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Not a great week on the pitch, but hearty congratulations to the 8s who gained their first league win of the season against togger predictions! We now enter the Christmas period, bolstered hopefully, by returning Uni boys.

***Provisional** fixtures have been allocated for the 19th December and 2nd January 2021 to catch up on games lost in lockdown.*

1s host EBOG at Hayes before making the short trip to West Wickham on 2nd Jan.
2s travel to Poly on 19th Dec before hosting West Wickham at Hayes on 2nd Jan.
3s host Carshalton at Hayes on 19th Dec.
4s travel to South Bank on 19th Dec before a top of the table clash away at West Wickham on 2nd Jan.
5s have two home games vs Civil Service on 19th Dec and host Merton on 2nd Jan.
6s and 7s meet each other for a classico interclub Xmas fixture on the 19th Dec and both in action on 2nd Jan vs Merton away (6s) and another West Wickham home derby for the 7s.
8s have a home fixture v HSBC on the 19th Dec whilst the 9s await news of JD5C fixtures.

Reminder, the Vets are due to play a Steve Kember X1 at Hayes on 20th Dec with the Super Vets returning on Sunday 3rd Jan, again at Hayes. Please confirm availability with Lee / Alex.

Please note that annual subs are overdue and must be paid to play. If you have any issues with payment, don’t worry, just speak in confidence either to your skipper, Chairperson Alex Forbes, Jon Howe or a Committee member.

We remain Tier Two restrictions with alcohol only served with a substantial meal, so pie and beans has never been more attractive! Non Sibi Sed Omnibus.

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Results – 5th December 2020

League	No fixture
Results	Scorers

League	2nd XI vs Owens Away
Results	Scorers
2 - 2	Gowtham Jeevan, Josh John.

League	3rd XI vs Hampstead Heathens Home Hayes
Results	Scorers
1 - 2	OG.

League	4th XI vs AFC Oldsmiths Reserves Home Hayes
Results	Scorers
1 - 3	Not reported

League	5th XI vs Alleyn OB 6s Home
Results	Scorers
2 - 2	Kennedy, Lock

League	6th XI vs Carshalton 4s Home
Results	Scorers
2 - 12	Steve Benwell, James Stride.

League	7th XI v Civil Service 7s Away
Results	Scorers
3 - 4	Sam Forbes, Will Davies, FNU SNU.

League	8th X1 v Merton 6s Away
Results	Scorers
3 - 2	Small, Igboayaka, Amoah

League	9th X1 No game
Results	Scorers

Friendly	Vets / Super Vets
Results	Scorers
	No games



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Fixtures – 12th December 2020

League	1st X1 Postponed
Results	Scorers

League	2nd XI vs NUFC Oilers Res
Results	Scorers

League	3rd XI vs West Wickham Away
Results	Scorers

League	4th XI Postponed
Results	Scorers
1 - 3	

League	5th XI vs Carshalton Away
Results	Scorers

League	6th XI vs Ibis Eagles Away
Results	Scorers

League	7th XI v South Bank Home
Results	Scorers

League	8th X1 v South Bank Home
Results	Scorers

League	9th X1 No game
Results	Scorers

Friendly 13/12	Vets / Away Old Sutts (TBC) Super Vets
Results	



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1st XI – Senior Div 1

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3's

http://www.southernamateurleague.co.uk/junior-division-5b-south.html

4th XI – Junior South Div 2

5th XI – Junior South Div 3

6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

8th XI – Junior South Div 5



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2s vs Owens, Away, League, Drew 2 - 2

After a whole month without football the Old Wilsonian mighty 2s were back in action against Old Owen's away at Potter's Bar. However, the preparation from both teams couldn't have been more different as Wilsons had a bare 11 vs. a "bare 16" for Old Owen's. To make matters worse there was no kit for us (thanks Jon), however the well organised Owen's had a spare light blue kit which they kindly allowed us to use.

With no team sheet and a shortened warm up Wilsons began the game with 10 men, as Tom Dixon was running late. Despite this Wilsons actually had a strong start and kept possession fairly well in the early stages, presumably Owen's had been psyched out by the lack luster warm up. However Owen's were first to break the dead lock after a cross from the right hand side in behind the back four wasn't properly cleared and the Owen's forward was there to tap the ball in.

After about ten minutes into the game Tom Dixon came on and it was 11 vs. 11, game on! Wilsons kept the ball well and started to dictate the tempo of the game and won a free kick about 40 yards out. The ball was then floated in and the Owen's keeper came to collect, but completely flapped it knocking the ball back towards the goal, where **Josh John (JJ)** volleyed home from a yard out. The ball was definitely going in anyway but they all count. After this the game became more back and forth with both sides looking dangerous in attack. The ref was doing his best to get centre stage by sin binning and then booking Owen's number 8 for back chat, which even the Wilson's boys thought was unnecessary. Half way through the half Dan Hall made a great save from close range; the ball had been fired into his nose resulting in a nosebleed. Everyone held their breath, as this would have been the 4th time that Dan Hall might have broken his nose. Thankfully after a bit of treatment the bleed subsided and Dan was ok to continue.

As the game looked fairly even Owen's broke away playing their way to the edge of the box. The ball was then played round the corner into the Owen's striker who was waiting for the ball nearly on the 6 yard line, approximately 3 yards in front of everyone but the ref did not blow for offside. The striker after a touch laced it and Dan Hall was unlucky to not save it as the ball deflected off him into the net. Now it was 2-1 Owen's with about 10 minutes left in the first half. Wilsons now even more motivated made a surge just before the half ended. The ball was moved around nicely before Niall (CB) dribbled to the edge of the penalty area on the left hand side. Niall then played the ball to Ben Carruthers who played it onto JJ who first time slid the ball across the area for the incoming **Gowtham Jeevan** to slot the ball home from 10 yards out. 2-2 and the half time whistle came a minute after that.

Buoyed by our first half character Serge, Craig Elliot and Gowtham led our halftime team talk urging us to keep it up in the second half and a result at Owen's was definitely possible. The second half proved to be a much more cagey affair as both sides struggled to create any significant chances. Perhaps the lockdown rust was showing for both sides.

However Owen's had the luxury of making a few substitutions and with about 15 minutes to go looked much the fresher team. Our fullbacks Josh Mackley and Aaron George were being asked to do more recovery runs and cover the space out wide more as Wilsons sat back more compact. Owen's tried their best having the bulk of the possession in the closing stages and did manage to hit the crossbar twice from shots just inside the box. Dan Hall was called into action couple times to make routine saves but in the end Wilsons held on, despite riding their luck a little, to claim a big point which at kick off certainly did not look likely. Once the ref blew his whistle it was a big relief as the boys had run their hearts out and certainly could not be faulted for effort.

Squad: Dan Hall Josh Mackley, Niall Sheridan, Sergio Ohene-Djan, Aaron George, William Gunnell, Ben Caruthers, Craig Elliot, Joshua John, Gowtham Jeevan, Tom Dixon (eventually)

Goals: Joshua John, Gowtham Jeevan

3s vs Hampstead Heathens, Home, Lost, 1 – 2.

It was a chilly return for the 3rd XI both on and off the pitch this week. After a 2nd lockdown struck again, at the height of the team's form, the 3s had to regroup for a home fixture against Hampstead Heathens.

The team struggled to find a solid midfield shape early on with some new faces but a familiar defensive line kept the Heathens to long shots. Unfortunately, one of those long shots found the inside of the post and milliseconds later, the onion bag.

We grew into the game and began to dominate the ball with some nice phases of play starting all the way from Fin in nets. We came close twice in quick succession through Teddy on the right but couldn't squeeze the ball passed the keeper. Following one of these moves the oppo broke at speed and a scuffed cross managed to evade a stretched Sam Elliot leg before being turned in.

The second half was dominated by the 3s. We started to find our feet, winning first and second balls. Gilson found himself with a free header from a corner only to see it blocked on the line by a helpless Matt Williams. Then Williams latched onto a through ball only to see his finish sail over off the swinger.

Another corner seemed to bypass one of the tallest back lines I've ever played against only for Elliot to pop it over off his bonce. Chibu continued to win ball after ball in the middle and we really began turning the screw, even with Teddy taking his obligatory sin bin.

Eventually, the pressure was too great and a mazy Farmer run lead to a Birthday boy flick from JT and an own goal. A couple more chances passed us by but it wasn't enough to claw us back into the game.

With a bit more match fitness and sharpness we could've won comfortably. Onwards and upwards.

Michael Finlay, James Taylor, Pat Kirby, Ore Talabi, Chibu, Tobi Sanbe, Dan Harris, Karam Saggu, Sam Elliot, Tyler Gilson, Edward Farmer, Matt Williams.

5s v Alleyn OB, League, Home, Drew, 2 - 2

The prospect of leaving the house and abandoning wives and girlfriends was apparently a mouth-watering one, with a full squad making their way to Hayes along with a further two waiting in the wings.

The 5s were hoping to make a winning start to the resumption of the season however things didn't start according to plan. With chances few and far between during the opening exchanges, Alleyn found a bit of space on the left before putting a cross over to the back post where winger was there to slot the ball into the net on the volley. Half-time a goal down.

The second half started a lot more brightly and we were quickly back on level terms when **Lock** was able to bundle home a trademark Kennedy long throw. 1-1.

5s now begun to push forward with more chances appearing. A speculative bicycle kick from Underwood sailed wide of the right-hand post with shouts from the touchline reminding him that hitting the target was key to scoring.

The match then swung again, with O'Callaghan's latest complaint to the referee awarding himself a break on the touchline for ten minutes. The lack of numbers didn't seem to phase us however and we certainly looked the brighter of the two teams. The hard work was quickly undone however as we allowed the winger to squirm past a few defenders and slot the ball into the far corner.

5s continued to press and were rewarded for our territory late on when Bonsels was 'bundled over' in the box, although some critics may suggest he stopped his run and waited for the defender to run into him. **Chris Kennedy** picked up the ball and confidently put the ball past the driving keeper into the bottom left.

The match finished 2-2, probably a fair result and a good run out to shake off the cobwebs.

Report George Young

7s v Civil Service, Away, League, Lost, 3 - 4

This weekend the 7s travelled to a very strong Civil Side who sat atop the table. The two teams extremely familiar with each other having been promoted alongside one another last year. It was great to reacquaint ourselves with each other after a long month away.

We set out with our usual 4-5-1 formation, but didn't start as quickly as we would have hoped, with Civil gaining the upper hand in the early moments of the game. Some pace up top combined with very clever movement caused us some serious problems early on, with Callum producing some smart work to keep the host at bay. We started to find our feet towards the middle part of the first half, but just as we did, their pace and movement up top opened the door and left their striker 1 on 1, who rounded Callum and slotted into an open goal.

The two teams were well matched for the remained of the first half with OW's having some success in the wide areas, having to work the ball into the box to avoid Civil's arial presence at the back. Will Davies having our best chance with a header just before the close of the half.

Into the second half and going up the hill, we continued to at least match Civil, Will Davies controlling the middle of the field superbly and allowing our more attack minded players licence to roam a little freer. This brought our wide players into the game a lot more, with Sam Forbes becoming a real threat down the right hand side. This combined with the introduction of Mitchell on the left really started to cause the opposition problems. This said, it was Civil who got the next goal with a deft finish from an extremely tight angle. 2-0.

Doug 'Pep' Forbes changed the system to a 4-4-2, this change really spurred us on and we went up the other end almost immediately and got a goal back through a header from **Will Davies** which left the goalkeeper helpless. Almost straight from the kick off, we got the ball back out wide and after a superb ball into the box **Sam Forbes** fired a bullet header past the goalkeeper who was left with no chance once again. 2-2.

At this stage, their 2 main players started to turn on their magic once again. Both of who wouldn't be out of place at a much higher level, the CM found a ball that cut through our midfield and fell at the feet of their main man up top. Jockeyed nicely by Dan Lineker, there seemed to be little danger, but a swift shift of the ball to the side and a bullet shot nestled into Callum's far corner. 3-2. Our heads dropped momentarily, having got ourselves back in the game but now being back behind, Civil scored a 4th which mirrored their first, a 1 on 1 with Callum who was once again rounded. 4-2.

We did pull back another to bring it to 4-3 but it was too little too late and Civil came out on top of this top of the table clash.

A really good effort by the boys against a tough side, the real difference being 1 or 2 high quality players in the opposition's side.

C.Steel, C.Dyki, C,Billings, D,Lineker, K.Maxwell, S.Forbes, W.Davies, L.Skeemer, J.Doyle, M.Christie, J.Quinton

Subs: S.Phakey, J.Spedding. M.Mitchell

MOM – C.Steel



8s v Merton, League, Away, Won 3 – 2

An away game at fellow strugglers Merton turned out to be the perfect place to get our first win of the season, despite all the negative predictions on Togger.

After spurning several chances, **Sochi Igboayaka** beat several players and the keeper to put us ahead. Not long after, **Jon Small** doubled the lead with a cheeky chip over the keeper, and we were cruising.

However Merton are no mugs, and halved the deficit with some slick interplay. Several world class saves from Will Humphries meant we were still 2-1 up at half-time and the message was: keep it up!

They really came at us in the second half but we kept them at bay and **Nathan Amoah**, who only turned up at half time, made it 3-1 with a clever finish after some lovely passing and moving. We were then really under the cosh. Merton were awarded a soft penalty – and missed!

Then then made it 3-2 after a goalmouth scramble, and we were hanging on at the end, but once again Will made several amazing saves and we emerged worthy winners!

MoM: Will Humphries

Will Humphries, Sam Waton, Roddy Trompiz, Nathan Carpenter, Sochi Igboayaka, Nathan Amoah, Terell Wells, Bruce Stringer, Jon Small, Andrew Hoffmann, Ramiz Mohammed, Ben Mole, Jack Coughlan

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 10 YEARS AGO

Classified Results , December 2nd / 3rd 1995				
1st XI	3	Old Suttonians	1	Pullen.A. 3
2nd XI	1	Old Vaughanians	3	Parkinson
3rd XI	1	Clapham Old Xvarians	1	Hughes.M
Chertsey Old Salesians	2	4th XI	3	Nelmes, Skelton, Daniels
Old Sedcopians	1	5th XI	1	Fleet
Old Guildfordians	7	6th XI	0	
7th XI	0	Old Paulines	7	
Nat West Bank	5	8th XI	0	
Sunderland	1	Palace	0	

HAT-TRICK HERO SINKS SUTTONIANS 1st Xl 3 Old Suttonians 1

The 1st Xl started this game with only ten men due to a car breakdown.

The side battled hard and were rewarded with a goal just before the arrival of our 11th man. Ian Murray took a free-kick from the right and picked out **ANDY PULLEN,** who immediately headed powerfully into the corner of the net

Competition intensified, with the side passing well and looking dangerous going forward and the second came from a corner. Neil Kendrick challenged the 'keeper who, having caught the ball, dropped it, only for **ANDY PULLEN** to lash it into the back of the net

After a couple of near misses the 1st Xl, and **ANDY PULLEN,** scored their third goal, again from a corner and a strong header just below the bar. For the next 20 minutes we were under considerable pressure and this resulted in a consolation goal for Suttonians when a loose ball across the goal was slotted into the net and the 1sts then held on until the end

Congratulations to Andy Pullen on his first hat-trick for the Club Anon

Lake Joliffe Stringer Kendrick.N Pullen.A Webb Harris (Matt) Burgess Murray. I Hume Trout

OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER - AND OUT 2nd Xl 1 Old Vaughanians 3

Another week in the life of the 2nd Xl captain saw a brace of injuries, a 'flu epidemic whilst missing full-backs in the 1s meant a much changed side and a hard-working performance ensued resulting in a goal-less first half with few chances being created at either end, Vauighanians' chances being confidently dealt with by Ian 'The Panther' Pilgrim in goal

By half-time injuries began to take their toll and John Quinton limped off to be replaced by Chris Cowell and Gary Everett by Bruce Graham. Both replacements played well but the changes affected our momentum and Vaughanians began to take control and scored twice in as many minutes

The 2nds continued to battle, with Chris Cowell creating openings on both flanks but we were caught on the break to go 3-0 down but pulled one back when **DAVE PARKINSON** forced the ball home from close range following a Chris Cowell free-kick

A good team performance, despite the result and, to quote the old cliché, we turn our attention to the league as our Cup exploits are now over
Stuart Paton

Pilgrim. I (Ali) Simpson Forbes. A Everett (Graham) Crossley Paton (Ashley) Simpson McGeever Tarn Parkinson Quinton (Cowell)

6th Xl: Peckover Taylor Martin Dring Hudson Barty Hall Jansson Lewis Ayling Cravern

7th Xl: Washington Lutchman Cassali Rice Kirchin Shah.J Spencer Thompson Pattani Walker Karamath

ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

2ND XI TRIUMPH IN A FEAST OF GOALS 2nd XI 7 Old Minchendenians 3

For the first 20 minutes it looked as if this game would be a repeat of last week's massacre. Old Minchendenians first goal was the consequence of a defensive error when their right-winger was given ample time to lob the ball over Brian Wells's head

We were playing good football in midfield and attack but the defence looked particularly vulnerable, and their second goal confirmed this as their right-winger was again given plenty of room to put in a centre whilst our defence looked on and a headed goal was the result

Feeling slightly disheartened, having had the better of the game, we endeavored to make a comeback and the slackness in our opponent's defence was shown when a Ron Ashdown centre gave them a lot of trouble in clearing and **LARRY BARTLETT** was on the spot to push the ball home. However, our luck was not in and soon after their right-winger again got in a cross which was beautifully headed home

The 2s, however, then began to take control of the game, especially in midfield, we forced two corners and **MALCOLM TAYLOR** was unlucky not to score but was soon rewarded when a centre from Ted Gibbons was headed into the bottom right-hand corner. Our pressure was then increased and when Colin Hand was awarded a penalty near half-time, **RON ASHDOWN** strolled up and blazed the ball over the bar, but the referee was still pointing at the penalty spot – the goal-keeper had moved and Ron made no mistake this time to see the half-time score standing at 3-3

The second half was our own and **COLIN HAND** soon made it 4-3 with a great header from a Ted Gibbons centre. The next 20 minutes, however, contained some scrappy, uncertain football but we got out of that rut when **RON ASHDOWN** scored from an acute angle and soon afterwards a free-kick, quickly taken by Ian Forbes, was passed on by 'Yogi' Taylor's head to Ted Gibbons, who centered first time and **COLIN HAND** rocketed the ball in with his head

Old Minchendenians had surrendered and the final goal completed **COLIN HAND's** hat-trick when he slipped the ball under the goal-keeper whilst running through the defence.

This was undoubtedly our best performance of the season and perhaps it will be the turning point for us; well done, everyone

Malcolm Taylor

Wells Morley Forbes. I Rayworth Turner.B Bartlett.L Matthews (Jim) Taylor (Malcolm) Gibbons Hand Ashdown

1st XI: Wills Cohen Ford Kendrick.M Robinson Adams Simner Bartlett.D Jennings Reaseley Threlfall
3rd XI: Taylor (Martin) Evans Brighton Fletcher Smith.S Chapman (Bob) Daniels Favell Brittain Howell Smith.S
4th XI: Clarke.P Norris McAlister R Clarke.J Wilks Drabwell Matthews.R Harris Murphy Miles Barry
5th XI: Manning McCarthy Horscroft Fielder.A Baldry Piesse Bevan Fanning Kidd Harper Hemmingway
Palace: Jackson Sewell Wall Payne McCormick Blyth Scott Kember Queen Birchenhall Taylor

Classified Results, December 5th, 1970

Inland Revenue	6	1st XI	2	Simner 2
2nd XI	7	Old Minchendenians	3	Hand 3, Ashdown 2, Bartlett.L. Taylor (Malcolm)
3rd XI	2	Reigate Priory	3	Favell, Daniels
4th XI	0	City Polytechnic	2	
Mill Hill Village	1	5th XI	0	
Ipswich Town	1	Palace	2	Sewell, Kember

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