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

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It was a Halloween hangover on Saturday as only one team won, the 5th X1 at Reigations in the AFA Cup.

The Warren are a side based at the Metropolitan Police Sports Club at Coney Hall. They have been promoted up to Senior Division One but on Saturday couldn’t raise a side so the game was called off, poor show.

There has been a recent pattern in the SAL accepting sides with very few X1’s and not owning their own grounds.
It has certainly been successful with Nottsborough who have evolved through contacts with Loughborough and Nottingham Universities but other teams who have not got the natural pathway for new players have struggled after the first few seasons.

The 2s lost to Nottsborough 4s, illustrating their strength in depth whilst the 3s had a creditable draw against league leaders and another 2nd X1, this time Bank of England. Though the match report reflects on two points dropped rather than one gained.

The 4s went down at Merton , whilst the 5s as mentioned won in the AFA Cup and were ‘rewarded’ with a last 16 tie at Winchmore Hill, in North London to play their 7s on 1oth December.

The 6s and 7s both lost heavily on the road and now have league cup and league ties to look forward to.

All our yesterdays features the 1s and 5s 25 years ago, Jason Trout & Darren Cooman on the scoresheet again, but the 1s lost at Hayes whilst the 2’s won 3 – 2 at Alleynians with the Ed, Steve ‘hotshot’ Holmes and Dave ‘getting hectic’ Saraga scoring.
50 yrs. ago Gerry Reaseley scored a hat trick as a 19yr old Mick Pilgrim continued to impress in the 1s.
There is also a reflection on John Brittains 31 goal season. John and his widow Janet kindly left a significant legacy to the club which was invested in our new changing rooms and he sponsors the top goalscoring award.

Annual subs are OVERDUE. ***No pay no play*** *Full - £100*
Super 70 Club members - £50 Unemployed- £25 Students in FT education – Free
Good luck Saturday. Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

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 – 12th Nov – Home Games at Hayes / HD

SAL	1s v The Warren Hayes
Results	Scorers
	PP Oppo failed to raise X1

SAL	2nd XI v Nottsborough Hayes
Results	Scorers
0 - 1	

SAL	3rd XI v Bank of England Home
Results	Scorers
2 - 2	Fox, Andy Free.

Old Boys Cup	4th XI v Merton Away
Results	Scorers
0 - 3	

AFA Cup	5th XI vs Reigatians Away
Results	Scorers
3 - 1	Sotchi, Terell Wells, Chris Keneddy

AFA Cup	6th XI vs Meadonians Away
Results	Scorers
1 - 8	Jon SMALL

SAL Cup	7th XI v Poly Away
Results	Scorers
0 - 8	

Vets	SUNDAY Old Suttonians Vets Away
Results	Scorers
1 - 6	Pat DU CASSE



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Fixtures – 19th Nov – Home Games at Hayes / HD

OB Cup	1s v Alleyn OB OBC QF Hayes 130pm ko
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	2nd XI v 3's
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	3rd XI v 2's
Results	Scorers

SAL	4th XI v HSBC 2'S Away
Results	Scorers

SALC	5th XI vs Old Wimbledonians Away
Results	Scorers

SALC	6th XI vs Poly Home
Results	Scorers

SAL	7th XI v Carshalton 6's Away
Results	Scorers

Super Vets Sunday 20th	V Cudham Sports Home Hayes Friendly
Results	Scorers



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1's 3 v 3 (2 – 4 Pens) Royal Bank of Scotland, AFA Cup, Hayes. Report from the Gaffer. Played 5th Nov.

On an appropriately gloomy day, the 1s hosted the Royal Bank of Scotland at Hayes Hill.
Following a couple of good wins, the boys came into the game confident for another, and started with a flurry of chances which they couldn't capitalise on. Both keepers were kept active throughout a very open first half, though the score line somehow remained at 0-0 come half time.
The deadlock was broken in the second half, with Robinson nodding a floated header in at the Pavilion End, clipped in by Wright.
It looked as though the a game full of chances would finish just 1-0. The gaffer sensed an opportunity for a few minutes in a comfortable win against a weaker side, so brought himself on with 10 minutes to go. He almost made an immediate impact, unable to get enough meat on a glancing header to close out the game.
Not to suggest the substitution had impact on what unfolded next, but with 90 seconds left in normal time, the 1s found themselves 2-1 behind! A pinpoint free kick left Ellis without a chance, and RBS surely thought they'd stolen it. A last minute onslaught from OWS scrambled the ball into the box, with Karamath knocking home a last minute equaliser, taking the game to extra time.
20 minutes of extra play saw 2 more goals, amongst plenty more chances. Olowu nodded home a nicely dinked ball from Eves to take the game to penalties!
In front of the home fans, the 1s couldn't quite get over the line, with Robinson's effort clipping the wrong side of the post, and Weber's saved by the RBS keeper.
Definitely a missed opportunity for a good AFA cup run, but positives to be taken - coming from behind twice, showing fight to the very end.
Heads up, and we go again next week - Up The 1s

Report Jon Howe



Squad; Ellis, Alex Karamath, Sam Wright, Jon Chen, Oli Beatson, OJ, Josh John, Tom WM, Dan Sellman, Tobi O, Josh Robinson, Kieran Steadford.

2s 0 V 1 Nottsborough, League, Hayes.



3's 2 v 2 Bank of England
SAL League, Hayes

With most of the usual back line either injured or downing Guiness in Dublin this weekend, it was a new look back four that started the game against top of table Bank of England. The pitches at Hayes were looking in pristine condition on an usually warm November Saturday afternoon. Cautious optimism however flowed through the 3's changing room before kick off.

It was shaky start for OW 3's with BoE taking looking in ominous form, asking questions early on of the new look OW back four. Tragedy struck within 15 mins losing KIRBY to hamstring problem outstretching emphatically to cut out a through ball, and EVES to concussion chasing down heroically the BoE right back. Following early enforced substitutions, OW looked to be on the back foot to a well drilled BoE who took up much of the possession for the next ten minutes, but without really testing MARTINS between the posts.

The central midfield of GILSON, FREE and CHAPLIN then started to take control of the game. A few half chances and freekicks went amiss by the 3's, but against top of table BoE, each to a man the 3's were showing tenacity in first and second balls and showing real quality when driving between the lines of the opposing defence and minefield. HARRIS was showing all 40+ years of experience to keep the BoE right side quiet, and SORETIRE too keeping the dangerous left side passive too. GUNNELL and GEORGE played as though they had of HARRIS'S years of experience together at CB, silencing the BoE number 9 apparent danger-man.

0-0 felt a fair result at half time. After a rousing half time speech from the step in captain J KIRBY, an early goal resulted from the clever through ball from FOX to the industrious TYLER on the byline. He cleverly cut back to FREE on the penalty spot who finished with aplomb. 1-0 3's was certainly deserved. It was a tough fixtures for those upfront with many fruitless runs, chasing down some technically BoE CB's. A substitution was needed and with the tiresome DIXIE being coming off for the in-form COOPER, a new dynamic was formed for the front free, resulting in a second goal.

Again, tenacious and industrial work from the midfield three found the ball out to the right. COOPER cleverly let SORETIRE loose on the overlap, who crossed a dangerous ball in to the box. The evergreen FOX saw the looping ball at the near post ready to be headed into the near post. It was inevitable the finish, and the lead was doubled. OW knew 2-0 is the most dangerous score line in football. Jubilation however in the November sunshine was the overriding feeling however.

It was short lived though. After two poorly hit corners that LINTON dealt with calmly at the near post, it was the third one at the back post that lead to a BoE goal. A looping header back across the goal nestled itself into the bottom corner to half the deficit. It felt undeserved, and OW had to pull up their socks to continue in the same manner. The front free were unlucky not the put the game to bed shortly after, stealing possession from the BoE back four a few times but the last bit of quality was missing.

It was heartbreak for the 3's 7 minutes before time. After a injury to SORETIRE and the ball out of play for a throw on, the 3's momentarily switched off, with 4 men marking no opposition. The ball ended up in the middle of the OW box and BoE capitalise don the chaos to draw the game level, MARTINS helpless between the posts.

The game ended 2-2. It was a much improved performance, technically and mentally, from the previous week, but it felt like 2 points dropped rather an a point gained. Before the game, a draw against top of table who put 5 passes the 2's would have been a good result. Solace can be found from OW 3's though as they can take many positives from this game heading into the festive season.

Report Jack Shelton

Merton 3 v 0 4's SAL League, Away



Old Reigations 1 v 3 5's AFA Cup, Away.

Looking to bounce back from their first defeat of the season to the old enemy, the team arrived early and were on the hunt for the pitch, like a group of early explorers the lads searched far and wide, only to find the opposition on the pitch they first arrived at.

A team talk focused on simple football, a low risk strategy and getting the ball forward early was ringing in the Wilson ears'. Some good work down the right lead to an early C. KENNEDY chance, who opted for a stylish overhead kick at the back post but missed the target. Moments later more good work down the right lead to a Wilson's free kick. T. WELLS delivered a floated ball to the back post for **SOTCHI** to rise like prime Dider Drogba and head over the keeper to make it 1-0. Deserved.

More dominance followed, the forward line and midfield boxing in the opposition who were unable to get out of their own half. SOTCHI, C. KENNEDY, S. BENWELL AND T. WELLS causing problem after problem. T. WELLS embarked on another mazy run down the right, cutting inside and out only to be fouled in the box for a penalty. **T. WELLS** stepped up and coolly converted, only for SOTCHI to complain to the ref about the opposing defenders encroachment, leading to a retake. Thankfully the second attempt was also converted. 2-0 to Wilson's.

Changes were made to keep the midfield fresh to ensure the high intensity was maintained. The fresh legs of R. BENSON and E. HINDLEY were introduced and soon they were winning ball after ball, header after header. Moments before half time some industrious work by R. BENSON lead to a pinpoint pass through the heart of the pitch into the path of **C. KENNEDY** who slotted past the keeper with ease. R. BENSON claiming his first assist of the season celebrating a little too eagerly as noted by his team mates. 3-0 Wilson's, a totally dominant half of football.

The second half began in a similar fashion, high energy and pressing. Chance after chance but not finding that scoring touch. After some battling in the corner T. WELLS felt he should have been awarded a free kick after holding onto the ball for a little too long. When this was not awarded the referee become the focus of some unwanted attention, escalating to a total loss of heads and T. WELLS being sent for an early shower (if the ground had any). A moment for some reflection by the boys. Down to 10 there was a reshuffle of shape with R. BENSON finding himself on the left wing and E. HINDLEY dropping more central. There were flashes of brilliance shown by R. BENSON in his new position but could not find that final killer ball.

The opposition had more possession but still could not threaten until a corner in the last 10. Whipped in at the near post with N. TAMBINI on the line, an easy clearance resulting in an own goal. This lifted the spirits of the opposition only for them to be drained away when J. COUGHLAN, R. SWEENEY and K. WRIGHT played keep ball, passing and moving in beautiful triangles around their forward players showing the difference in class between the two teams.

The final minutes ticked by with the 5's using all their experience and game management to see out the game. A resounding win 3-1. UP THE FIVES. With the post match debrief taking place at the side of the pitch the boys inexplicably, unbelievably voted R. BENSON as DoD. A proper stitch up for showing some passion. At the end of the day, the stats don't lie and the boys are into the next round of the cup. The 5's March On!

MoM: SOTCHI DoD: R. BENSON MATCH REPORT: R. BENSON

Line Up: Frosty, Tambo, K. Wright, C.Billing, R.Sweeney, N.Amoah, J.Coughlan, C.Kennedy, Sochi, Dr. Richard , S.Benwell
Subs: R.Benson, Ed Hindley, Terell Wells

Old Meadonians 8 v 1 6s, AFA Cup, Away Scorer: Jon Small

Squad: J Mole, D Stringer, B Stringer, Waton, S Phakey, M Nicholas, D Holmes, S Fairhurst, J Gilbert, J Small, W Davies, L Stringer, B Mole, E Adams.





Poly 8 v 0 7's, SAL Cup, Away.

A warm day in posh west London was the latest setting for the adventures of the mighty 7s.
A tetchy ref nearly called the game off as we didn't have enough players by the required kick-off time.
Forced to play with 10 men for the first 30 mins, we did remarkably well, only conceding one goal in the first half, and some great hold-up play from Kavi and Mo, with Will Davies winning a headache-inducing number of headers.
However, it was a second half to forget. We switched off at the start and conceded twice quickly, heads dropped, legs tired and it was 8-0 in no time.
Fitness levels definitely need working on, but we really need at least one substitute to replace tired legs in the second half!

MoM: Will Davies

Team: Clayton DeSouza, Bruce Graham, Roddy Trompiz, Mohamed Omar, Doug Forbes, Kevin Colwell, Aaron Clarke, Stu Philimore,
Will Davies, Kavi Lakhani, Garth snu.





ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

GOLDEN SLUMBERS COST 1ST X1 DEAR 1st XI 2 Old Buckwellians 3

This was the 1st XI's worst performance of the season, especially defensively, and we looked a completely different side to the confident outfit who overpowered Glyn two weeks ago.
Old Buckwellians scored first when it seemed most of us were still in our beds! However, and after good pressure, **JASON TROUT** found himself with about half-an-hour to shoot and duly went round the 'keeper to slot the ball home.
In the second half we lost Matt Harris for five minutes whilst he cleaned up his bloody mouth, (This was due to a cut, not bad language – ed.) and during this time the team day-dreamed and Buckwellians stole the ball to go 2-1 ahead.
We wasted countless chances but if it had not been for the excellent goal-keeping of Chris Southgate, we would have lost by a lot more
DARREN COOMANSINGH equalised – calmly under the 'keeper but, with 24 seconds left on the referee's digital, we fell asleep once again and allowed their cart-horse of a centre-forward to deliver a Premiership cross which was headed in whilst three defenders stood on their heels. David Roe Southgate Roe Kendrick.N Billing.N Pope Harris Murray.I Burgess Smart.R Trout Coomansingh

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS AND DON'T BE ELABORATE 5th XI 2 Old Alpertonians 7

We turned up with a good strong team and were confident we could put on a good performance in this Cup game.
The opposition arrived late and had to start straight away, so they should have been slow on the ball. The first 15 minutes were quite even until they broke clear and their centre-forward found himself one-on-one with the 'keeper – 1-0, but we replied with a similar goal when **DUNCAN HAYWARD** slotted past their advancing 'keeper from 30 yards.
Thirty minutes into the match they scored a second goal with a strong run and good finish into the corner.
The second half saw us conceded another five goals, with Alpertonians moaning at every decision and abusing the referee, and we got a consolation goal from the penalty spot with **DAVE DUTTON** calmly slotting home. Overall not our best performance in the second half, with Alpertonians continually breaking through and beating the 'keeper.
We need to learn to play simply. Too many people are looking to play through balls and do not have the ability to do so. There are only two Cup competitions left, so let's hope we do better in the future.
Si' Letts

Letts Lewis Girling Kidd Adams.T Hugil Hughes.M Barry Barnes Dutton Hayward

6th XI: Peckover Latchman Higgins Jansson Horne Chinnery Stewart Spencer.
N Patani Blake (Riley) Hudson

Classified Results , November 8th 1997				
1st XI	2	Old Buckwellians	3	Trout, Coomansingh
Old Alleynians	2	2nd XI	3	Paton, Holmes, Saraga
4th XI	3	Old Alpertonians	7	Chapman 3
5th XI	2	Old Alpertonians	7	Hayward, Dutton
Old Sedcopians	8	6th XI	4	Riley 2, Blake, Patini
7th XI	3	Old Meadonians	6	Smith.J, Beavers, OG
Palace	1	Aston Villa	1	Shipperley

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO

A GAME THAT WAS TYPICAL OF OUR SEASON SO FAR 1st XI 1 Old Libertians 3

A strong and deceptive wind in the first half seemed to be the cause of misplaced passes and basic errors which inevitably led to a decrease in confidence. Every player was suffering, but it was Dave Bartlett who typified our play with a bad back pass which led to their first goal, with a second coming soon after, again the result of a mistake on our behalf.
Libertians were completely in control and it seemed that our inability to settle down would lead to an over-whelming defeat as our opponents strung together some very good moves and another goal put us three behind by half-time.
Directly the second half started, the position changed completely. Libertians were under constant pressure and some strong challenging, and a good centre from John Matthews, left **GERRY REASELEY** with an open goal from close range. Terry Adams and Mick Pilgrim strengthened the attack, and it was good goal-keeping that kept our tally down.
I think the game was a culmination of the season's bad opening, but it is difficult to pin point a basic fault. Our midfield play has often been made the scapegoat, but goals are scored and saved at both ends and, up to now, it has been the team in general which has lacked the control and self-confidence.
As for the 'man of the match', the medal must go to the referee, who undoubtedly had the best game, and if you see this report, your jug had no bearing on this comment and hope to see you again.
Gerry Reaseley
Wells Morley Sayer Pilgrim Robinson Adams.T Burgoyne Bartlett.D Matthews (John) Reaseley Simner

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mike,
A fortnight ago it was stated in the 'Newsletter' that John Brittain had scored 28 goals last season and this was thought to be his personal best, but I am pleased to tell you that, in the 1951/52 season, John scored 31 goals for the Reserves and one for the 1st XI. That season was a very successful one for the Reserves for they won their league after starting with two defeats, winning 15 of their remaining 16 games, the total number of goals scored in all matches played being 132 with 59 against.
As well as John's tally, 'Inky' Ingram scored 35, Len Goddard 17, Charlie Holder 14 and John Sutton 11. Charlie had not developed his 'toe-punt' in those days and scored most of his goals with 'Lorimer' type drives. Nick Carter
Thanks for your letter, Nick, and the details therein. Nick, of course, is said to be the only player who retired from work in order that he might take up football training on a full-time basis, whilst his ambition was to collect his pension in the morning and play football in the afternoon - ed

Classified Results, November 11th 1972				
1st Xl	1	Old Libertians	3	Reaseley
Brent	0	2nd Xl	1	Taylor (Malcolm)
3rd Xl	4	Brent	0	Brown, Jenkins, Howell, Carpenter
Wandsworth Boro'	6	4th Xl	1	Brittain
5th Xl	1	Centymca	6	Bayliss
Derby County	2	Palace	2	Rogers, Craven

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3's

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6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

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Team	Name	Email Address
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2nd XI	Ian WELLMAN	
3rd XI	Jack SHELTON	
4th XI	Jamie MONIZ	
5th XI	Mike HOFFMAN	
6th XI	Nick Mole Ben Mole	
7th XI	Matt GUNDRY-WHITE	
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