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SPOT THE VAMPS!!!

Two of our stars in the SAL representative side which beat The Arthurian League 7-3 last week, and yes, The Machine bagged a brace!! Well done boys!



(The answer to the Photo Competition is, of course, RUSSELL "The Machine" PIDGEON, front/far right and LEE "Roadrunner" GREGORY, front/3rd from right)



1's lose out!!

Ina's boys went down bravely 2-1 in their Cup semi-final against a disciplined Old Parks team, whom we wish well in their Final.



Disaster at the Vamps!!

A power-cut at The Nou Camp meant a late cancellation for the Committee Meeting this week, which has been re-scheduled for this Thursday!



Churchy's at it again!

Hi, Paul "Chilli" Churchill here.....

"Since the turn of the year I have turned over a new leaf and gone all healthy!, which as you can imagine has been a real struggle after years and years of enjoying myself..... :) ! I have been in intensive training for The Virgin London Marathon 25th April 2010. I'm running it on behalf of The Lords Taverners Charity and I'm aiming to raise £1500 which will go some way to helping them in their aim to help disabled children and children with special needs enjoy a better life. Please help them by sponsoring me at www.everydayhero.co.uk/paul_churchill Please come along on the day to cheer me on. I will be eternally in your debt."

Yours sincerely.....

Paul "Chilli" Churchill X

p.s. good to see Churchy at The Nou Camp on Saturday cheering the 1's, even if he was also touting for sponsors!!..Good luck mate! Ed

....and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07983 651799,(this may be an old number) CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourtton on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to riding@supanet.com by Monday 11.00 a.m. and ensure the raffle gets done when it is your turn!!

All Committee Members please note, next meeting is THURSDAY 11th March at 7.00 pm

Teams for Saturday 13th March 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 Alleyn Old Boys; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

**Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ; --NO TEAM RECEIVED; This is last week's— --DO
THE RAFFLE!!-- CHANGE SHIRTS**

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

2nd XI v Old Westminster Citizens; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref; tba

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302 --NO TEAM RECEIVED; This is last week's—

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

3rd XI v Kew Association; AWAY ; Riverside Drive, Ham, TW10 7QA; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref; tba

Captain – Darren McKeon 07816 948849 --NO TEAM RECEIVED—

4th XI v Old Owens 5th XI; AWAY; Cooper's Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, EN6 4NF; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref; tba

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

G.Donaghey. J.De Mel, P.Faherty, F.Chambers, C.Osinaike, D.Harvey, L.Green, B.Walls. G.Green, L.Bailey, ?tbc

5th XI v Southgate Olympic 4th XI; HOME; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. Peter Jones

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247

A.Copeland, J.Smith, T.Smith, M.Bhujan, T.Parker, M.Collins, A.Evangelou, Ed Parker, M.Alexander, S.Elson, M.Corrigan, J.Sargeant.

6th XI v EBOG's 5th XI; AWAY ; Alan Drive, Barnet, EN5 2PU; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref; tba

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330 --NO TEAM RECEIVED; This is last week's—

R.Huckle, C.Boyle, P.Giles, J.Colbeck, D.Deaney, S.Cronan, J.Sexton, P.Graham, D.Daniels, Jack Ephgrave, L.Eldrett, B.Cork

7th XI v 8th XI; HOME!!; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref. John Alexander/John Bean (match each? Sort it out between yourselves!!) DOUBLE-HEADER

Captain – Ginaldo (07984 825405)

B.Cork, J.Roberts, D.O'Connell, P.Mourton, M.Hitch, J.Winchester, I.Dobson, A.Dawkins, R.Lucien, D.Moore, C.Rodgers

8th XI v 7th XI; AWAY!! ; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL; Ref; see above!!

Captain – Graham Surry (07957 658246) --NO TEAM RECEIVED—(Captain to inform all players)



Results & Match Reports

Congratulations to the 6's on getting their first win of the season under new skipper Ricky H!...and well done Micky C's 5's earning a 2-1 over AP, with "no-gloves" Copeland keeping them at bay..and mentioning 'keepers, well-done to Doug on his first 90 mins of the decade, as a decimated 8's (5 cry-offs on saturday morning is a shameful disgrace) were forced into press-ganging anyone willing to play..Micky "lollipop" Carter nearly got on as a cameo-sub along with Tony Ankin and Micky Hagan as they, like Doug, had only come along to watch the 1's!

1's v Old Parks; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Ephgrave

After a lot of deliberation the referee decided the first team pitch was unplayable; what a joke!.. after a week without rain the pitch was completely under water and his decision was right. So we had to switch pitches for a semi-final of the cup. The game started with both teams looking a bit tense and looking a bit cautious. Very few chances were created and both keepers didn't have a lot to do. After twenty five minutes Parks took the lead just as the Vamps were getting on top. The boys lifted themselves and battled on and deservingly got an equaliser with J.Ephgrave slotting home. Second half wasn't pretty to watch both teams battled on and tried to play football in not very good conditions. Parks went 2-1 up with twenty minutes to go. After that it was all Vamps we just could not put the ball away. We had two good penalty shouts one with D.Dawson being bought down in the box. Than with five minutes to go R.Pidgeon beat the keeper to the ball knocked it past him and got clattered only for the referee and linesman not to give a penalty..tough decision. Well done to Old Parks and good luck in the final. Unlucky lads you give all you could. This was our first game in three weeks in that time we have lost the gym we have been training in for five years because people can't be bothered to turn up we organised training on the Saturday the games were on. Half the squad turned up--all you have to do is turn up and train, everything is laid on for you but you cannot be bothered! The reason we are in this position we are is we trained as a unit, now we have to find another venue to train in. It is so important we train together now it is up to you as a team to find another venue to train in.. if we don't train and put the effort in we will get nowhere as a team; just all of us have a long look at ourselves and decide what we want !! **(Pure passion and frustration from The Gaffer!)**

2's v Old Wilsonians; Lost 3-6; Scorers;??..*NO REPORT RECEIVED*

3's *~~No Game~~*

4's v Winchmore Hill 5th XI; Won 2-0; Scorers; Bailey, Walls

A good away win for the Vamps and more importantly a good overall performance! It doesn't happen often, but when we play like a team and pass the ball around with confidence we inevitably get a good result. The first goal came midway during the first half, when L.Green won the ball in midfield and sent L.Bailey on his way to score yet another goal! In the second half, we were on the back foot for the first 20 mins but managed to gain control and then had about 15 different chances to score! We only managed the one, after B.Walls surged past the opposition's defence to slot one past their keeper. Overall a great team performance. Special mention to G.Donaghey who was solid at the back, and B.Walls who ran his heart out and battled constantly.

5's v Alexandra Park 5th XI; Won 2-1; Scorers; ??

A bit like British Rail we got there in the end!!!! First win of the season and boy did it feel good. Well done everyone bloody great team performance and after going a goal down. With a bit of luck and a full team we could win a couple of games and you never know what can happen! Man of the match: a tough one but has to be my top banana Andy Copeland, must be hard trying to fill Clarkie's gloves (what gloves?!) but you did my little ray of sunshine.x

6's v Old Fincs 4th XI; Won 4-2; Scorers; ??..NO REPORT RECEIVED



A slight shortage of Reports/Team Selections for you this week, late ones will be e-mailed out. I did get a look at both the 5's and 6's up at The Nou Camp on Saturday and both looked good value for their respective and very-welcomed victories!! At least they had full squads, which is sadly more than could be said for the 7's and 8's. I'm anticipating robust and forthright words from the Chairman and other senior Committee members about these matters on Thursday! We all need to pull together at this time and help get the Club back on its feet on the parks!!

7's v Alexandra Park 6th XI; Lost 1-10; Scorer; ??

Ginaldo's computer has packed up but at least he bothered to ring me his team and tell me that a 10-man Vamps team (another let-down with late cry-offs from members who shouldn't be at all surprised if they are either dropped down an eleven or simply not picked!) were completely overrun 7-0 in the first half by a suspiciously spritely AP XI, but in the second half rallied and playing for pride gave an encouraging account...well done you true Vamps!!

8's v Norsemen 8th XI; Lost 1-6; Scorer; ??..NO REPORT RECEIVED

The fact that that this match even took place is a remarkable testament to Micky Hitch who was left with the thankless task of trying to cobble together some semblance of a team after 5 cry-offs on Saturday morning...and I hope those individuals are ashamed of themselves! Having managed to scrape 8 players and thus save the Club from a huge league fine Vamps had to play on the 1's pitch which had been deemed unplayable by the AFA officials for the semi-final. Well done to all for the endeavour, not least Doug for having his boots in the car...there are some true Vamps out there!

Johnny Winch received this e-mail from Mike Afxendi, who will be known to many of you, thus I have included it for you to reflect upon

Two weeks ago my brother-in-law suffered a massive heart attack of which despite all the care at the hospital failed to recover and the funeral was held on Friday 05th March 2009. The Greek priest in his sermon spoke about family and friends working together and helping each other in time of grief and sorrow. Family married couples with children Family with work friends Family with local friends Family enjoying the same hobbies. The A.F.A and the S.A.L. including clubs have been a big family to me over the years and I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers in these difficult times to my family and particular Mark Freeman at Norsemen and Gareth Dineen (SAL) and all at the AFA office and Trevor Symms for their very kind understanding. I would also like to thank the captains from Winchmore Hill 5th and Crouch End Vampires 4th team for doing a last tribute minute silence before the game on Saturday 6th March and their excellent sportsmanship that was observed when I explained to them the reason why and all the supporters watching the game before kick off. While my brother-in-law is now with new friends, football is a big family and we can all be friends on serious matters like these and respect our loved ones who have left us. Once again thank you all again over the last few weeks for your support and kindness to me and my family. **Regards, Mike Afxendi**