OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB ‘All the news that’s fit to print’

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This weeks newsletter includes results from the matches from the weekend matches played on the weekend of Saturday 18th November 2023.

OWA AGM – 12th December 2023, 7.30pm at the club, OWFC Christmas Social – Blue Bengal, Carshalton, 16th December 2023.

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Training is Monday nights at Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5.

Team of the Week – Seb Saggar (5s), Jamie Moniz (4s), Toby Shelton (4s), Sonny Rowe (2x), Nathaniel Passley (1s), Sam James (1s), Sam Wright (1s), Elliot Roberts (2s), Alex Eeles (5s), James Karamath (Vets)

New Sponsor for the OWFC 3rd Xi kit – https://www.exseedhealth.com/

New Podcast – “Not So Old Boys”– the first episode of this new OWs weekly podcast was 2nd November.

Men of the Hill

https://www.facebook.com/groups/200448241218240

A number of Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times, please click on the link or cut n paste above.

Its good to talk. Its ok not to be ok.

Talking about how we feel is something we all find hard to do whether you are a Man or a Woman.

Last Sunday we discussed ways of expressing how we feel, as well as how anxiety can affect us.

We spoke about the positive effects our Sports Club has had on us and what our plans are to Remove the Mental from Mental Health.

About

This group has been set up to help anyone connected to the Wilsonian Sports club, whether they be friends of friends or family members.

We are here to keep each other company.

We will share events across different platforms such as WhatsApp and help people get through the 12 or so weeks we have to face under Covid-19.

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

Visibility

Anyone can find this group.



Results – 18th November 2023

SAL	1s v Crouch End (h)
Results	Scorers
3-0	Sam Wright 2, Sam James

SAL	2nd XI v Polytechnic (a)
Results	Scorers
3-4	Elliott Roberts 2, Tom Craig

SAL	3rd XI v Old Meadonians (a)
Results	Scorers
1-0	Will Crane

AFA	4th XI v Polytechnic (h)
Results	Scorers
0-3	

	5th XI v Carshalton (a)
Results	Scorers
2-3	

SAL	6th XI v Old Meadonians (h)
Results	Scorers
0-8	

SAL	
Results	Scorers

Vets / Super Vets	Old Sutts
Results	Scorers
3-3	James Karamath 3

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Fixtures – 25th November 2023

SAL	1s v Cambridge Heath (a)
Results	Scorers

AFA	2nd XI v Actonians (h)
Results	Scorers

	3rd XI v Merton (a)
Results	Scorers

SALC	4th XI v Actonians (h)
Results	Scorers

	5th XI v Old Blues (h)
Results	Scorers

SAL	6th XI v Bank of England (a)
Results	Scorers

SAL	
Results	Scorers

Vets / Super Vets	HSBC (a) – Vets SAL Cup
Results	Scorers

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1s vs Crouch End Vampires (18/11/23) (3-0 W)
Home to the Vampires this week, and the 1s had a point to prove, after throwing away a 2-0 lead and 3 points to Crouch End earlier in the season.

From the off it was clear the 1s were the stronger side, knocking the ball around nicely and looking comfortable at home. Linton was looking in fine form down the right, and Passley was dominating through the middle up top.

A goal was coming, with early efforts from Wright, Eves & James from an OWs corner narrowly missing the target. The deadlock was broken by the 1s skipper, Wright, as he latched onto a stray pass from the Crouch End keeper, to beat the remaining defender and slotted into the awaiting pavilion end. A deserved lead, though cries of "we don't let this slip" filled Hayes Hill - lessons learned from the previous meeting.

Soon after, the 1s doubled their lead. Jeevan clipped a corner in from the right, which found James unmarked on the 6 yard box line. He willingly nodded home, and the keeper was fishing out his second from the back of the net - unfortunately for him, it wasn't to be the last!

With the Crouch End keeper flapping like a flag in the wind, Jeevan tried a loopy effort from distance. The Vampires' number 1 needed two attempts to push the ball over the bar - neither of which were successful, and the second instead found Wright who was following in to nod home his second. The Vampires were left hanging at 3-0 down, and must've been relieved to hear the half time whistle blow.

The second half saw the introduction of Boyle & Ferguson, who did well to get straight into the game. All season the 1s have been looking for clean sheets & risk-free play at the back - the second half was exactly that. A few smart saves from Ingamells insured his second clean sheet of the season, and a few close chances at the other end failed to increase the lead.

3-0 the finish, and a much needed & deserved win for the 1s. Away to Cambridge Heath next week, who they rolled 4-0 earlier in the season and another great chance for 3 more points. Up the 1s!

Squad:
Harry Ingamells (GK), Sam Wright, Pat Kirby, Sam James, Ikedi Harker, Nathan Cooper, Craig Elliot, Gowtham Jeevan, Josh Eves, Austin Linton, Nathaniel Passley, Nick Boyle, Jordan Ferguson


SWP

OWFC 2nd XI V Poly

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Poly 4s 4 - Wilsons 2s 3

A goal from a last minute corner settled an exciting game, which the crowd would have certainly enjoyed, had the venue not been so inaccessible and the weather so drab. It was a disappointing loss for OWs having led in the game and also later coming back to level the score at 3-3. One positive is that the results at least continue to be consistent this season.

Here's how the scoring went…

1–0
1–1
1–2
2–2
3–2
3–3
4–3

The game was full of scrappy goals, and some people said that Elliot scored twice and Tom once. One thing we can all agree on is that we look forward to beating Poly back at Hayes later on in the season.

Up the 2s (Jack Shelton)

OW's 6th XI 0 v 8 Old Meadonians 5th XI – (Cup game) Hawes Down
Scorer – N/A
It was a day dominated by the muddy, wet conditions and interesting footwear choices. My son informed me a minute before we left home that he couldn't find his boots, an interesting conversation ensued and we came up with a solution, only to find his boots left in the changing room from last week. He was not the only one, with one of our subs starting off in trainers only to upgrade to Astro boots, loaned by his mate. Due to a weekend trip to Manchester by half of the team, we had a much changed side out for this Cup game, with even the legendary Bruce Graham having to pull out due to a late injury (hope the knee is better soon!). The pitch was saturated and the referee was doing his best to make sure we all behaved ourselves in the wet conditions. Matthew's pre-kick off chat was not to question the ref and more communication. Starting off, playing up the hill, the muddy conditions made some of the passing interesting, with anything under hit a cause for concern. Although we managed to contain their No9, who was on a holiday from a higher side, they eventually broke through and we conceded two goals in quick concession. A final one before the break left us adrift, but not on the ropes at half time. Ben O and Luca Stringer had covered the midfield well and kept us playing some good football. We had several great crosses into the box, with no one gambling on the far post. Oli and Matt both put in a shift to try and get a goal.
As we re-started 0 v 3 down, we continued to push but unbelievably I don't think we got a single corner during the game, which shows how often our forays didn't quite make an impact. With the rolling subs, we kept up the tempo, but lost a little of the intensity and we twice left their midfielder to collect the ball at the half way line and hit the goal, top bins from 25 yards, leaving Frosty no chance. However, Frosty was having an inspired second half, keeping us in it, saving several one-on- ones and saving a very harshly given penalty. The opposition however scored from a corner and two other break aways. Saj Phakey and Dante Stringer had great games defending well in the mud bath that the pitch had now turned into. Luca Stringer hit a great free kick, but the goalkeeper got down well to save it. Kevin Colwell came on the second half and helped stop their rampant midfield.
Although we lost our intensity, we all battled through the match. No one gave up and we go again next week.
MoM – Ben O (just kept running and winning those battles)
Notable mentions – Frosty (super saves and unlucky on the goals), Luca Stringer (great vision and battled well), the ref (had a good game overall, but gave the oppo a penalty than no one else saw, then didn't give them the most blatant penalty 5 mins later).
Team : Frosty (GK), Bruce Stringer, Luca Stringer, Dante Stringer, Saj Phakey, Akram Rataba, Cody Wilkins, Mandeep Dhariwal, Matthew GW, Ben O, Ali Reza M, Lloyd Rees, Ollie Johnson, Kevin Colwell.

Bruce Stringer

Old Suts 3-3 OWFC

The vets let slip a two goal lead to draw 3-3 away at rivals Old Suts.

OWFC started strongly with Shergs finding pockets and Kara winning his footraces against Bill Oddie. John Howe was asked to 'defend from the front' and responded literally, blocking a goal bound Wilsons shot with his back. The opener came from an attack down the right, with Fox squaring to Kara to tap into an empty net. A second followed soon after. A passage of neat football, with Will Davies the architect, afforded Kara the opportunity to finish calmly.

The second half started with Suts on the front foot, utilising both the wind and teenager in their ranks, and they pulled a goal back with a good strike from the edge of the penalty box. Kara restored the two goal lead with a poachers finish after Will and Shergs got in each other's way. Suts again pulled a goal back. The reporter can't remember the goal itself but I suspect it was via a cross from the right flank.

As the game entered the final minutes Wilsons had a great chance to put the game to bed but both Fox and Doug Smart contrived to miss from inches. And Suts delivered a late sucker punch, their lame forward heading in from close range.

Andy Fox

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , November 21st1998
Old Dorkingians 0 1st Xl 2 Smart.R 2
Old St Marys 2 2nd Xl 2 Sherwin, Holmes
3rd Xl 5 Old Dorkingians 0 Karamath 3, McGeever, Mace
Old Salesians 1 4th Xl 0
Old St Marys 3 5th Xl 3 Hayward, Blake 2
Old Suttonians 2 7th Xl 1 Middleton
8th Xl 1 John Fisher Old Boys 8 Nelmes
Swindon Town 2 Palace 0

EVERYONE GETS A MENTION IN FINE TEAM EFFORT 3rd Xl 5 Old Dorkingians 0

On this fresh, crisp Saturday afternoon the 3rd Xl took to the hallowed turf on the back of some very topsy-turvy results. Two ten goal concessions and a very poor 3-1 Cup defeat last week did not auger well. However, we bounced back with avengeance.

With added zip up front – the pacey Mark Mace and James Karamath – we started very positively, with simple one or two touch football and plenty of bodies in defence when Dorking pushed forward and our fluid play was rewarded when JAMES KARAMATH completed a wonderful solo run with an exquisitely finished goal.

Turn around at half-time and Captain Kelvin spoke of the need for concentration and not letting Dorking complete a sucker punch.

Within ten minutes of the re-start HIGH McGEEVER got his obligatory poacher's tap-in goal which spurred us on to even higher levels and it was not long before JAMES KARAMATH got his second, and then third goal for a well-deserved hat-trick. James played like a man possessed; it's amazing what half a term at University can do!

To round off the scoring MARK MACE completed a run on to a through ball to make it 5-0. Despite apparently only touching the ball twice throughout the game it was Mark's intelligent off the ball running that created the extra space for James.

When all is said and done the whole team played tremedously well, even to the extent that the nimble Mike Hoffman – despite excess poundage – was reported to have had several good runs forward, with one of his shots just clearing the corner of the upright.

Other notable efforts came from Si' Corrigall, playing just behind the front two, whilst the midfield efforts of Hugh McGeever, Bruce Graham (sub Adam Curtis), Si' Kidd and Jon Quinton stiffled the opposing forwards motions at source (Sounds messy –ed).

Captain Kelvin had a steady game, turning a goal-bound shot over superbly in the first half and, Yes, I am available next week, skipper. Dave Wood marshalled the defence with his usual military precission at the back, whilst Steve West had his usual steady and reliable game after coming back from injury.

It was a joy to be part of the team today and let's hope we have more great joys this season.

Mike Hoffman

Wing.K Hoffman West Wood Quinton McGeever Graham (Curtis) Kidd Corrigall Mace Karamath

4th Xl: Pope.A Skelton Forbes.S Goodwin Robinson Nelson Pilgrim.M Chillman Stone Jerome.S

5th Xl: Pilgrim.I Adams Banks Blake Hayward Hollis Letts Lloyd Rees Spencer.N Stewart

8th Xl: Norton Shale (Sherlock.A) Rayworth Davis Higgins Nelmes Jerome.C Forsyth Cocks(Sherlock.J) James Elliott

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
Classified Results, November 24th 1973
Camden Municipal
Officers 2 1st Xl 3 Bartlett.D, Maunder, Simner
2nd Xl 1 Old Monovians 2 Hanifan
Old Parmiterians 4 3rd Xl 1 Davis.P
4th Xl 2 Pearl Assurance 3 Fielder.W. 2
5th Xl 1 Old Wokingians 9 Scorer not reported
Portsmouth 2 Palace 2 Rogers 2

"COR, BLIMEY REF" Camden Municipal Officers 2 1st Xl 3

With Pete Sayer out with flu', Bill Morley took over his role in the defence and we took the upper hand from the start and, after a couple of missed chances, DAVE BARTLETT tripped up in front of goal but, fortunately, and in doing so, kicked the ball into the net.
Pressure continued and, from a harrasing run by Tony Maunder the ball bounced to new boy LESLIE SIMNER, who soared with the air to head home.
Terry Adams had been getting no recognition from captain Bill Morley, so he decided to up end the opposing centre-forward. But, alas, the referee decided upon a penalty, just to make a game of it, and Terry's "Cor blimey ref" had little effect on the outcome.
A score-line of 2-1 at half-time led to a tongue lashing in the dressing room and a plan for more goals. However, undaunted we returned to the field and played a re-mix of the first half and new boy, I nearly forgot his name, Les Simner linked well with the forward line and Chris Cowell made use of the left-wing.
TONY MAUNDER put us 3-1 up and it looked as if the hosts were going to go home early. But, wait a minute, I'm forgetting the referee, who is having quite a half. He has sent a Camden player off. Hello, he has given another penalty.
Good games from Mick Pilgrim – again, Mick Burt and a re-positioned Bill Morley.
Gerry Reaseley
Taylor (Martin) Burt Robinson Pilgrim.M Morley Simner Adams Bartlett.D Cowell.C Reaseley Maunder

PLAYING FOR NINETY MINUTES IS ESSENTIAL Old Parmiterians 4 3rd Xl 1

The 3rd Xl conceded an early but we equalised when an inswinging corner by PETE DAVIS resulted in the Parmiterian 'keeper dropping the ball over the line. However, our hosts re-took the lead after half an hour when two defenders completely misunderstood one another and failed to clear the ball, allowing an opposing forward a clear run and shot at goal. Ray Howell and Pete Davis were unlucky with a couple of near misses and then a brilliant shot by Paul Gadhile ended up in the net, only to be disallowed for offside against another player, but was he interfering with play(?)
The second half saw no change in the way the ball was running for us and a defender dribbling, instead of clearing the ball, left us wide open and another goal down. We then started to fight back but it was too late and many crossed balls from the wings should have been converted by our forwards, who were missing the ball by inches.
A better second half display, but certainly not good. We must learn to play on the smaller pitches our opponents provide as well as our own large ones. We must also start to realise our precarious position in the league and start to play 90 minutes football instead of spasms of 5 to 10 minutes
Alan Carpenter
Cowell.J Gibbs Ford McAlister R.E Carpenter Howell Murphy Barry Favell Gadhile Davis.P

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