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## Xmas News!!



- Next week's Newsletter will be the last one of the Year!...hopefully full of winning Match Reports and Raffle ticket results!..and possibly Old Ed's Almanac for 2010!!



- **Welcome!** back to Paul Ayers as "Selection Chairman" ~  
Captains, beware!!

....and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07983 651799, CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourton on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to [riding@supanet.com](mailto: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 7th January at 7.00 pm!!**

# Teams for Saturday 19th December 2009.

*Captains will be informed by J.Winchester, (07974 193291) if there are any changes. 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 Kew; **AWAY**; Riverside Drive, Ham, TW10 7QA; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 11.45 am; SAL: Ref; tba

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

D.Vaz, J.Riley, J.Lawrence, S.James, J.Ephgrave, L.Gregory, D.Hagan. P.Ayers, D.Dawson, R.Pidgeon, P.Frazer, J.Hindi, T.Pidgeon

2nd XI v Albania; **HOME**; KO 1.30 pm; Meet 12.00pm; CUP: Ref; tba

**~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~**

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

Mullinger; Shields; Buli; S.Dawson; Buzac; Haritakis; Knight; Mackey; M.Harvey; Christou; S.Ephgrave; Charles.

3rd XI v Winchmore Hill; **HOME** ; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL : Ref; tba

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

A.Dawson, D.Moorish, D.Moore, B.MacDonagh, C.Meek, A.Manoli, J.MacGowan, R.Dallender, M.Bradley, Jack Ephgrave, F.Chambers.

4<sup>th</sup> XI v Alexandra Park 5th XI; **AWAY**; Racecourse Ground, Wood Green, N22 7ST; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref; tba

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

G.Donaghey, C.Osinaike, P.Faherty, J.De Mel, D.Harvey, L.Green, P.Graham, S.Wynne, B.Walls, R.Hollingdale (more to follow)

5<sup>th</sup> XI v Southgate Olympic 4th XI; **HOME**; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Alexander

**Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247 --NO TEAM RECEIVED--**

6<sup>th</sup> XI **---NO GAME---**

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

7th XI v Winchmore Hill 8th XI ; **AWAY**; Fords Grove, Winchmore Hill, N21 3ER; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 12.00 pm; SAL; Ref.

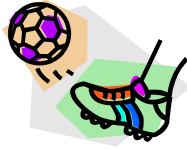
**Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330**

J Sexton R Huckle C Boyle P Giles B Cork B Roberts D Deaney S Cronan L Chandler P Mourton, (more to follow)

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**Suspended;** Dean O’Neill (until 03/01); John Moriarty (until20/01)

**Crocks;** Unaware of any new culprits!

**Unavailable;** Paul Churchill



## Results & Match Reports

Some good entertainment on show at the Nou Camp this Saturday though Laurie wasn't a happy bunny after the 2's let their lead slip, conceding a couple of pens on the way! The 4's was a ding-dong battle throughout, going down to the odd goal in 7 (work it out!!) and the 7's fought back bravely from 2-down to win 4-2, thus earning my nod for "Team-of-the-Week", great Vamps spirit boys!! In the Cup, the 5's were taken to extra-time in a match they could have wrapped up before winning it on pens, great stuff in Clarky's absence! Away from home Dan might actually be looking forward to the relief of Xmas shopping with no match next sat after their hammering in the Cup courtesy of the old enemy that is Winchmore Hill! Keep the faith!! Congrats of course to Ina's 1's for a crucial victory at Old Owens!

### **1st XI v Old Owens; Won 2-1; Scorers; R Pidgeon, O'Neill**

What a day as we arrived the pitch looked terrific, lovely. The clubhouse anyone would have thought we were at home. They even had their own magician who kept finding footballs from nowhere and throwing them on the pitch. It was a terrific surface to play football on and move the ball well but Owens were a good, quality side who countered well and looked dangerous on the break. It was a tight game with both sides looking very confident in their ability, that's what made the game so good. Both sides playing really well. Owens went ahead with a tap in, the boys looked a bit shocked that we were 1-0 down. Then ten minutes later yes you guessed it the machine himself R.Pidgeon scored a great goal with a turn and shot on the edge of the box, his value must be at least 20,000,000, The Machine done well; The Machine is getting nearer to his target of twenty goals which has not been achieved in the first team for about 30 years (**R Copeland, A Druce, J Whelan??? Ed**).

Second half with injuries made us make some changes. Second half what I loved what I see, passion, desire, and togetherness. The boys wanted it so much we were just chasing everything shutting them down I don't think they knew what hit them. The winner was scored by a player who works so hard for the team captain O'Neill, great work by Dawson on the right see him put the ball on the skippers right foot volley goal. From the minute he struck it top corner, the boys went mad. We held on to go through to the next round. I will give my Man-of-the-Match to the all fourteen players, they showed what the Club is all about, honest, passion, commitment, loyalty, and good looks!! Well done boys proud of u all. P.S. I would like to say thank you to Tom Pidgeon for making the subs at half time and giving me good advice on the line. Well done mate thanks for your help.

### **2nd XI v BB Eagles; Lost 1-4; Scorer; Knight**

I considered not writing a report for this, so disgruntled was I after we threw away 3 points as if we just didn't care. I considered saying something profound about football being only half about ability, the other half about attitude, heart, and fitness. But that seemed so obvious as to be pointless. In any case, we were 1-0 up within 5 minutes, but only stirred ourselves to look like a team for a total of ten minutes out of the ninety. We defended poorly and gave away two stupid penalties; offered little movement going forward, and disregarded the basic principles we try to play to. So we got thumped. If we don't show more heart and Vamps spirit this week Xmas will be pretty miserable at least for me.

### **3rd XI ~~NO GAME~~**

### **4th XI v EBOG's 4thXI; Lost 3-4; Scorers; Donaghey (2), Wynne**

After suffering a heavy defeat to EBOGs in our first game of the season (when we only had 9.5 men), we were determined to give them a run for their money with a full squad of players and with the the home advantage. Having said that, I am not quite sure if playing at home gives us an advantage as when some of the players see the sand all over the pitch they get slightly confused: S.Wynne wants to

start mixing it up into cement, R.Hollingdale feigns injury so he can lie down and top-up his fake tan, and L.Green starts building sandcastles! Anyway, things didn't quite go to plan!

We started the livelier of the two teams and had a decent spell of possession until midway through the first half, when the opposition's left winger beat our offside trap (i.e. we played him onside!), ran through clear on goal and buried one past our injured keeper. This didn't deter us though as just before the end of the half, a L.Green free-kick found the head of G.Donagey (which is not really hard to do given that it is one of the biggest heads in N.London) who flicked the ball past the opposition's keeper.

Second half we came out ready for action and took the lead after 10 minutes, when a sublime cross from yours truly found the mop of S.Wynne who headed home to score his first goal of the season. Unfortunately, we were not in the lead for long and EBOGs replied with two goals in fairly quick succession, both coming from their winger down the left hand side of the pitch! At 3-2 we needed a bit of inspiration and who else to restore the balance but G.Donaghey, after another L.Green cross found it's way into the back of the net via the head of G.Donaghey.

At 3-3 we thought it was all over, but as usual we dropped our guard and were punished after a corner ball was cheekily back heeled into the goal (who was covering the front post!) to give EBOGS their 4-3 victory. Now as it is Christmas, I have been asked by an anonymous 4s player to include the following comments in today's match report: "A game full of promises, especially from D.Harvey who claimed he would score a hatrick but instead turned out more like a geriatric on prozac. He was roasted like a pig on a spit! To say he had a nightmare is an understatement; his nightmare would make Freddy Krueger look like a nursery teacher. Luck for Dave, Gary Ganaldo Daghish Donaghey was as good as his word! He promised two goals before the game and that's what he got. Two headers from the Alan Shearer book of goal scoring! He tried to save Dave from his nightmare but even Indiana Jones would have struggled!".

#### **5th XI v Leyton County Old Boys; Won 4-3 on Pens, 1-1 aet; Scorers: Hailey;**

This was a good performance from the 5s who will feel they had enough to have won the tie in normal time and then in extra time, but ultimately required the expert goalkeeping skills of veteran Graham Surry in winning with the final kick of the shoot-out, as Graham dived low to his right to save for the second time in the shoot-out.

Strong performances all round deserved more than a 0-1 half-time deficit from a scrappy goal during Leyton's only serious attack on the home goal. A scrambled shot snuck in at the post following a corner which had not been properly cleared. In midfield Michael Collins and Sam Elsom proved an effective creative combination and Mark Alexander and Tom Parker exploited space down the wings to keep the ball firmly in the visitors' half.

The second half was only minutes old when Mark Hailey – replacing Ken Robinson up front – equalized with a cross shot from the left and again the Vampires piled on the pressure, with Tommy Smith replacing Micky Hitch at right back and pushing forward to support the attack.

However, an inspired performance by the Leyton County goalkeeper kept us at bay and gradually the tide turned. Leyton picked up their game and started to stretch the Vampires. The front two pulled Copeland and Don Smith this way and that but the back four stood firm. A solid performance from Mo Bhujan was worth its wait in gold until he too retired following a hard challenge late in the game and he was replaced by the 'injured' skipper, Micky 'Spare-Rib' Corrigan.

Extra time saw the Vampires get back on top but it was over all too quickly, leaving us to face the lottery of penalties. The omens were not great given the string of saves performed by our opponents' custodian but it was stand in 'keeper Surry who drew first blood, saving County's second kick. After the outstanding Tom Parker surprisingly had his shot saved it was level again until the last kick which Super Surry again parried, sparking mild hysteria amongst the win-starved 5s who will take great heart from this performance, where the result finally matched the endeavour.

Well played all, with a man of the match mention to Tom Parker, despite his penalty miss.

#### **6th XI v Winchmore Hill 6th XI; Lost 0-10**

After a battling performance in the last game, the Vamps had a hard cup draw against a team in the div above. With that poor excuse out the way, this was the worst game of football I have ever seen.

From the start Winchmore looked bright and ready to spring into action, while some of the Vamps players had figured out the solution to cold hands (put them in your shorts). The problem with this is it makes it hard to run, but then again running must be going out of fashion based on this week's performance.

Winchmore had enough time and space to pass, receive, light up a cigar, txt a mate, then pass again, while some of the Vamps were wondering if frost bite may settle in on those hands. The individual errors were bad, but nothing on the huge team errors in every department. It is safe to say the team will not look the same next match as we need to add some people who come to football to play football. I will say it's a telling sign when half the team are dripping with mud in the changing room, and the others are squeaky clean. Those who let the Vampires down know who you are.

### **7th XI v Old Fincs 6th XI; Won 4-2; Scorers; Deaney (3), ? A Christmas present for the magnificent sevens.**

Saturday started with a collection of the new Vampire's beanies from our suppliers. Then at 11:45 I'm off to Muswell Hill to meet up with my fellow Vamps at the Nou Camp to receive the weekly wind ups and shouts of Rickeeeeeey. Stuck on the car park that is the bloody A406 and an hour later I arrive at the Clubhouse. One or two waves and a shouts of tossa (surely not!!..Ed) from a few boys that are having a pre match warm up fag outside. I always get a special Vamps greeting on parking up from Ben and co..I think they like me Kitbag from the boot and inside to the warmth of our festive looking clubhouse. Has Santa been?

No Ben has put the deco's and the tree up oohh its all Christmassy. On looking around the bar area it appears my sevens boys are not sitting and discussing tactics I e-mailed them during the week. In fact it's very clear that its only me and Paul Mourton at the moment. Bit by bit the boys start to appear and form a tight unit and sit at the tables and read the Sun & Mirror and Sport. so much for my email. "Oi you bunch of tossers get into that back changing room and get kitted up now".

I always like to be polite and talk to my players in the right manner they respect me for it I'm sure they do. All kitted up except we are wait for two oh and Bradley Roberts and Leo who have gone on a site-seeing tour to go pick up JJ. One rolls in "ooh hello I said half passed I'd be here".. "yeah half passed twelve would have been nice. "get ya kit on" where is the other ?... Ill have a look in the car park thought to myself... on looking i'm nearly knocked over by a pizza man flying down Vamps lane on his Vespa at 70 MPH "who the f@\*k has ordered pizza at this time of day I asked him? When a muffled shout NO NO Rick its me sorry i'm late I had to rescue my cat from a tree my car would not start and I had to run and get my vespa.... I shouted get in that back changing room and kit up you're late (and the pizza is cold) all players present and correct? nope.. aaggghhh still waiting for Kennan & Kel to return with JJ. Right can't wait any longer, so i'm off to the pitches. (where's the footy news?? Ed)

Sun is shining weather is good maybe a good day looms me thinks. on my way up I'm greeted by Gilesy sprinting the other way... "where you bloody going I asked" all I heard was flags Rick flags as he run passed.oh well now on the pitch I Sorted the team, Gilsey returned empty handed and the game kicked off. the Sevens started the game very well and had the best of possession in the first half but came off at the interval one nil down. A quick reminder to the boys that we're here to play football so lets DO THAT THEN EH. On to the field for the second half. JJ probably thought he was still tucked up nice and warm under his duvet when he fumbled a speculative shoot to a whinging finch to tap in 2 nil down..damn. Time for change ??? yep..

so at this point a hard working Mourton was replaced by the younger Leo and he was given clear instructions to man mark the Finchley centre forward (this he done well) Ricky and the pizza man had a chat and we decided to go three at the back with Ricky going into midfield and we instructed Jack to push on more. This worked very very well indeed Mr Mannering. The ever-working and never-tiring sevens got a goal back from Dan Deano.. great goal young man. hey and guess what we snatched the equalising goal not to long after as well. The Finc's boys still came at us and give it a go to try and get back in front but us 7s are built of much stronger stuff than you finches. this proved to be correct when the superb Dan Deaney popped up and gave us the lead 3-2...take that you ginger whinger That will do game over lets go back into the clubhouse for beans on toast.. job done. I thought

but oh no... Mr Deaney had other ideas he's not content with just the two goals.. nopeflash little bugga has to round the keeper and pop one in for his hat-trick.

Rub it in why don't you 7s....and we did. The Finchley wise men followed the bright shining Vampire 7s star bearing three gifts for us and we took them... 3 points thank you merry christmas. Great performance Boys!! was right the sun shone and a good day was had.. me thinks MOM err let me think.. DAN DEANEY. **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE RICKSTA. (Phew!! Ed)**

## **Calling all possible 8's players!!**

If you are not getting a game at the moment, or fed up of being a sub (!!), then why not get in touch with either Ginaldo (**07984 825405**) or Graham Surry and let them know you're interested in getting involved with the re-forming "Mighty 8's"!! They are both keen to get their squad organized for January, so even if you can't play every week but fancy giving it a go, LET THEM KNOW!!



***...and don't forget the Xmas Party this Saturday!!***

## **Info re-Referees' Course**

***Anyone interested!!***

Attached is an application form and information sheet for our next referees course which starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The course is being held in East London at Harrow Road Changing Pavilion, Wanstead Flats Playing Fields, London , E11 3QD and is one of our 'condensed' courses run over two Thursday evenings plus two full Saturdays.

The course dates and times are:

Thursday 11th February, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
Saturday 13th February, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Thursday 18th February, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
Saturday 20th February, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

The venue is in part of the new changing accommodation complex at Wanstead Flats Playing Fields where The AFA, Essex FA, London FA and The City of London have established a Referees School .

This course is being run in partnership with The City of London.

Please note that course fees are not refundable once a booking is made.

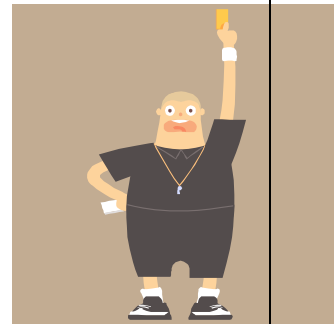
### **Online Applications**

Candidates can now apply to join our courses online. For this course please click [here](#) .

### **Hard Copy Applications**

Anyone preferring to make an application in hard copy can use the attached form, filling it in and returning it to me together with their cheque for the appropriate course fee.

### **Closing Date**



Please note that the closing date for applications to arrive is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January and that places on the course will be allocated 'first come first served'.

I should be very grateful if you would mention the course on your club website if you have one and bring it to the attention of your club members and club referees. I have put details on the AFA website and made the application form accessible from there as well.

Thanks and regards,

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