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Regrettably the Newsletter remains e-mail only due to the unresolved Postal dispute, so Captains please double-check that all your players know their appropriate fixture details!



Some very tough-talking Match Reports this week after a Hallowe-en Nightmare for the Club, with only the Battling 6's registering a win!!



... don't forget to support the Club with the Xmas Raffle!! Big prizes and big benefits to the Club!!

...and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07983 651799 (BRAND NEW NUMBER). CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourton on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to riding@supanet.com by Monday 11.30 a.m. 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 7th November 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!

1st XI v Old Carthusians; HOME; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; CUP: 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 Alleyns Old Boys; AWAY; Burbage Road, Dulwich, SE24 9HD; ; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 11.30 pm; SAL: Ref; tba

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302

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

3rd XI v Kew Association; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL : Ref; tba

~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~

Captain – Tim Coulman ...07960 727446

J.Sexton, P.Churchill, D.Moorish, JJ Peet, D.Moore J.McGinn A.Minoli, M.Bradley, N.Stavrinou, R.Fields, J.Moriarty

4th XI v Norsemen 4th XI; AWAY; Church Street, Edmonton, N9 9HL; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref. TBA

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

A.Willsmore, C.Osinakie, F.Chambers, P.Faherty, J.Demel, D.Harvey, L. Green, S.Wynne, D.Lee, L.Bailey, G.Donaghey ,S.Whittaker

5th XI v Old Kingsburians; HOME; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; CUP; Ref; John Alexander?;

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247

A.Copeland, J.Smith, J.Riley, T.Smith, A.Eveangelou, M.Alexander, G.Surry, M.Hayiey ,J.Sargeant, J.McGowen, J.Collins, (Micky Corrigan) K.Robinson

6th XI v Old Fincs 5th XI ; AWAY; Southover, Woodside Park, N12 7JE; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

J.Warwick, T.Saull, A.Jones, D.Dawson, A.Dawkins, T.Legge, R.Burke, R.Wilson, I.Dobson, D.Lauszkin, C.Riley

7th XI v Old Westminster Citizens 6th XI ; HOME; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; CUP; Ref. John Bean?

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

8th XI v Norsemen 8th XI ; AWAY; Church Street, Edmonton, N9 9HL; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref. TBA

Interim Captain – Roy Lucien 07951 955458 ---NO TEAM SENT IN AS YET---



CROCK'S CORNER, RESERVES & SUSPENSIONS!!

No new culprits named!! (there must be some!)



Results & Match Reports

No contest this week as our Hallowe'en nightmare ran through the Club~~with the exception of Dan's Battlers, coming from behind to register their first win of the season, thus worthy winners of "Team-of-the-Week"!! Lots of questions being asked in dressing-rooms after these performances I'm sure, how we all respond this coming Saturday will be a test of True Vampire character!! ARE YOU UP FOR IT??!!??

1st XI v Carshalton; Lost 0-2

~~No Report sent in~~

2nd XI v Southgate Olympic; Lost 2-3; Scorers; Meek, J Ephgrave

So many good things in the first half that it beggars belief that we contrived to lose this game. 2-0 up at half-time through MEEK and Joe EPHGRAVE, we might have been 5 or 6 up, so dominant were we. But in a bizarre spell after 60 minutes, two frankly absurd individual errors made it 2-2 and swung the momentum in Southgate's favour. To their credit, their 3rd goal was a classic, but this was a game we threw away, even missing a last minute chance to get a point when - inevitably -we missed a penalty. The silence in the dressing room afterwards said it all.

3rd XI v Old Westminster Citizens; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Morrish

This fixture last season was a top of the table clash in SAL Division 2. This season saw these two newly promoted sides battling it out at the foot of Division 1, how times have changed for these two sides. The 3's hit the bar twice and had a perfectly good goal disallowed, had more possession and better chances to win this game but again came away with nothing for their endeavours. The 3XI are just not getting the rub of the green at the moment. In their first season with the Crouch End Vampires right back D.MOORE (**Not The Reducer!~~Ed**) & tough tacking midfielder R.DALLENDER are two people who's comment cannot faulted. These players are just what's needed for a relegation dog fight, which is what this years campaign looks like turning into. 'Mr 3XI' D.MORRISH is another who you can put in that bracket, he never gives less than a 100% each and every week and scored a well deserved goal which made it a very uncomfortable final few minutes for Westminster Citizens.

Lost 2-1 Scorer D.MORRISH

M.O.M D.MORRISH (for his leadership & commitment)

4th XI v Norsemen 4th XI; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Bailey

Not much to report on this one I am afraid. A shaky start saw us concede within the first 10 minutes following a goal mouth scramble. We then woke-up and started to try and play a football, pulling a few passes together (perhaps three in total!). Eventually, we managed to pull one back and after P.Graham played a delightful through ball and set L.Bailey on his way to calmly lob the opposition's keeper. 5 mins before the end of the half, we conceded again after a momentary lapse in concentration allowed Norsemen with a free header following a set piece. We went in at half-time with our heads down, and they stayed down for the rest of the game! For some reason we just didn't seem to have the energy, hunger or belief in ourselves! Lads, we all know we are 1000 times better than Saturday's performance

so for crying out loud, let's buck up our ideas and show Norsemen what we are really about in our revenge match this Saturday!

5th XI v Norsemen 5th XI; Lost 0-8

Not sure how or where to start this week readers, you all probably know the score, thanks to the jungle beat (or Craig Meek telling anyone that has a pulse, nice one mate!!) but just in case you don't, very close game 0-8. Back to the show up or the game, just wasn't quick enough to the ball, didn't pick up players, second to every ball and second to every second ball. All-in-all a very bad day at the office. One would have to say the worst 90 minutes of football I, we, have ever played in. Friday was told one payer wasn't coming and one just didn't bother to ring or turn up, no phone call NOTHING! It is not bloody fair on everyone else that turn up week after week. No wonder we in sh*t street. The only plus was the back four, who tried to stop the tide of attack, Micky Hitch Peter Ellis, Dom, and Man-of-the-Match, young Tommy Smith. Not sure where we go from here? At home in the cup next week, please god can't get any worse, so that means it can only get better!! Nice to see the 4's 5's 6's and the 7's all working together as one club and helping each out with players or trying to help long may it continue!

6th XI v Broomfield 6th XI; Won 5-3; Scorers; Rodgers (4), Whelan (well, apparently no-one claimed it, so...!!...)

A tough week lead to the 6s finally getting a team together on match day, D.Dawson took the armband from the injured O'Connell and the Vamps got a chance to get one over on Broomfield who were lucky to beat them last week. The game started badly for the vamps, the two makeshift centre-backs took time to settle and with Broomfield playing heavy balls over the top the vamps got caught out. 5 mins later the same Broomfield player made the same run and scored again adding to the problems (0-2). With everything against them the 6s started to show some passion, and worked hard for each other. C.Rodgers chased down the keeper who was wasting time, only to catch him out and knick the ball from his hands and roll it into the net. The 6s looked good playing the neat football we play every week, but that old problem of marking and winning the second ball from corners came back to haunt us 1-3 and only 20 mins gone. C.Riley sprung into life taking the game by the scruff of the neck, his sublime free kick met C.Rodgers square on the bounce and before the net had a chance to ripple the boys had the ball back on the centre circle. Vamps pressure was good as Broomfield chased shadows giving away a corner from a good distance shot. C.Riley stepped up and delivered another ball for C.Rodgers this time to be calmly taken on the chest and smashed in the top corner. 3-3 and with moments of the half left on Halloween Saturday the Vamps smelt blood. Using the wings the Vamps looked deadly and the two lads once again combined to wrap up the 4th of the half. The second half started solid with the defense now having had a chance to organise and sort out the finer details. A.Jones always looked to go forward and R.Wilson up front dropped deep winning the ball for the midfield. With mins left the Vamps won a penalty but the Broomfield keeper was equal to the decent strike. The one goal cushion never felt enough and C.Rodgers flicked the ball up into a mass of players in the box for the Vamps to go 2 clear. This is the performance we have all be waiting for, and coming from 3-1 shows we have the bottle and commitment to move forward in any game. 9 goals in two games is good, but we need to work on those silly mistakes at the back. Well Done Lads!!

7th XI v Norsemen 7th XI; Lost 0-2

Well lads what can I say? Let's start with the positive; another good work rate, but our finishing has let us down yet again. We are putting in the hard work but not getting the dividends. We are carrying a lot of injuries at the moment and missing a few key players, it doesn't help that we don't have a regular keeper, seems that way through the club. Anyway, now on to the negatives!! For the last three games the team-talk in the changing room seems to be to certain members of the team, we all know who they are and that is curb your tongues and play football!!! It's hard enough being a captain without being a

social worker to the gobby ones, it's now come to a head and is affecting other team members and our performance which is starting to show in the league tables. We have the second round of the cup this week so this is your last chance to shut up and play proper football or we will have no choice but to drop one of the offending gobbies. I have noticed also in our second game of the season we were playing good passing football but now the passing element has gone from our game—what's going on? Come on boys, we are better than this. I am sure the gaffer will have a few choice words with these players at the weekend. Now on to Saturday's game just gone. Vamps started well with Norsemen having hardly any possession, again we had so many chances but could not bury them. With frustration setting in a few rash challenges from both sides saw the game stopped by the ref for both captains to have words with the main offenders, won't mention who they were but enough is enough; these players will be dealt with during the week. The game resumed and saw us go in at the half nil-nil. Second half there were signs of us self-destructing like we did two weeks ago but we kept battling on and won a penalty, only for the Norsemen keeper to save it. A few heads went down and the bitching took over and we got punished one-nil Norsemen. Ten mins later and they got the second, putting the game out of our reach. m.o.m. B.Roberts; ref done well and kept his cards in his pocket, fairplay to him! Sadly missed our capt The Huckster (**From Ginaldo**)

8th XI v Winchmore Hill 9th XI; Lost 2-4; Scorers; ??

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