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All Committee Members please note, next meeting is THIS THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER at 7.00 pm!!

Teams for Saturday 10th October 2009.

Captains will be informed by J.Winchester, (07974 193291) if there are any changes. If your team isn't shown it means they have no match! Remember to check if you need to change shirts and speak to John Roberts, (07984 825405) if you foresee a problem!

Any Teams received late will be e-mailed out!

1st XI v Norsemen; **AWAY**; Church Street, Edmonton, N9 9HL; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL: Ref; tba

Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ; **--NO TEAM SENT IN--**

2nd XI v BB Eagles; **HOME** ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL: Ref; tba

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302

Mullinger; Shields; S.Dawson; Buzac; Knight; M.Harvey; Mackey; Christou; Meek; S.Ephgrave; Manoli; Haritakis. (N/A: Buli, Charles)

3rd XI v Bank of England; **HOME** ; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL CUP : Ref; tba **~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~ note early kick-off!!**

Captain – Tim Coulman ...07960 727446

A.Wilsmore, J.Moriarty, N.Stavrinou, M.Bradley, P.Graham, L.Green, D.Spillane, D.Moore, P.Churchill, D.Moorish, D.McKewan (I may have missed a name off, sorry!!..Ed)

4th XI v Old Owens 6th; **AWAY** ; Coopers Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, EN6 4NF; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

G.Donaghey, J.De Mel, F.Chambers, P. Faherty, C.Osinakie, D.Harvey, B.Walls, T.Green, S.Wynne, L. Bailey, R. Hollingdale,

5th XI v Norsemen 4th; **HOME** ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Alexander

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247

B Clark, M Bujhan, A Copeland, M Hayley, J Sargent, M Corrigan, M Hitch, P Wicker, J Collins, G Surry, R Lucian, K Robinson

6th XI v Old Esthameians 4th; **AWAY** ; ???(not sure which ground) KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

D.O'Connell, T.Legge, J.Warwick, I.Dobson, T.Saull, J.Riley, C.Riley, D.Dawson, R.Burke, R.Wilson, S.Milanovic, S.Rudd

7th XI v Alexandra Park 6th ; **HOME** ; ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Bean

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330 --NO TEAM SENT IN--

8th XI v Old Parkonians 7th; **AWAY** ; Oakfield Playing Fields, Forest Road, Barkingside, IG6 3HD; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref. tba.

Captain – Dan Lauszkin 07867 756812 --NO TEAM SENT IN--



CROCK'S CORNER & SUSPENSIONS!!

There may be a couple of suspects lurking!!



Results & Match Reports

Being a Vampire means Club comes first!!

Having had a long chat with your Chairman over the week-end I am not even considering "Team-of-the-Week" this letter (sorry 7's), instead (as the season is unfolding and Membership Fees are overdue) feel the need to remind ALL PLAYERS that when you sign as a Vampire you sign for this glorious CLUB and not just for the team with your mates in.

The strongest Clubs in the League are those that subscribe to that ethos by having the best players in the highest sides and not hiding some players away in the lower elevens. Greg may well have a lot more to say about this in his delivery to Full Committee this Thursday, so be warned, if you don't want to be a true Vamp, and turn up at places like Weirside or Mitcham or Kew or West Wickham etc 'cos your mates aren't bothered, then find another Club!!...and to all those who cried off late this weekend, YOU LET THE VAMPIRES DOWN!! (especially the lower elevens who were nearly decimated)....'Nuff said!!...Ed

1st XI v Old Stationers; Won 2-1; Scorers; D Dawson, R Pidgeon,

Vamps turned up at Stationers with a new boss at the helm, Tom Pidgeon who ruffled a few changes but stuck by his guns and made the decision for the team and squad which I think the boys should understand, well done Tom! Anyway on the game we started the game with a very strong wind behind us which assisted us a lot. We scored with D.Dawson slotting the ball home coolly 1-0. After that we took total control of the game with Stationers hardly getting out of their half. Then up popped goal machine R.Pidgeon making it 2-0 adding more noughts on his price tag, we've discovered a gem!! Second half saw Stationers pull one back with a penalty, but the boys held on and got through to the next round. Well done Tom for doing a great job not only in picking the team but for doing a great job on the line and earning a lot of respect rock on Tommy P.S. I hope I spelt your name right Jason

2nd XI v Old Wilsonians; Lost 1-3; Scorer; Ephgrave S

So far so good, then so far so bad. We started against 10 men for 20 minutes, passed the ball well used the space, then a freak goal on a super-windy day gave them something to hold on to. They did, got their 11th man on, and that was that. We showed some signs of life, but only in brief spurts. H-T: 0-1. We started the 2nd half well, for all of 5 minutes before another swirling cross held up in the wind then dropped like a stone into our net. 0-2.

That prompted a response, and in a melle on the edge of their box an eye of calm surrounded EPHGRAVE as he stroked a pass into the bottom corner of the net from 18 yards. 1-2. Then someone old enough to know better turned inside in midfield, **(Name & shame!!...Ed!)** lost the ball and let them in on goal. 1-3. We were poor for much of the game, but our attempts to play a passing game were defeated by the conditions, and our lack of movement and - it must be said - fitness. Wilsonians simply played the conditions better, and deserved their victory.

3rd XI v Alleyn's Old Boys; Lost 2-3; Scorers; ??

--NO REPORT SENT IN--

4th XI v Nottsborough 4th; Lost 1-4; Scorer; Bailey (Lost on pens; 1-1 aet; pen. Scorer L Green)

This was not a game but an epic encounter (and an epic journey for Nottsborough who turned up late) between North London's and South's finest players. It was a rough, scrappy game and can only be described as a battle: a battle of the mind, a battle of the body, a battle of the spirit, and a battle to walk back to the bloody changing rooms after 2 hours of football! This game was so draining I can hardly remember what happened but there a few highlights that are permanently etched into my mind, so here

goes. The first half was ours for sure. We maintained control for most of it, kept the opposition at bay, and after a good passage of play managed to go 1-0 up after our leading scorer L.Bailey went one-on-one with the keeper.

We should, however, have scored at least another two, as we had a couple more one-on-one situations as well as a two goal line clearances! The second half was very scrappy, but a slightly more even affair with very few chances going either way, apart from one which fills me with joy every time I think about it. It was an extraordinary moment, one of nature's greatest events that only the chosen few were privileged enough to see. Some of the team described it as witchcraft, sorcery or possibly even voodoo magic. Nottsborough claimed it was a divine intervention, some form of blessing or perhaps a gift from the Gods? Who knows?

I can't really comment as it happened so fast: it was a pea-roller, the ball was only travelling at 4mph but then suddenly burst into flames, turning into a meteorite, a comet, (Donaghey's comet?!), trailblazing across the pitch at such a ferocious speed that we were all blinded and couldn't see it pass through Donaghey's hands and legs into the back of net. 1 -1. Weird hey? Anyway, we went to extra-time but again it was very even with no real chances to write about. Next were penalties. L.Green stepped up to the plate and put his away. P.Graham tried to hit the corner flag, and D.Lee's shot was saved by the keeper. Out in the first round!

5th XI v Weirside Rangers 4th; Lost 1-5; Scorer; Collins

Away in the Cup, and I mean AWAY! Two hours of traveling over to Weirside Rangers and felt like we had played even before a ball was kicked. Down to just the bare 11 as three of the boys are injured and Graham Surry away again for pride in Derby, we started well and with the game just few minutes old, great long ball from Andy Copeland to Jade and the ball is in the back of the net, blinding finish! Rangers got the rub of the green with a dodgy penalty which our keeper got a hand to it but it just managed to creep in the bottom left corner.

The rest of the game we were chasing the ball and in the end could of been a lot worse than it was. No cup run for us this year, some great displays from the centre backs, but yet again some just not giving 100% when we need to get bodies behind the ball, hopefully some new faces will change all that, one or two are only playing as we do not have a big enough squad of players. Many thanks to Micky Hitch and Paul Wicker for the lifts. Next week at home in the league, we need to start picking up points lads. Please let Mick or Brian know if you can't play, for what reason, by no later than thursday night at the latest!!

6th XI v Old Finchleianss 4th; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Wilson

With a pre-match panic about putting a side out, the Vamps managed to field a team thanks to help from below. With the last 3 games going badly more commitment and courage was needed to get any points away at a top side. The game started and things looked bright for the Vamps, battling in midfield and playing the ball wide to the two Riley's. As a spectacle the quality of football was very high, matched by the beautiful playing surface. Early Vamps pressure lead to J.Smith heading against the bar but with good balance the two boys upfront always looked likely to score.

When Old Fincs piled on the pressure the Vamps defense held out well, with sterling performances from all at the back including our "last minute" keeper (normally a centre midfielder) S.Milanovic. As the first half wore on a stunning 40yard ball found the Old Finc's left midfielder who smashed the ball home giving the Vamps defense no chance. The midfield worked hard to provide more chances before half time but nothing hit the back of the net. Half-time and the team talk was easy, keep going, work hard and the goals will come.

Vamps steamed into Old Fincs from the whistle and played some great football on the floor. J.Riley was on top form showing a clear understanding of his defensive and attacking duties, with Tom Legge

winning anything else behind him with some crunching tackles. The game was never far from incident with both teams having penalty claims waved away. As a loose ball was picked up by D.O'Connell the Vamps pinged 3-4 great passes together before lifting the ball out to the wing for R.Wilson, with a defender to beat Wilson ran into the box wide and slipped the ball through the keepers legs for the equaliser.

1-1 and with 30 to play everyone kept working hard in an even game full of hard tackles and dainty touches. 5 mins to go and after a spell of pressure the Vamps broke and won a corner but knocked the ball wide, the keeper took a quick goal kick which lead to a 2v2 and Old Finch managed to scramble the ball home. A real gutting loss as all Vamps players put in a hard shift and showed we have the quality and commitment to compete at this level.

Well done Lads and keep going, the points will soon flow...MOM J Riley

7th XI v Civil Service 7th; Won 4-1; Scorers; ??--NO REPORT SENT IN—

8th XI v Old Westminster Citizens 6th XI; Lost 1-3; Scorer; MacGowan

The brave Mighty 8's went down in the Cup against Old Wests, but not without a battle and a lot of bottle. Being reduced to 10 men before kick-off due to 4 players being needed by the 7's and with most players new to each other, it was a remarkable performance! The omens did not bode well as Wests blasted in their opener from a corner as we were still introducing ourselves to each other and when another moment of defensive slackness allowed their second, lesser mortals would have chucked the towel in! However, having the likes of MOM Dave "The Reducer" Moore back in the midfield in typically snarling up-'em, at-em & through-'em mood meant that was not going to happen!!

Golden Boot MacGowan playing Lone Ranger upfront was causing them a lot of headaches and we were unlucky not to score, their fine ref missing an obvious penalty didn't help, nor did a disappointing 3rd goal just before the break, ahem!! No recriminations, only positives at half-time and the 10-men took the game to Old Wests bravely, creating a multitude of chances by mixing good passing with occasional route-one stuff before MacGowan eventually netted. Late pressure from the Vamps nearly led to more but alas, t'was not to be! All players put in good honest shifts, sterling performances from the returning JJ Kierney and Roy L at the back (to compensate for Yours Truly being wheeled out), and it was good to see young Sam Whitaker back in maroon! Long journey for no result but the curry was good afterwards and Vamps pride was assured. Well done everyone, especially The Reducer!!