0	**7th XI**	SAL
Civil Service 8s	P	P	**8th XI**	SAL
9th XI	1	6	Old Salesians 2s	SAL
Curran, L.				

Fixtures - 23rd March		
1st XI	-	No Game
2nd XI	14:00	Winchmore Hill
SAL - Hayes		
3rd XI	-	No Game
4th XI	14:00	Alleyn Old Boys 6s
SAL - Hayes		
5th XI	-	No Game
6th XI	14:20	Old Finchleians 5s
Old Boys Cup Final - Old Parkonians		
South Bank Cuaco 5s	14:00	**7th XI**
SAL - Away		
Old Salesians 2s	14:00	**8th XI**
SAL - Away		
9th XI	12:00	Old Sedcopians 6s
Spring Cup - Hawes Down		



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Stats

Top Goalscorer	Goals
Watson, C	19
Benwell, S	15
Sherlock, Stan	13
Williams, M	12
Kennedy, C	11
Wright, M	
Rand, R	10
OG	9
Karamath, J	8
Newman-Sanders, B	
Seddon, O	
Fairhurst, S	7
Gunnell, W	
Relf, H	
Carruthers, B	6
Dixon, T	
Douthwaite, T	
Forbes, S	
Sherlock, Syd	
Williams, N	
Afoluja, D	5
Allchin, D	
Breen, J	
Bryne, N	
Cotter, J	
Lineker, D	
Mallins, B	
Page, N	
Quinton, J	
Small, J	
Stride, J	

Clean Sheets	
Dolby, J	4
Ballard, M	3
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	22	21	1	0	64	2	100
6th XI	21	21	0	0	63	0	100
1st XI	20	18	2	0	56	4	100
7th XI	22	17	4	1	55	11	95
4th XI	20	16	3	1	51	9	95
5th XI	18	14	2	2	44	10	89
3rd XI	20	13	4	3	43	17	85
9th XI	17	13	2	2	41	10	88
8th XI	16	10	5	1	35	13	94

1st XI Match Report (1-1 vs. Nottsborough)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham	15	10	3	2	36	16	20	33
2	Polytechnic	15	10	2	3	44	20	24	32
3	Nottsborough	15	8	3	4	29	23	6	27
4	Old Owens	17	7	4	6	32	31	1	25
5	Winchmore Hill	14	7	2	5	16	17	-1	23
6	Alleyn Old Boys	15	6	4	5	26	22	4	22
7	Old Wilsonians	17	5	5	7	28	34	-6	20
8	Old Garchonians	15	3	5	7	21	30	-9	14
9	Old Parkonians	14	4	2	8	17	26	-9	14
10	Actonians Association	13	3	2	8	18	30	-12	11
11	Civil Service	16	2	4	10	14	32	-18	10

Old Wilsonian's made the trip to Nottsborough on an incredibly windy afternoon, hoping for a positive result at a ground that has brought a lot of success in recent seasons for the away side. Wilson's were buoyed by the return of Ben Mallins after a lengthy period out with injury, as well as Dan Stratford from coaching in the United States, and before the game emphasised the need to collectively improve on the last couple of performances through greater defensive solidarity and providing support in numbers to the forward players.

The game began with both sets of players taking some time to acclimatise to the difficult conditions, with many hopeful balls being swept off the pitch by the blustering wind. The first chance of the game fell to Wilson's as Mallins poked a ball through to Steadford who could only lift the ball off target before being caught by the onrushing keeper. The calls for a foul fell on deaf ears as the referee signalled for a goal kick. The game then settled into a rhythm as both sides looked to score the opening goal, with Healy making a strong save down to his right from a wicked left footed half volley that was swirling towards the bottom corner.

Nottsborough continued to pose a threat down the wings, with their full backs pushing on to create overloads down the sides of the Wilson's defence. However, the away team looked dangerous on the counter attack, with a great ball from Stratford down the left releasing Karamath on a trademark run, resulting in a corner kick. Stratford's delivery was headed on by Braterman at the near post and acrobatically flicked into the roof of the net by Williams with the ball seemingly too far behind him. Wilson's looked to settle into a solid shape and defend the 1-0 advantage whilst continuing to offer a threat on the break, whilst Nottsborough intensified their efforts going forwards. The equaliser came not long before half time as the home side worked the ball well down the left hand side and the resulting cross took a touch off Sheridan before going in off Stratford who could do nothing to avoid turning the ball in. Half time soon came with both sides probably relatively satisfied with their performances.

The second half began in a similar fashion to the first, with both teams looking to find balls into the channels and build attacks from there. Chances were few and far between and the next one was likely to be crucial to winning the game. Good work from Williams down the left hand side ended up with the ball being shifted to the Mallins on the right hand side of the box. The shot looked destined to find the bottom corner before hitting the post, with the Nottsborough keeper doing well to collect the rebound ahead of Wilson's attackers following the ball in. Nottsborough responded through some dangerous set pieces that Wilson's defended well, as well as a having a goal ruled out for offside late in the half. Despite some late pressure from the home side, aided by the impressive kicking off their goalkeeper, Wilson's held strong for a well deserved point. They now approach their final three games of the season looking to build on a positive performance and result, with the aim of finishing as high as possible in the league table.

Squad: Healy, Odukale, Stratford, Sheridan, Karamath, Ohene-Djan, Steadford, Mallins, Sellman, Braterman, Williams, Filmer-Court

2nd XI Match Report (0-2 vs. Actonian Association)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough Res	13	10	2	1	31	7	24	32
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	14	7	3	4	36	23	13	24
5	Alleyn Old Boys Res	13	6	4	3	32	18	14	22
6	Actonians Association Res	15	5	0	10	24	39	-15	15
7	Polytechnic Res	15	4	1	10	25	44	-19	13
8	Bank of England Res	13	2	1	10	20	48	-28	7
9	Old Wilsonians Res	12	2	0	10	12	33	-21	6

Surviving an attempted heist of players, the 2s walked out with a strong team to face an Acton team with many recognised faces. For the 1st half an hour the game was an even contest with few chances, only a couple of Acton counter attacks to trouble the Wilson's defence. As we rolled into the second half with an outrageously strong wind, the direct play from Acton began to cause issues. About 60 minutes in after a breakdown in midfield, their playmaker drove on and slipped in their striker who finished calmly. With the wind limiting the play to one side of the pitch, Wilson's struggled to create chances and after another counter attack, following a deflected clearance from an unnamed defender, the ball fell to an Acton winger who put away their second goal. Wilson's made a good push in the last 10 minutes although created little chances. The game ended 2-0, a disappointing result based on the quality of our team.
MoM- Mackley

3rd XI Match Report (1-4 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	14	7	2	5	48	27	21	23
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	14	2	4	8	29	39	-10	10
9	Merton 3rd	15	3	1	11	29	45	-16	10

A hearty 3s side turned up to Hayes Fortress on the back of numerous hard fought draws, in a desperate search for 3 points that would be a game changer in terms of the league table. In what provided some ever needed last minute drama the squad kindly acquired some players from the 2s and 7s to get us over the magic 11, and with a good warm up spirits were high.

The first half was unlike anything we had all season, a penalty shout went our way early doors which was neatly slotted in by Matt Williams, and at the other end a makeshift back 4 saw off all their attacking potential with ease. Some excellent set piece defending tied everything together, and the half was pretty much wrapped up when a handball much like PSG's against Man Utd went against us, with their penalty being fantastically saved by Doug Forbes. Half Time we come away 1-0 and with things looking up for the next 45.

In short - it wasn't to be. We started off electric, promising in midfield and down the wings creating some fine opportunities. Some individual excellence from the opposition along with arguably better fitness gave them strength on the break, which broke their deadlock and shortly gave them a second from tap ins. We were close to tying the match but just couldn't get on the end of some great build up play which then killed us. From their keeper they counter attacked and with many of us on the back foot they broke in numbers and had the composure to secure the third. We tried for one more but luck didn't go our way, and they closed the game out with a fourth. 4-1 and 2 massive games to go in our season.

MOM - Chibu

4th XI Match Report (6-1 vs Alleyn Old Boys)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham 5th	17	12	2	3	41	27	14	38
2	Corinthian-Casuals U21	16	11	1	4	57	36	21	34
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	16	9	4	3	45	26	19	31
4	Bank of England 4th	14	6	4	4	22	17	5	22
5	South Bank Cuaco 4th	16	6	2	8	33	42	-9	20
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	13	6	1	6	36	38	-2	19
7	Weirside Rangers 3rd	16	4	6	6	27	34	-7	18
8	HSBC 4th	14	4	1	9	26	35	-9	13
9	Civil Service 5th	13	3	1	9	26	39	-13	10
10	Ibis Eagles 3rd	13	2	0	11	23	42	-19	6

The pre-written match report of “the 4s got off to a slow start...” had to be sent to the shredder as the 4s rode Storm Gareth to blow away Alleyns in the first half.

Golden boot shoe in (pun intended) WATSON opened the scoring with an audacious left footed 25 yard lob over the helpless Alleyns keeper. Off to a flyer. The 4s continued to press strongly and got their reward when DAVIES-WINIFRED demonstrated the power of a 17 inch neck to power a sublime Dixon corner into/through the net. 2-0. Next, GUNNELL channelled a sort of reverse Robben, cutting in from the left, leaving two Alleyns defenders for dead and bending a beauty into the top corner. You knew what he was going to do, but could you stop him? No. 3-0. Never one to be left out, Ballard tested the Alleyns goalkeeper from a goal kick, forcing the keeper to make a smart save and tip over the bar. Half time 3-0.

The 4s started the second half strongly, testing the Alleyns keeper on multiple occasions. Even Gunnell, for the first time in his life, demonstrated the strength he’d been hiding, flattening an unfortunate Alleyns forward and quickly describing himself as human tank. Unfortunately, the ref decided that the game needed some evening up, handing Alleyns a ridiculous penalty which was converted. 3-1.
The 4s were then handed a penalty of their own, as fox in both boxes Davies-Winifred was brought down by a lumbering challenge. Watson once again stepped up, and after scoring, the penalty was for some reason to be retaken. On the second attempt, Watson had clearly decided he wanted to keep things interesting and give the rest of Old Wilsonian’s forwards a glimmer of hope for the golden boot, allowing the Alleyns keeper to save.
However it wasn’t to matter, as NICK PAGE popped up with two smart finishes in 5 minutes, one an exquisite near post flick, to make the score 5-1.
As the game reached its conclusion, ANT ADAMS provided the perfect cherry on top with a strong strike into the bottom corner from outside the box. 6-1, game over and a great win. Oh, and we love Saturdays.

Squad: Cejay Watson, Nick Page, Tom Dixon, Sebastian Davis-Winifred, Will Gunnell, Josh Cotter, Ant Adams, Matt Ballard, Chris Ironside, Josh Nordbo, Ricky Morley, Luke Walmsley
Goals: Watson, Davis - Winifred, Gunnell, Page X2, Adams
Motm: Nick Page

5th XI Match Report (P-P vs. Ibis Eagles)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	17	14	3	0	69	22	47	45
2	Polytechnic 7th	15	10	1	4	41	26	15	31
3	West Wickham 6th	20	8	1	11	37	52	-15	25
4	Actonians Association 7th	14	7	1	6	33	33	0	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	18	1	4	13	24	55	-31	7

6th XI Match Report (2-0 vs. HSBC)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	16	10	3	3	50	30	20	33
2	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	10	2	2	34	13	21	32
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	17	7	2	8	40	51	-11	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	13	5	3	5	34	28	6	18
8	South Bank Cuaco 6th	16	4	5	7	29	32	-3	17
9	Civil Service 7th	13	4	3	6	30	37	-7	15
10	Civil Service 6th	15	4	2	9	29	42	-13	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	15	3	5	7	21	37	-16	14

With the Old Boys Cup final to look forward to next week, Old Wilsonians 6's faced up against HSBC 5th team. Old wills started well, with our quick passing going forward being too much got the HSBC defence to handle, the only thing that seemed to hold us up was the wind, which was unpredictable. Mid-way through the first half, Wilson's made the break through after Stan Sherlock found himself with a comfortable finish from six yards out, giving us a 1-0 lead. HSBC had some pace on the counter but could only manage a couple of long shot which didn't trouble Joe Dolby in goal. Wilson's kept the pressure on, and shortly after the first old wills, had their second after some great play out from the back and a fantastic ball to the back post from the right wing, Tobias was at the back post and was able to head home, doubling our lead to 2-0.
HSBC still didn't look very threatening, but just before half time they hit the post with yet another shot from outside the box, but Wilson's were able to clear.

Going into the second half, we knew we just had to carry on playing the same way as the first half and the three points would be ours. With HSBC tiring, most of the possession was still with old wills but some nice passing from the defence and midfielders was never able to create any clear cut chances. Mid way through the second half, HSBC made some attacking substitutions, and started to create some chances, but were kept out by several saves by Joe in goal, who was just able to tip the shots over the bar. With HSBC putting more players forward, old wills looked to play more on the counter and after a long ball from Joe in goal, Stan Sherlock was running through on goal when he was fouled, which gave us a great chance to score from a free kick on the edge of the box, but Chris Scotty was unable to convert. Towards the end of the game, the gaps kept on opening for Wilson's and after a quality ball in from Owen Seddon, Stan finished smartly, but was judged to be offside. Nevertheless, Wilson's kept going till the end, keeping an important clean sheet, and gaining a vital three points, meaning we go into next weeks cup final full of confidence.

7th XI Match Report (0-2 vs. South Bank Cuaco 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	16	10	3	3	50	30	20	33
2	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	10	2	2	34	13	21	32
3	Old Wilsonians 7th	17	7	2	8	40	51	-11	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	13	5	3	5	34	28	6	18
8	South Bank Cuaco 6th	16	4	5	7	29	32	-3	17
9	Civil Service 7th	13	4	3	6	30	37	-7	15
10	Civil Service 6th	15	4	2	9	29	42	-13	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	15	3	5	7	21	37	-16	14

Windy conditions made for an interesting encounter. A late call up just prior to kick off led to SPARROW being required to play for the 3s. With a delayed kick off we were slow to get in to our stride. STRONG delivered a couple of free kicks which both rebounded off the crossbar. One of which was headed in from BENSON but a dubious offside was given. We carried on the first half in control of the game and created a few chances but were unable to convert. BENWELL struck an effort from 25 yards which was heading for the top corner but the opposition keeper produced a good save, with FOWLER unlucky with an effort on the follow up that wasn't far off. MARTIN battled throughout the game in the centre of the park making several solid challenges and winning almost all of his 50/50s. Unfortunately we went in half time having failed to capitalise on the advantage of the slope and of the wind.

Early on in the second half a soft penalty was awarded to South Bank. ROBBINS was unlucky not to save as the spot kick was converted into the bottom corner. For the next 25-30 mins neither team created any clear cut chances with a few half chances for both sides. South Bank scored their second from a good long range effort. With three games remaining hopefully we can put in some good performances and end the season well.

MOTM: Martin

Team; Robbins, Chen, Chandler, Phakey, Chappell A, Chappell J, Strong, Martin, Benson, Dhariwal, Benwell S, Fowler, Jones

8th XI Match Report (P-P vs. Civil Service 8s)

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	12	6	2	4	37	18	19	20
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	16	0	3	13	20	85	-65	3

9th XI Match Report (1-6 vs. Old Salesians)

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	12	6	2	4	37	18	19	20
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	16	0	3	13	20	85	-65	3

Yet to win in the league but with a 100% record in the cups the 9's faced a very tough fixture against a strong Salesians side.

With the team talk emphasising on commitment and making it difficult for the opposition to score we scrapped our fluid approach and adopted a 4-5-1 formation. The first twenty minutes were very tight with both sides working tirelessly to thwart the opposition however the 9's maintained the desire for longer and started to dominate play winning numerous corners, from one of these a Salesian defender headed away but Adam Phillips lurking on the edge of the box hit a ferocious volley, the keeper sprung like Nureyev and finger tipped it onto the bar, the ball crashing down, but without VAR it was impossible to give.

Unfortunately shocks don't only happen in San Andreas and some subtle interplay in the middle of the park left the striker with a one on one with Josh Mole who without persuasion had grabbed the gloves for the day. Eyeball to eyeball they stood but despite Josh getting his hand to the shot it had enough power to traverse the line.

Now some sides would have sunk like a 'Rock' but not this pride of cubs,not on this day!
Disappointment brushed off we created wave after wave of attacks but when we had our own two on one moment with their keeper and with both strikers being very polite young men leaving it to the each other, it didn't look like our moment would come.

Now , those of you who actually listen to Ruud Guillit's analysis will understand that it doesn't matter what happens on a field of play it is all about which team takes it's moments.

A piercing shout, 'handball', ref points to the spot, cometh the moment, cometh Luke Curran. Approach- hit the ball as hard as you can at the keepers head and you will achieve a magic moment.

So 1-1 at the break the manager upbeat with his charges efforts, what could go wrong?

9th XI Match Report (1-6 vs. Old Salesians)

Absolutely nothing, we held out for 15 minutes and were unlucky when a free kick from quite a distance got caught in one of the many hurricane gusts and Josh was unable to deal with it. 3...4....5.....6..... Followed but not an ounce of sweat was left behind as the Cubs came of age and became lions. I am still awaiting the lions to roar but I was remarkably impressed with the improvement the youngsters are making, their desire and enthusiasm. If they ever listen to the team talk they might improve that little bit more.....

Great performance by all both young an old and I think their best games yet from many.

Mole J - Went in goal, made some great saves, did nets, swept dressing rooms- thank you.
Saj Phakey - Great improvements made this season, understanding of game, physicality and simplicity all going the right way.
Bruce Stringer - Think Bruce might be a better player now than he was 30 years ago.
'Boom Nelson' - Still in Peter Pan stage, moves incredibly well for an 'old fella, was on point.
Mahesh Mottram - Admirable performance, glides past players, good pace and combativeness.
Luke Curran - Good energy, dead ball maestro, head hunter.
Humphrey Keeper - Finally found his position as protector to back four, very disciplined.
Adam Phillips - Twinkle toes, versatile and looking forward to his progression next season.
The Wizard Vishu - What a difference an alarm clock makes, put it about and deserved his 90 minutes on the park.
Andrew Leggett - Lost his wallet but put in a huge shift, now mixing is with the big boys.
Sam Cheung - unlucky not to score, constant threat and dynamism.
George Worrall - unlucky not to score, hope I haven't spelt name wrong, tenacious.
Steve Chinnery - Oldest current playing member in club, legend, amazing achievement.
Nick Mole - ?....

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

PARKINSON'S LAW PREVAILS IN THE END 4th XI 4 Old Guildfordians 0

A bright sunny day and a perfect pitch at Coneyhall greeted the 4th XI. We all knew that last week's diabolical loss at Woking had to be exorcised and a return to our winning ways was essential to maintain our promotion chances. The warm-up was spectacular, with every player breaking the back of the net from any yardage

However, and as always, the actual match found that all of the good shooting had been used up and we failed to take our many chances! Guildfordians arrived late and when the game commenced it was obvious that we were better in every position. Time after time the ball was picked up by a yellow shirt and, after some tidy passing, another yellow shirt was always there to blast the ball over, wide, at their 'keeper or in any direction – you name it and they did it

DAVE PARKINSON missed a hatfull of chances but eventually the law of chances prevailed, for, after more work, and a slightly miss-hit shot, he confused the 'keeper as the ball headed towards its target and we were, at last, 1-0 up

Although the football was pretty, one or two people decided it was easy, and stopped working. This attitude has to change. However, whenever you want to prove a point the opposite usually happenes and **DAVE PARKINSON,** also known as 'Cobra', but God knows why, scored again after good work by Dave Valder

A third came soon after, a neat flick-on by Ian Haines for **'COBRA'** to thump into the roof of the net from two yards. Rumour has it that he was trying to miss, since this usually guarantees he will hit the target! Half-time was a quiet affair, and we turned round with the wind at our backs

From this point on we looked a much better side and Daimon Riley, playing his first game at centre-half, came more and more into the match with some solid defending and some great runs, which are becoming his trade-mark. **'COBRA'** struck once more before forgetting he had to aim and miss and, in the meantime, 'Skippy' Smith decided that Guildfordans were too nice to be buried and proceeded to show charity that 'Save the Children' would have been proud of and, after the game, I told him so, and that's why I'm writing the report!

Special mentions for Richard Dry, who was called in at 11-00 a.m. and played with some good tackling and running, and John Mole, who made a great return to the 4th XI. 'Player of the Year' is beginning to occupy our minds and it would be wrong not to mention that 'Wolfie', even 'though he does keep telling us, ***IS*** having a great season

Four games remain and we must win them all and win well. If we coast, or take things for granted, we will waste the golden opportunity we have of promotion

Andy Kirchin

Kirchin Adams Riley Milledge Mole.J Haines Stewart Valder Dry Smith.A Parkinson

3rd XI: Wing.K Prince Eccles Pullen (Ali)Simpson Tarn Caskey Chapman Stone Mace Quarrington

7th XI: Smart.D Higgins Rayworth Letts Spencer Jansson Ayling Dutton Johnson.G Berks Wilson.J

Classified Resuts, March 19th 1994				
Chertsey Old Salesians	2	1st XI	1	Pope
2nd XI	1	Glynn Old Boys	1	Elliott
3rd XI	4	Old Sinjuns	1	Stone, Pullen, Tarn 2
Old Sinjuns	0	3rd XI	5	Mace, Stone 4
4th XI	4	Old Guildfordians	0	Parkinson 4
Old Sedcopians	3	5th XI	0	
5th XI	1	Old Sedcopians	0	OG
6th XI	5	Chertsey Old Salesians	1	Wright 3, Joliffe, Pilgrim.I
Old Sedcopians	1	7th XI	3	Wilson.J.2, Dutton
Merton	9	8th XI	2	Ty, Sullivan.C

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

For some reason the 1st XI never seem to play as well in muddy conditions as they do in firm conditions. I cannot imagine why this is. Some critics may argue that the 1sts are a skillful rather than a tough side and that it relies on individual talent rather than team effort. This has certainly been borne out in some of our latest matches but I do not think this point of view is strong enough to provide the reason for our bad losses this season

From the many games the 1st XI have lost this season I cannot remember one – perhaps the Colfes game is an exception – where the team left the field having given 90 minutes full effort and thereby losing the game to a deservedly better side

Saturday's game was a good example. Inland Revenue are top of the division and merit their position. Unquestionably their attack is a very strong and efficient one, but it was mistakes on our part that led to a final score of 0-5. They had a very good centre-forward who was more than at home with high crosses but, for some reason, nobody on our side attempted to cut out this dangerous aspect of their attack. As for the forward line, the few chances they were offered to score were not taken

This week we play Witan. Let's hope that the 1st XI play with a little more determination, a lot more concentration and, with a little luck, we should finish the season in a more respectable position than we currently occupy.

Gerry Reaseley

The first double-header for the Club this year fell to the 3rd XI. The first game started with the 3rds lacking confidence and generally kicking the ball in every direction – except that intended! Our goal came from a penalty when Pete Portman was hacked down in the area and **BOB FAVELL** converted to give us an undeserved lead, but they equalised following a long through ball when a forward darted in to score

In the second game Edgware changed three of their team but we kept the same side and things went much better for us. Our two goals were well taken by **JOHN BRITTAIN,** who also hit the post with a sizzling 30 yard shot. Edgware were offered chances several times, the result of risky clearances by our defence, but their goal came from a very high ball from their left-winger which vanished in the low-lying mist and then descended on the unsuspecting Gordon Manning, who flung himself across the goal but could not get a hand to it

The standard of play in the 3rd XI was by no means as good as earlier in the season but two players in this game are to be commended – Nigel Looker and Tony 'King Edward' Murphy both had excellent games.

Tony Golborn

Under new management 'The Fighting 4ths' returned to the form that can lift them from the bottom of the pole. Facing an early deficit of one goal our new captain, Bob Chapman, spurred the players on to hit back straight away with a Clarke-Bevan-**FANNING** move that ended with a 20 yard shot from the latter. Five minutes later Charlie "The Mole" Holder pushed forward a brilliant ball and then left the field for **CLARKE** to shoot home

Drawing 2-2 at the interval – they scored somehow – we hit back straight away through some strong running from our forwards. Bob Bevan sent **TONY CAUSER** through and he lobbed beautifully over the advancing 'keeper. Later an almost identical move ended with the ball just grazing the bar. Following constant pressure from Mayfield a somewhat unfortunate incident brought forth their equaliser to make the final score 3-3

I must add that the welcome return of Cliff Norris, Brian Wells and 'Fred' Fielder added greater strength to our defence

Anon

Crystal Palace disposed of Bury for their fourth successive victory as they seek promotion

Classified Results, March 15th 1969				
Inland Revenue	5	1st XI	0	
3rd XI	1	Edgware Rovers	1	Favell
Edgware Rovers	1	3rd XI	2	Brittain 2
4th XI	3	Mayfield Athletic	3	Fanning, Clarke, Causer
Palace	1	Bury	0	Woodruff

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