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Back to Normal?!?

With the welcomed suspension of the Postal dispute I can now send out the Newsletter by mail so all can enjoy!!

Those who have missed the letter might need a gentle nudge about the Xmas Raffle!!

Otherwise, let's all give it our best shot as we run into Christmas, approaching half-way through the season already~~unbelievable!!

....**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 this THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER at 7.00 pm!!

Teams for Saturday 14th 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 Southgate Olympic; AWAY; Barrowell Green, N21; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.00 pm; MIDDX CUP: Ref; tba

Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ;

D.Vaz, T Pidgeon, S.James, J.Lawrence, D.Dawson, L.Gregory, D.Hagan, P.Ayers, D.O'Neill, A.Geeves, R.Pidgeon, J.Riley, P.Frazier

**2nd XI v Old Stationers; HOME; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; MIDDX CUP: Ref; tba
~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~**

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302 (LAST WEEK'S TEAM)

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

3rd XI v EBOG's; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL : Ref; tba

Captain – Tim Coulman ...07960 727446

A.Wilsmore, D.Spillane, D.Moorish, JJ Peet, D.Moore, J.Buzec, P.Bolton, D.McKeon, M.Bradley, N.Stavrinou, R.Fields, J.Moriarty, J Dallender.

4th XI v Old Owens 5th XI; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref; John Alexander?

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

R.Hollingdale, C.Osinaike, F.Chambers, J.De Mel, D.Harvey, L.Green, S.Wynne, G.Donaghey, L.Bailey. S. Whitaker, P Faherty

5th XI v Winchmore Hill 6th XI; AWAY ; Ford's Grove, Winchmore Hill, N21 3ER; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247

A.Copeland, T.Smith, J.Riley, G.Surry, K.Robinson, M.Hailey, M.Alexander, A.Evangelou, J.Collins, J.MacGowan, S.Elson, J.Sargeant,

6th XI v Old Stationers 4th XI ; AWAY; Mayes Lane, Barnet, EN5 2AG; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

D.O'Connell, T.Saull, A.Dawkins, T.Legge, J.Warwick, D.Dawson, A.Jones, D.Lauszkin, I.Dobson, S.Rudd, R.Wilson, C.Riley

7th XI v Old Parks 7th XI ; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref. John Bean?

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330

R.Huckle, C.Boyle, B.Cork, P.Mourton, Michael Archer, Mark Archer, S.Cronan, P.Giles, A.Wright, Leo?,+Reserve tba

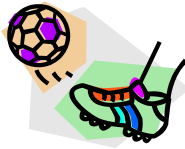
8th XI v Old Fincs 6th XI ; AWAY; Southover, Woodside Park, N12 7JE; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain -- Roy Lucien 07951 955458NO TEAM SENT IN.....



CROCK'S CORNER, RESERVES & SUSPENSIONS!!

No fresh culprits reported!



Results & Match Reports

Good entertainment away from the 1's at the Nou Camp this Saturday with the 3's, 5's and 7's all getting great victories, the 7's penalty shoot-out a real nail-biter with 2 great keepers on show, a credit to that level of football, and with the senior pros Captain Huckle and Boyle scoring decisive pens to take the tie, great celebrations for them~but it's Clarky's 5th Team who shave it for "Team-of-the Week", especially on the back of some tough results recently, well played boys, Golden Boot MacGowan catching the eye in their thriller!

1st XI v Old Carthusians; Lost 2-5; Scorers; Dawson, R Pidgeon

The Vamps came up against a well organised and good football side in the cup. We were outplayed and did not deserve anything from the game. We went two goals down early and were up against a lively team, then a great leap by D.Dawson see us pull one back. We were still celebrating the goal when they scored another goal. Second half see us come out strong, a good move on the right see R.Pidgeon rifle a terrific shot to make it 3-2. We pressed and pushed for an equaliser but got hit by two quick goals. I can't knock the commitment the boys showed, they fought for everything but we just seemed to lack in the fitness department. We seemed too slow and second to the ball, that is something for us to work on. It did not help having four people out but it shows we are growing as a squad. So let's get our confidence back and enjoy our football as a team.

2nd XI v Alleyn Old Boys; Lost 2-4; Scorers; ??

~~No Report sent in~~

3rd XI v Kew; Won 5-1; Scorers; Fields (4), ?

~~No Report sent in~~

Due to the excitement of the 5's and 7's on the other pitches I didn't see as much of this game as I had hoped but Tim was delighted with the victory!! What was going on at half-time though!??

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

After last week's debacle we were well up for a revenge match with Norsemen, with most players staying having stayed home on Friday night so they would be fresh for the game. Well, a fat lot of good that did! As usual, we made too many mistakes and before it we knew it were 3-0 down with Norsemen's no.12 striker latching onto the balls that kept whizzing across the box. Second half we came out fighting and had more than of our fair share of chances to pull the game back, but it just wasn't our day. Eventually, we managed to get one back after L.Bailey was clattered by their keeper leading to a clear-cut penalty. "One a game" Bailey stepped up to the spot and shot low into the corner well out of the keeper's reach. The goal breathed a bit of life back into the game but this didn't last for long as another lapse at the back allowed Norsemen a free header to put the score to 4-1.

5th XI v Old Kingsburians 4th XI; Won 4-3; Scorers; Evangelou, Collins (2), MacGowan

There are things in life that shape your being as a whole, like when war broke out in the 1940's (**1939 actually!!**) the death of Kennedy, the death of Princess Diana, Pope John Paul 2nd's passing are all major historical events in time and then there is the first win for the Fantastic Five's!! Those of you that read our reports both in print and on my weekly radio show (Radio Clark) will know that I have always believed that this time will come, and boy did it. At home in the cup, and we started the better team, but of course we went one-nil down, then draw 1-1, then went 2-1 up with a great 25 yarder from Alex, Corrigan is doing cart wheels up the touchline (ribs seem fine to me boss) anyway halftime and its 2-2, The game restarts and we are playing downhill, Mr Collins beats the last defender and its 3-2 ten minutes later and its 4-2!! Micky Corrigan is already in the BBC studios having his make-up done for "Match of the Day" later that night. The 5's being the 5's they score to make the last 15 minutes a bit tricky. If we had taken all our chances we would have won by 8-10 goals. Not only was it our first win but in the Royal Box watching the game was the Chairman himself along with Mr Geoff Riding. Great day for the 5's and Vamps with the 7's playing on the next pitch and winning on pens. Hopefully we will be left to grow as a team and start to push up the table. Man of the Match: the whole bloody team!! Well done boys, very proud captain and manager.

6th XI v Old Fincs 5th XI; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Riley

After a good game in the cup last week the 6s were high on confidence and hoping for the first league win of the season. The game started with Old Fincs kicking everything including our players up in the air at any given chance, but with a good ref and a yellow card brandished in the early stages the game started to settle. Vamps practised defending set pieces before the game but once again conceded from a corner. D.Dawson had two great distance efforts saved by the keeper as the Vamps piled on the pressure. With heads down and out it took some really encouraging words from T.Legge at half time to get everyone fired up for the second half. The early stages saw the Vamps camped out in the Old Finc's half, swinging in crosses and shots with no joy. With so much pressure something had to give, and when the keeper punched the ball into C.Riley's path his cross come shot looped into the net. 1-1 and with 25mins left the Vamps looked to be the only side who could win it. When R.Wilson rounded the keeper everyone thought it was goal number 2 but the keepers sweeping hands pulled R.Wilson down and the ball fell loose for the Vamps to hit the bar. With 1min on the clock Old Fincs attacked and with a 6 vs 4 attack slotted the ball home with seconds to spare. It was disappointing to see the lack of defending from the midfield as this should have been at least a point this week. Once again we play the great football, but lack guts to commit to tackles and the hunger to grind out points.

7th XI v Old Westminster Citizens 6th XI; Drew 2-2, Won 6-5 on pens!! Scorers; ??

~~No Report sent in~~

This was the game that took the attention of several Committee members and as exciting an encounter as it was, Captain Huckle would have no doubt preferred it if Vamps had taken at least half their chances against a spirited Old Wests and won by a country-mile! Young 'uns need to understand that at 7's level all you need to do is the basics simply and well and stop trying to beat 8 players and play an unnecessary "killer" ball!! That said it was still a victory to celebrate with a nervy Irishman (C Boyle for the uninitiated!) placing the decider into the sack for a moment of unbridled delight! One to tell the grandchildren about!!

8th XI v Norsemen 8th XI; Lost 5-6; Scorers; ??

It was a game we really should have won! Having to defend against the slope in the first half we managed to turn round 2-1up having been a very even game; second half saw us scoring two good goals making it 4-1. We seemed to have things sewn up, then they brought on 3 wise old men with plenty of craft. They pulled one back, we then conceded a dubious penalty making it 4-3 and from then on it was end-to-end & we lost out to the odd goal. On reflection we should have killed the game off. **(Report from Micky Hitch)**



The Steve Langley Memorial Cup

Greg has asked me to inform members that this annual fixture between the SAL and the Amateur Football Combination (in memory of a truly great Vampire) is scheduled for Wednesday 18th November, at Duwlich Hamlet FC, Kick-off 7.30 p.m, all are welcome!!