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Congrats & News!!

I am delighted to report that at Full Committee Meeting this week it was agreed that DAVE WILLIAMS, one of our longest serving Members, be made a Life Vice-president of the Club, a worthy honour!! I will include him on the roll-call at the top of the letter once I can work out how to do it!!

Also, thanks and welcome to Darren McKeon as new Captain of the 3's following Tim Coulman's departure. I have been promised 3rd Team Match Reports will be forthcoming!!

Great to hear from ex 1's Manager Mark Ephgrave via e-mail, currently involved with Baldock Town who are pushing for promotion to the Spartan Midlands League. Mark is hopeful we can arrange a prestigious friendly between our 1's and Baldock on a "home & away" basis which sounds like a great fixture if Ina can fit it in~~watch this space!!

Greg wishes to remind anyone keen on going to Belgium for this Easter's tour should book up very soon or risk disappointment; if interested, contact Greg!

Dan O'Connell has been successful on his Coaching Courses and would like to organize weekly training for non 1st XI players, so if you're interested get in touch with Dan (number on next page)

....and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07983 651799,(this may be an old number) CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourtou 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 4th March at 7.00 pm

Teams for Saturday 13th February 2010.

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!

1st XI v Old Ignatians **AWAY; Loyola Clubhouse,147 Turkey Street, Enfield EN1 4NN; KO 2.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; AFA Senior Cup : Ref; tba**

Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ;

D.Vaz, J.Riley, J.Lawrence, S.James, J.Ephgrave, D.O'Neill, D.Hagan, P.Ayers, T.Pidegon, R.Pidegon, D.Dawson, J.Hindi, L.Gregory

2nd XI v HSBC; **AWAY; Lennard Road, New Beckenham, BR3 1QW; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 12.00 pm; SAL; Ref; tba**

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302

Mullinger, Shields, Buli, Buzac, Mackey, Christou, M.Harvey, Meek, A.Manoli, McGowan, Knight, Allan.

3rd XI v Winchmore Hill; **HOME; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref; tba**

Captain – Darren McKeon 07816 948849

CHANGE SHIRTS

A.Wiltshire, D.Moore, Jack Ephgrave, J.Morri, D.Morrish, N.Stavrinou, R.Dallender, M.Bradley, S.Wynne, Adam ?? D.Spillane, J.Peet, D.Mckeon B.Mcdonagh

contact darren mckeon by wed 5pm latest if you can't make because of misc coming up

4th XI v Alexandra Park 5th XI; **AWAY ; Racecourse Ground, Wood Green, N22 7ST; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref; tba**

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

P.Ellis, D.Harvey, P.Faherty, F.Chambers, J.De Mel, B.Walls, L.Green, A. Dawson, L.Bailey, G.Donaghey, S.Whittaker

5th XI v Old Owens 6th XI; **HOME; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref. John Alexander**

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

~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~

6th XI v Old Stationers 4th XI; **HOME ; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref. Peter Jones**

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

D.O'Connell, D.Lauzkin, J.Warwick, I.Dobson, A.Jones, T.Saull, B.Roberts,D.Daniels, R.Wilson, C.Riley, H.Haritakis

7th XI ---NO GAME----

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330

8th XI v Old Park's 7th XI; **HOME; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref; John Bean**

Captain – Graham Surry/ Ginaldo (07984 825405) --NO TEAM RECEIVED--

Suspensions: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

It was agreed at Full Committee this week that due to our worrying increase in bookings to "name & shame" in future Newsletters those incurring a League ban and unwanted points for the Club. Jimmy Whelan is also considering bringing in the highly unpopular but effective old system of a yellow card=4 match ban, which some of you will recall from two seasons ago. If that's what it takes....you have all been warned!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PAUL MOURTON

I need to receive the results after the game by text. It is also important that I get the full Referees name, as Alan received a letter informing us the club will be fined if we don't fill this in.



Results & Match Reports

“Nil points” anywhere means no “Team-of-the-Week” I’m afraid! Time to roll our collective sleeves up as a Club boys, forget the in-house squabbling and start enjoying our football!! Read the reports and think about what YOU can do to improve the situation! This has been the toughest Newsletter to edit thus far, and I have never experienced such collective negativity in the Club, suspect Greg may want to compose a “Chairman’s Address”. ...be afraid!! VERY afraid!!

1’s v EBOG’s; Lost 0-2

Well we started this game sitting top of the league and hoping to stay there. We started on the pitch that suite either team any favours, but Ebog’s seemed more up for the fight and started a lot better than the Vamps. Ebog’s seemed to get the ball a lot quicker than us. Than after twenty minutes a mix up and slack marking in defence see Ebog’s take the lead. After they looked more like scoring than us. Vamps could have equalised in the last minute but the shot by R.Pidgeon went just wide. After a long chat at half time and some plans in motion Ebog’s scored two minutes into the second half. We still tried to play but it did not go for us Ebog’s just seemed to be all over us and not give us time. With twenty five minutes to go we got a penalty but their keeper saved it that just summed our day up. Unlucky lads I thought we put a lot into the game it just did not come off for us lets go again next week. Special mention to Paul Ayers who gave everything to the team well done mate!!

2’s v Old Westminster Citizens; Lost 1-3; Scorer; MacGowan

Why did we lose this game? Simple - four players turn up just as the ref is going to force us to k/o with only 7 players, zero warm up, switched off and 2-0 down in 10 minutes. Against the best side we've played this season. If players wish to be part of a relegated team, they can continue in this vein. If not, we need to pull the finger out right now. Apart from that - once we'd decided we were actually going to play, and not stand around watching or ignoring our game plan - in an open game both sides had lots of chances, both keepers played superbly. MCGOWAN notched his first goal for the 2's with a clever control and calm finish. We played some very good football in the second half. But if and buts, and all that.....

3’s v Old Westminster Citizens; Lost 4-8; Scorers; Bradley, Gemmen, Dallender, Moorish

It was a disappointing result for the 3s this week, going down 8-4 but with so many positives to come out of the game. We started with 2 defenders with illness and one carrying a injury (hence the 8 goals). starting with Deano, he played his heart out even though still recovering from flu and with Floyd struggling with a knee injury we found the

going tough, it didn't help Darren still having flu, could hardly run and was to blame for 2 goals in the first 10 minutes. I took myself off to be replaced with Nick, the late arriving sub, and we started to play some good football. With the game going end to end, Brook then produced an outstanding save from the opposition keeper before filling in brilliantly at right back. Martin then stepped up and calmly slotted home a penalty, Old Westminsterers then scored a break away thunderous drive to make it 3-1, Nick then picked the ball up wide left before taking on 2 players and spraying the ball out wide to Adam who cut in and unleashed a curling effort into the top right hand corner to make it 3-2. Shortly before the second half, with our tails up we pushed forward looking for an equaliser and got caught on the break twice, Ronin then produced a nice finish to make it 5-3, but by this point Floyd's injury was getting worse so we pushed him up front and the ever versatile Dominic slotted into centre back. Some sloppy defending then let in 2 more break away goals before Deano scored his first goal of the season with a nice finish after being set up by Martin, and with just seconds remaining Old Westminsterers scored one more, but with moral at a high this and some really good performances from Steve, Adam, Martin and Dominic things look promising for coming weeks! **(Welcome Match Report from new skipper Darren Mck)**

4's v Southgate Olympic 4th XI; Lost 2-4; Scorer; Donaghey (2)

With all the last minute reshuffling with the teams on thursday evening and friday morning, the inevitable happened with the 4s travelling away to S.Olympic with a weakened side after being let down by a player who failed to turn up but decided to play elsewhere. Don't know why I bother. Vampire spirit? Grand old team to play for? Hmmm. Don't think so.

5's v BB Eagles 5th XI; Lost 2-4; Scorers

Although the 5's were beaten by an impressive BB Eagles, Clarky was too distraught by other issues to write his usual lively account, apologies one and all **(from Ed)**

6's v Old Easthameians 4th XI; Lost 0-1

Having not played since last year, all the 6s players were glad to be back in the swing of things. Having inherited the pitch from the 8th team (who played before us) everybody knew this would not be a game for fancy flicks and slick football. The plan was to play direct and get the ball forward with every touch, and with 5mins gone a sweet ball from T.Saull met D.Daniels who fired narrowly wide. The middle of the park looked like the splash guard of a delhi toliet, and with tackles flying in all over the bog the ref did well to let the game flow. Half time and at 0-0 the plan was to continue playing diagonal balls and use the front men as much as possible. A.Jones looked threatening with a few aggressive runs, and B.Roberts showed the ability to defend from the front, never giving up. The vamps had the best of the play but when a shank from outside the box flew into

the top corner we found ourselves a goal down. Everyone grouped well as a team and the effort levels were as high as ever, showing we can battle. A late corner saw D.Daniels chest and volley from the edge of the box, flicking the side of the post. J.Warwick filling in at centre-half was outstanding all game with perfectly timed tackles and leadership. A fair result would have been a draw, but that's football... Keep up the hard work and the points will follow. MOM-J.Warwick

7's v Alexandra Park 6th XI; *~~Match Postponed~~*

8's v Old Fincs; Lost 0-8

This week 8s Rolled out more golden oldies than smooth FM, The Vamps started with a back line consisted of Greg Dearle the ever running Winnie, Ricky, and Micky Hitch, The fellas ages totalling a staggering 170 years plus. **(good job I wasn't playing or it would have been 200!!..Ed)** The midfield and front runners were very much younger and that's where the problem started. The inexperience of the 8s youngsters showed throughout the game if only we could have had the old guys football knowledge in them young legs. The Finchley boys were 6-0 up at half time. But with Winnie and Greg's half time team talk to encourage the youth in the side to back track and put more effort into the second 45 it was much better and the Finchley boys only scored twice. Good saves by keeper on the day John Roberts saved us from double figures. and good shifts by John Winchester and Ricky Huckle and Billy the cat and good second half run out by Peter Ephgrave showed the Finchley team that the older vamps have pride in the shirt that they wear. And no doubt Long John would have got a hatful if he had not left his boots in the back of Greg's Jag last week. A brief appearance by Jimmy Whelan was indeed....brief. But what was nice was to see some of the great Vampires back on the park once again! Captain John Robert's MOM was Ricky Huckle. **(who co-incidentally wrote this Report!!..Ed)**