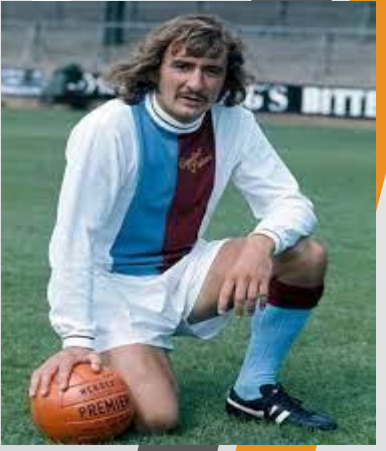


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All our Today’s

This years Dinner will be on Friday 22nd April at the Clubhouse.
Steve Kember will be our Guest of Honour and Speaker.
Reserve your ticket now through your skipper or Alex Forbes.

Massive apologies to Jamie Moniz and the 5s who sent me in a match report last week through Wapp which I missed. The report is included this week.

It’s the Kirk Benjamin memorial game this Sunday as the Super Vets take on the SE London Arts Network, a mental health charity promoted by our own Mike Pike. It’s a 930am ko at Hayes. Kirk took his own life 3 and a half years ago and is sorely missed. Its ok not to be ok, its good to talk, Men of the Hill always available to chat (Slide 3).

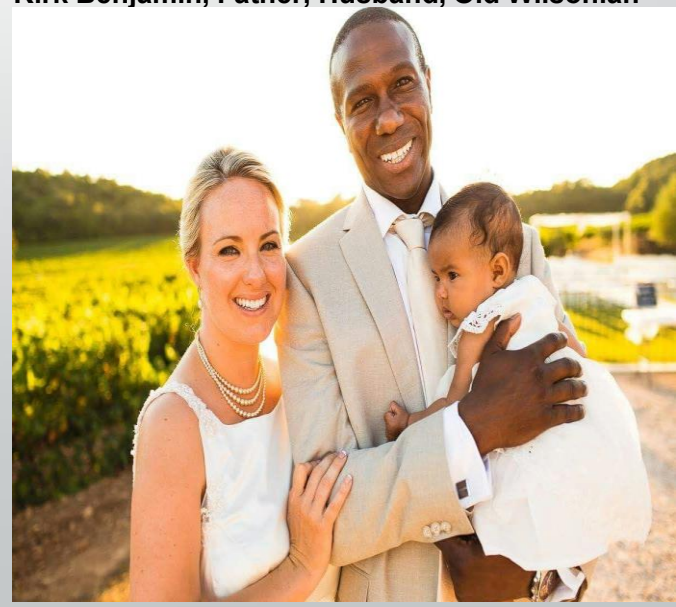
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Kirk Benjamin, Father, Husband, Old Wilsonian



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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 Wilsonians 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.

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Anyone can find this group.



Fixtures – 2nd April 2022 – Home Games at Hayes /HD

SAL	1s v
Results	Scorers
	No game

SAL	3rd XI v
Results	Scorers
	Lge Season complete Await Friendly

SAL	4th XI v Bromleians 3S
Results	Scorers

SAL	5th XI vs Poly 7s Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	6th XI vs
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL	7th XI vs Merton 5s Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	8th X1 vs Civil Service 9s Away
Results	Scorers

Super Vets Sun 3rd 930am KO	Vs SE Arts Network X1 Kirk Benjamin Memorial
Results	Scorers



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Results – 26th March 2022 – Home Games at Hayes /HD

SAL	1s v Nottsborough Away
Results	Scorers
1 - 3	Dan Sellman

SAL	3rd XI v
Results	Scorers
	League Season Completed

SAL	4th XI v Acton 5s Hayes
Result	Scorers
6 - 0	Dada 2, Gill 2, Sam James, Adams

SAL	5th XI vs Actonians 6s Away
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL	6th XI vs Ibis Eagles 6s Away
Results	Scorers
	Ibis cried off

SAL	7th XI vs CSFC Hayes
Results	Scorers
2 - 0	Lewis Dennelly, Terrell Wells

SAL	8th X1 vs Wimbledonians Away
Results	Scorers
0 - 7	

Vets Sunday	Vs
Results	Scorers
	No game



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For those that haven't been following the 1s season to date, let me bring you up to speed, as it really has been a game of two halves. After the school 1st XI coach took over in pre-season with big energy and big ambitions, his plans were soon thwarted by injuries, poor availability and non-existent attendance at training. Jon Howe took over midway through the season and through his own admission has brought little to the team tactically, but by focusing on keeping things simple, creating an enjoyable atmosphere to play football in and working hard on player recruitment he's managed to string a set of results together that have ensured the teams safety in the top division and hopefully created a good foundation to build on for next season.

And so while we were not to be featuring at the sharp end of the table at this late point in the season, we are still to play a role in. With three games to play, we found ourselves away to Nottsborough who had games in hand over top of the table (our old friends) West Wickham, and with a trip to WW and the reverse Notts fixture still to play. Can the 1s have a say in who is to win the league this season? In all likelihood probably not unless it comes down to goal difference in which case goals scored against us will probably be a factor. Not helping our cause on this fine, if slightly blustery day, was the inclusion of Dan Harris as a makeshift goalkeeper. Of my 500+ appearances for the OWFC, this was my 3rd start in goal and along with Doug Forbes regular heroics lower down the XI's points vert starkly to our current goal-keeper crisis. I remember only 5 years ago having too many gk's and the current 1st team keeper used to have to play out on pitch for our 2nd XI team.

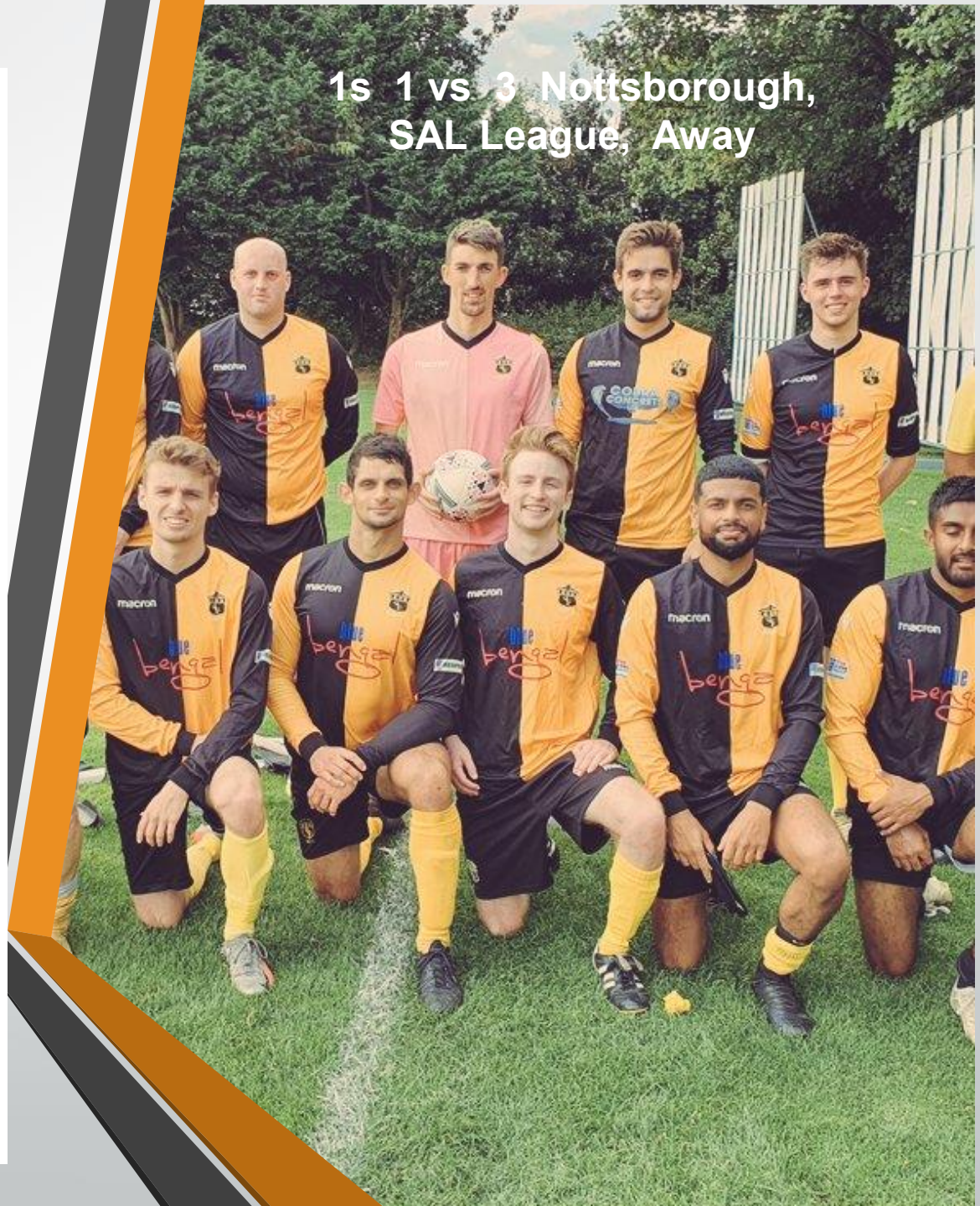
Anyway, to the game. We did well to stay in the game against a strong, organised Notts team who probed well without creating too many chances. As the first half progressed Notts started to assert their dominance and whilst the defence coped admirably with their patient build up play, protected well by a compact midfield, we struggled to create more than a couple of half-chances going forwards. The deadlock was broken when a Notts forward nipped in between centre-back and keeper to finish into an empty net.

Against the wind in the second half we came under more pressure and struggled to clear our lines. A second goal was conceded from a corner and a scrappy finish, but we got one back from some great skills from Gilo in the middle of the park, to cries of "don't foul him he's going nowhere", proceeded to twist round three of them before crossing for a simple **Dan Sellman** finish. Notts ended any hope of a comeback with a 3rd when we failed to clear, leaving their striker in a 1 on 1 with Harris (who incidentally had us to lose 3-1 in the Togger) and the striker slotted calmly.

For my part I successfully flapped at a few, spent possibly too much time outside of my area and sliced too many 2nd half clearances into touch but generally enjoyed being back in the 1s after a long and inexplicable absence and didn't do too badly so will very modestly award myself MoM for writing the report as much as anything.

MoM: Harris

Team: Harris (GK), Highwood, Serge, Straw, Kara, Sellman, Steadford, Mountain, Farmer, Cooper, Jeevan, Elliot, Giles







4s 6 vs 0 Old Actonians, League, Home

The 4s were a win or draw away from the guaranteed 2nd place spot in the league and weren't they up for it.

The game got underway after an extensive 30 min Kenyan marathon runner inspired warm up and the 4s got right to work.

Ade Dada who got the all clear from his medical at 11am in the morning piled the pressure onto the Actonian defense, forcing their keeper to pulled off some excellent saves. (Not as good as the HSBC GOAT keeper but decent saves)

Finally after an incredible amount of pressure the ball was knocked out by Actonians from a corner, finding **George Gills** right boot who rocketed a shot in the top corner. 1-0. Incredible effort.

The goals then flooding in. **Ade Dada** getting his reward for his efforts with a cracking long ranger, finally beating the keeper

Ant Adams first game back from covid leisurely slotted another long range effort past the keeper to make it 3-0

Then Sam James managed to lace a 40 yarder over the keepers head making it 4-0 to Wilsons. Great goal

5th came from **Ade Dada** again, with his usual fox in the box tap ins.

6th was a cracking header from **George Gill.**

Now we thought we had already seen some memorable moments throughout the game with 4 worldie goals, but we have to mention the Actonian centre back.

In form striker Ian "chunk" Wellman entered the pitch, sending further fear into the actonian defense, except for one man.

The ball came over from a great cross from Kyle Waters and destined to make it 2 in 2, Wellman went to lace the ball to find their centreback, dive through the air like a javelin, intercepting the shot. Arguably the greatest bit of defending that happened globally that weekend.

4s promoted

Goals

Dada x 2 Gill x 2 James 1 Adams 1

Man of the match Sam James, Player of the season - Actonians Javelin like defender

5s 4 vs 1 Poly 7's, played 19th March, SAL, Home

Old Wilsonians 5s we're lucky to not be 1-0 down within the first 10 minutes of the game with the Polytechnic 7s starting on the front foot and hitting the bar from a well dispatched free kick.

They soon did find the net through a rebound from a save from the 5s keeper, who had definitely been the busier of the 2 up to this point.

OWs responded minutes later through some brilliant football between Carpenter, A Burmingham and Braterman who set it up for **TAYLOR** to cooly slot it home for 1-1 to see off the first half.

Once again the 5s (who have loved to go a goal behind this season) opened the flood gates.

A typical huge Curran throw-in started a OW attack in which the inevitable **A.BURMINGHAM** got on the end of a rebound to make it 2-1.

Later in the half, Hutchins ran through on goal only to see the Poly keeper show off his best Robert Sanchez (Brighton) impression and come flying out with a karate kick to concede an OW free kick on the edge of the box. A tactical decision from captain Charman who directed and suggested where to place the free kick; was expertly executed by **A.BURMINGHAM** to complete his brace and put the 5s 3-1 up with 25 minutes to go.

A game of pinball occurred in the opposition box which ended with **HUTCHINS** smacking the ball into the back of the net, making it 4-1.

A couple of good saves and blocks from OWs insured the game was out of reach for the Poly 7s and a comprehensive victory in a must win game had been completed.

Squad: J. Seelan (GK), R. Pillai, C.Charman (C), T. Shelton, L. Curran, N. Burmingham, J. Cutter, N. Carpenter, M. Tayler, J. Jones, A. Burmingham, A. Braterman, O. Hutchins.











Old Wimbledonians 7 vs 0 8's, League, Away.

In the words of Sven-Göran Eriksson: "good first half, not so good second half."

A sunny day but a rock-hard pitch greeted us in out battle against Wimbledonians in Raynes Park.

Some of us had played in the 9s defeat of the same opponents earlier in the season, so we fancied our chances.

First half we have as good as we got, and only went behind due to an unfortunate mix-up between the goalie and central defender.

We had some bright moments, with Ramiz Mohamed in particular a good outlet. 1-0 down and still well in it, it all fell apart in the second half. We certainly deserved to lose, but some bizarre refereeing didn't help, in particular a penalty given for a foul way outside the box.

The closest we came to scoring was a spectacular long-range effort from Steve Benwell that hit the bar. However, heads dropped and lack of fitness showed, something we cannot allow to happen if we want to stay off the bottom of the table.

Double header next week and we need to be switched on for 120 minutes!

Team: Will Davies, Bruce Graham, Matt Gundry-White, Roddy Trompiz, Seb Ayers, Ramiz Mohamed, Steve Benwell, Rob Benson, Gary Bonsels, Mark Mace, Chris Billing, Dharmesh, Jon Small, Pawel Wrona

7s 2 vs 0 Civil Service, Home, SAL.



The 7's roll up on the hallowed turf of Hayes! In fine form and looking to put the pressure on the top 2. Good warm up from Kieran Wright as usual.

The lads are full of confidence after a string of top performances and we are ready to add a another 'W' to the form table!

The team…it picks itself with an intimidating looking back 4 of Dyki, Rory, Tambo and Kieran.

We start off playing ball the Wilsonians 7's way playing it around with nice football and creating chances. We have incorporated playing out from the back with Tambini and Kieran 'utility' Wright leading the way. The early pressure paid off with quite simply a sublime strike from **Lewis**. 1-0 Wilsonians.

We continued to apply the pressure but a 2nd was needed and on the stroke of half time we got it. Ball played into **Terell** who laid it off and didn't just watch his pass but continued to make a run off the ball and eventually ball fell at his feet and finished tidily. 2-0 Wilson's going into half time.

A rousing team talk from Captain and legend Chris Dyki who reminded everyone game is not yet done. Few changes made at half time with Jack Coughlan the man with the glass groin coming off injured.

Less said about the second half the better. Very little to mention just a few highlights. Frosty making some top saves to keep us ahead and keep the clean sheet intact. And special mention Dick of the Day, who clearly wasn't a fan of the new offside rule. Other than that was a dull second half of football but Wilson's walk off with a W and a clean sheet moving us temporarily up to 2nd place! We also enjoyed a few beers in the sun after.

MOTM - Rory
Dick of the day- Nathan Spencer

Squad: Tom Frost, Chris Dyki PDI, Tambo, Kieran Wright PDI, Nathan Amoah, FSI Rory Sweeney PDI, Lewis Dennelly PDI, Jack Coughlan PDI, FSI Sotchi OWFC PDI, Terell Wells, Nathan Spencer PDI, James Doyle PDI, Joe Munn PDI, Philip Platts.

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6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

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ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S 25 YEARS AGO - 1997

ADEYANS PLAY BETTER THAN A RELEGATION HAUNTED SIDE 4th XI 2 Addeyans 2

The fours started very slowly and were left to watch the football being played around them by nine visitors who looked like a side that had won the league more convincingly than Bolton rather than a team that are almost certain to be relegated.
Goal-keeper Andy Hall "done well" in the first half to keep us in it, but it was no surprise when, just before half-time, Addeyans took the lead from a poorly defended corner.
The second half started with the 4th Xl working much harder and getting in amongst the now ten men visitors and they were rewarded for their hard work when a through ball broke for **CHRIS ROBINSON** to slot home past the stranded 'keeper.
However, and almost immediately after the re-start, Addeyans broke away down the right-wing and played a great cross-field ball to their forward who had got in behind our defence to leave the fours trailing by a goal for the second time in the game.
We continued to work hard and press forward and, ten minutes from time, John Stewart got behind their defence and was pulled back in the box, the resulting penalty being calmly slotted home by sweeper **DAVE NELMES.**
Although on paper a 2-2 draw against a ten men relegated side is not the best of results, everybody worked hard in the second half to salvage a draw against a good side. Especially worthy of mention are goall-keeper Andy Hall, Rob Godwin and the two youngsters up front, John Stewart and Chris Robinson. Anon
Hall.A Skelton Nelmes Godwin Mole.J Stewart.D Drawbridge Hughes.M Burton Stewart.J Robinson.C

Quote of the week
"We use every stumbling block as a stepping stone," - Sam Hamman, Chairman of Wimbledon Football Club

Reports Table

Team	P	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Robinson dropped
5th Xl	23	22	1	0	45	1
7th Xl	21	19	2	0	40	2
1st Xl	28	12	6	10	30	26
3rd Xl	24	10	3	11	23	25
2nd Xl	26	8	4	14	20	32
4th Xl	24	8	4	12	20	28
8th Xl	17	8	2	7	18	16
6th Xl	22	7	0	15	14	30

P = Played RS = Reports submitted RS = Reports submiited late NR = No report

Classified Resuts , March 29th 1997				
1st Xl	2	Old Manorians	3	Coomansingh, Roe
4th Xl	2	Old Adeyans	2	Robinson.C, Nelmes
Palace	0	Birmingham	1	

ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S 50 YEARS AGO - 1972

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS 4th XI 5 Inland Revenue 1

1st Man: And what, oh captain, apart from the three well-taken goals by **DAVE FLETCHER,** the one goal by **JOHN BRITTAIN,** the one by **'FRED' FIELDER** and the unforgettable way in which Bob Harper rounded Rod Hall before laying on the perfect goal for the opposition, did you think of the 4th XI's football game against Inland Revenue?
2nd Man: So that was what they were playing
1st Man: Do I gather from the inflection in your voice that you were not overly impressed by the way the forwards worked for each other?
2nd Man: Don't you mean against each other?
1st Man: Sorry; my mistake. In that case, you must agree that the tackling was nothing short of ferocious.
2nd Man: Well, I do have to admit that I would have described the tackling as ferocious if it had been the Royal Ballet versus 11 effeminate pansies, if you see what I mean.
1st Man: Yes, regrettably, I do. Wasn't there anything at all that you could get moderately enthusiastic about?
2nd Man: Well, parts of the first half had their moments. The oranges and the final whistle were a welcome relief and don't forget the defence played quite well considering all they really had to do was watch their forwards louse up chance after chance.
1st Man: You seem to be getting at the forwards quite a lot.
2nd Man: I didn't really mean to. After all, everyone was doing something wrong at some time or the other. Bob Harper had a good game, though, even allowing for the unforgettable way in which he rounded Rod Hall etc.
1st Man: Well thank you, kind Sir, for your invaluable critical perception. I think you could write an "in depth" scorching report next week,
2nd Man: Well thank you, kind Sir, but I don't really think I want to; there might be a good musical on BBC 2.
'Spud' Murphy
Hall McAlister.R Harper Walsh Vince Sayer Jenkins Fletcher Murphy Fielder.W Brittain

2nd XI: Taylor(Martin) Forbes.I Ford Kendrick,M Horscroft Burgoyne Simner Wisson Maunder Barry Favell
3rd XI: Clarke.P Rayworth McAlister R.E Gibbons McCarthy Carrington Carpenter Brown Howell.R Taylor (Malcolm)
5th XI: Allen Brighton Holder George Wilks Pike Piesse Cotton Bevan Gasson

Forthcoming Attractions

Wednesday 29th March: Dando Shaft at the Marquee, whose album – 'An Evening With' – was engineered by Dave Hunt and our very own Larry Bartlett, although they miss-spelt his name on the cover!

Saturday April 1st: Loof Lirpa at the Royal Albert Hall

Sunday April 2nd: Argent at 'The Greyhound', Croydon

Classified Results, March 25th 1972				
2nd Xl	2	Wandsworth Borough	2	Wisson, Maunder
Old Grammarians	2	3rd Xl	1	Hand
4th Xl	5	Inland Revenue	1	Fletcher 3, Brittain, Fielder.W
Old Monovians	4	5th Xl	2	Gasson 2
Manchester United	4	Palace	0	

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