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## Vamps!!



-  If the proposed national post-strike goes ahead I will not risk mailing the Newsletter next week, it will be e-mail only, Captains please take note!!
- Also everyone please be reminded that the 24th is the FINAL deadline for Annual Subs and your Chairman/Committee will be implementing the "No pay no play" Club rule~~**YOU HAVE ALL BEEN FAIRLY AND REGULARLY WARNED**, SO NO EXCUSES !!



- Meet times are put in the Letter for a reason, to allow plenty of travelling/preparation/nets up &c time and need observing~~let's not get into any bad or sloppy attitudes boys!!

....and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07508 060586 (new number). CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourton on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to [riding@supanet.com](mailto:riding@supanet.com) by Monday noon and ensure the raffle gets done when it is your turn!!!

**All Committee Members please note, next meeting is THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER at 7.00 pm!!**

## Teams for Saturday 24th 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!*

**1<sup>st</sup> XI v Lloyds TSB Bank; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL: Ref; tba**

**Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ;**

D.Vaz, J.Hindi, S.James, J.Lawrence, D.Dawson, L.Gregory, D.Hagan, P.Ayers, D.O'Neill, A.Geeves, R.Pidegon, J.Riley, P.Frazier

**2nd XI v Old Esthameians; AWAY; Peter May Sports Centre, Wadham Rd, Walthamstow, E17 4HR ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL: Ref; tba**

**Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302**

Mullinger; C.Haritakis; Shields; Buli; Joe Ephgrave; Knight; Mackey; M.Harvey; Meek; Christou; S.Ephgrave; S.Dawson.

**3rd XI v Old Esthameians; AWAY; Wadham Lodge Sports Ground, Kitchener Rd, Walthamstow, E17 4JP (Club house) KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; CUP : Ref; tba**

**Captain – Tim Coulman ...07960 727446**

A.Wilshire P.Churchill D.Morrish D.Mckeon D.Moore J.Mcginn P.Bolton L.Green M.Bradley N.Stavrinou J.Moriarty

**4<sup>th</sup> XI v 5th XI; AWAY!!! ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref; John Alexander**

**Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083**

G.Donaghey, C.Osinaike, F.Chambers, P.Faherty, D.Harvey, A.Manoli, J.DeMel, S.Wynne, T. Green, B.Walls, L. Bailey

**5<sup>th</sup> XI v 4th XI; HOME!!!; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Alexander**

**Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247 ~~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~~**

B Clark J Smith T Smith M Haley M Bhujan J Sargeant J McGowen M Alexander (the rest are awaiting injury recovery reports, Clarky will contact direct)

**6<sup>th</sup> XI v EBOG's 5th XI ; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Bean**

**Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489**

D.O'Connell, D.Lauszkin, T.Legge, A.Jones, J.Smith, A.Dawkins, D.Dawson, S.Rudd, I.Dobson, R.Wilson, R.Burke, C.Rodgers

**7th XI v Old Wokingians 6's ; AWAY; Kingsmeadow Playing Fields, Loop Road, Woking, GU22 9BQ ; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 12.00 pm; (VERY LONG JOURNEY!!) CUP; Ref. tba**

**Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330**

C.Boyle, B.Roberts, B.Cork, D.Daniel, P.Giles, Michael Archer, Mark Archer, A.Wright, S.Cronan, D.Deaney, J.Sexton, P.Mourton

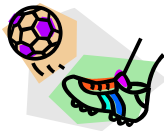
**8<sup>th</sup> XI v Alexander Park 6th XI ; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. ??? MAY NEED A VOLUNTEER??**

Interim Captain – Roy Lucien 07951 955458 This match may not take place; Greg or Roy will advise.



**CROCK'S CORNER, RESERVES & SUSPENSIONS!!**

Perry Charles injured



## **Results & Match Reports**

With only 2 victories and the embarrassment (and, frankly, shame) of a cancelled fixture this was not Vamps finest hour, but that should not detract from a fine performance from “Team-of-the-Week”, Jason’s 4’s, especially on the back of a drubbing the previous week! Also, sounds like Dan’s 6’s are very close to a hard-earned first victory and have shown the sort of Vampire spirit this old Club is noted for and which maybe hasn’t been evident in other quarters~hmm!!~ENOUGH SAID!!

### **1st XI v BB Eagles; Won 4-1; Scorers; R Pidgeon, D Dawson (2), Hagan**

In between putting the nets up (and down) for the 8’s, stirring the “Vegetable Surprise” and organizing the Raffle, Yours Truly has got landed by the escaping Ina with writing the Match Report for the victorious 1’s!! I missed Hot-Shot Russell’s first-half effort but saw a commanding 1’s go in at the break looking in control, but not at their most fluent. The second half became an edgy affair as BB got back in to the game with a determined finish which frankly we went to sleep over. This gave them an impetus, and encouraged by some irrational refereeing decisions this made for a tense affair. Gyves cooled the nerves with an imperious through ball to the willing Dawson who one-on-one didn’t look favourite but determinedly whacked in a beaut with his left to restore the lead! Ina rang the changes bringing Hagan on for the hard-working Ayers and this had a Beckham-like impact as Danny provided a perfect chipped and weighted free-kick to Dawson who rose majestically above the advancing but flailing keeper to back-head in and claim his second, and Danny Hagan had the final word ping in a peach of another free-kick past the despairing arms of the keeper! Game over!! MOM—well if Becks can do it at Wembley from the bench, so can Hagan at the Nou Camp, great impact on the game, though Daws and many others can feel proud of the shifts they put in today!! (Is that ok, Ina?!?!?)

### **2nd XI v BB Eagles; Lost 2-3; Scorers; Knight (2)**

I’m still a bit bemused as to how we managed to lose this game. We played far the better football for most of the match, were better man-for-man, looked fitter and quicker, but still conspired to come away with nothing. We went in 2-1 up at half-time courtesy of two KNIGHT goals; the first a perhaps fortuitous header at the back post, the second - after excellent passing and movement around BB Eagles penalty box - a spanking angled drive that gave the keeper no chance. We began the 2nd half well, created a string of chances that we seemed unwilling to take, and then gifted them a really poor equaliser when a routine cross found us outnumbered at the back post; their skipper showed us how to accept gifts and made it 2-2. Five minutes later we stood off them around our own box and went 3-2 down to a marvelous finish from their number 8. In short, indecision - as Alan Hansen would smugly note- is final, and Eagles took the three points because we were indecisive in both boxes. Time to wake up....

### **3rd XI v Nottsborough; Lost 0-4;**


On the evidence of yesterday’s match against Nottsborough it’s going to be a long hard season for the 3’s to stay in S.A.L Division 1. They are finding out the hard way what a step up in class this Division is. A lack of fitness could be a problem, maybe even a lack of confidence in front of goal could be holding them back from recording their first league win under the stewardship of T.COULMAN. There was not a strike on goal worthy of its name in 90 minutes. Two goals in each half was their undoing on Saturday.

Defensive mistakes contributed to their defeat, most notably from P.CHURCHILL whose misplaced pass just before half time made it 0-2 to the visitors. After some choice words from the Gaffer during the break we came out with some belief that we could still get something from the game, but an unfortunate hand ball in our box from McKEON resulted in a penalty which quickly put paid to that. And in the final few minutes of the match Nottsborough deservedly got their fourth of the game. We will have to start making it harder for teams to break us down. Defend a lot better than we did and close down the opposition all over the park a lot quicker if we're to survive in this league.

#### **4th XI v Old Camdenians; Won 4-1; Scorers;**

**Unfortunately Jason's report will be delayed due to computer problems!! (will e-mail it out when I get it later in week)**

#### **5th XI v Old Owens 5th XI; Lost 0-2;**

Well it's that time again boys and girls, Saturday's here and we are away to old Owens 5Th, must say love playing at Owens great surfaces, unlike you-know-where! Had a couple of let-downs early in the morning, so as normal we were not playing the strongest side, but we are the 5' and are used to whatever is thrown our way!! Very little between the sides and we went in at half-time one-nil down, their goal coming from a corner We had some very good link-up play and were very unlucky not to be level at the break. Had to make 2 subs in the first 15 minutes so that didn't help either. Second half pretty much same as the first, very little to chose from but they added a second halfway through the half, which I think sealed the points, could have got back into the game had we scored but not to be. Finished the game with nine men, hopefully they will be fit for the 4s. Much to be happy with, two new faces, who played well and when we get the four injured lads back will be able to field our strongest team, but big thank you to all the boys for their commitment, you know who you are and so do we. FRANK SPENCER WATCH: faultless display from the keeper, not at fault for any of the goals. (makes a change Mr ED) Next week at home to the 4's I know that we Look forward to this game more that any other but please remember we all play for the same club don't want anything to damage the good reputation of our beloved club not only that I think the 5Th have paid for most of Jimmy Whelan's villa in Spain with their fines, word has it Jim has a room called the Peter Bolton lounge (only joking Jim) until next week take care of yourself and each other my beauties. 

#### **6th XI v Winchmore Hill 7th XI; Lost 2-5; Scorers; Burke, Rodgers**

Another good performance and another disappointing defeat. Crouch End started well, playing the best football by far and only ever being troubled by the long ball. Everyone's effort levels started well and with a mix of young and old in the squad the team started to gel. T.Legge was on fine form, having a chip flicked over the bar by the keeper and narrowly missing a deep shot from a corner. With 30 gone Winchmore scored from a set piece, exposing the weakness of the Vamps this season. R.Burke struck a free kick into the bottom corner moments later to equalize. Half time and everyone was positive, the Vamps looked the better side and were playing some really attractive football. The second half started much like the first, with the boys in Maroon getting the ball down and playing some really attractive stuff. With 25 to go Winchmore swapped the strikers around and the game changed, those long balls over the top were met by blistering runs. 3 goals in 10 mins was the result and the Vamps were well and truly beaten. R.Wilson won a penalty late on and C.Rodgers converted for a well earned goal. I say it every week, but when we have the ball we look amazing, its when we don't have the ball that all the problems arise. Next week we work on set pieces and everyone needs to get some fire in the belly so we can start getting the points...

#### **7th XI v Norsemen 8th XI; Lost 3-5; Scorers; Daniel, Archer, Jay (?)**

I'm not a captain who is going to say we done well and we were unlucky when we were poor on the day. so short and to the point this week. A 6-3 loss after being two nil up says it all really. A mad 10 to 15 minutes just after the break done all the damage. Too many names to blame, too many mistakes to mention. The "been there and bought the tee shirt" & experienced old boys of Norsemen (even when

two nil down) never lost their heads and just kept passing and playing football and got back into the game and then moved onto victory. Maybe there was a lesson in this game for our young players. I could say losing our keeper at 1pm on the day did not help after our usual safe hands J Sexton had been promoted to the 4s. but we will not hide behind that excuse. This saturday we have a cup game at home so I hope we can put all the good football we can play into this game and progress into the next round. In fairness we did score three very good goals so praise to the scorers- Dwayne, Jay, Archer. Also nice to see Paul Mourton return from long term injury. welcome back Paul. **(Hear-hear~Ed) MOM. None (ouch!!)**

**8th XI v Norsemen 7th XI;  
Match cancelled at 3.10 pm; Vamps unable to field a side**

*....and finally!!*



Thanks to the sterling efforts of Pete, Tom and Jim (with occasional help from Yours Truly & Greg) you were all able to enjoy a hot dinner after the match! All of us are doing this voluntarily and what with Jim's back!?!?!.....not sure how much longer we can keep it going, so please bear with us, offer some help with plates/washing up if you don't mind, every positive gesture helps!! Remember, it's your Club too!!