



The Old Grammarian



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 26th September 2009

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts				
1 st XI	2-4	Old Esthameians	SAL	Harris, Laney	3	0	2	1	7	9	-2	2
2 nd XI	1-4	Old Danes	MAFA	Langfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 rd XI	2-4	Winchmore Hill	SAL	Sterry; Alexander	3	0	1	2	4	7	-3	1
4 th XI	0-1	Winchmore Hill	SAL		3	2	0	1	8	3	5	6
5 th XI	2-4	Merton	SALC	Weightman T; Parsonage S	2	1	0	1	7	8	-1	3
6 th XI	P-P	Crouch End Vampires	SAL		2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
7 th XI	2-3	Old Finchleians	SAL	Gale, T Finney	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	3
8 th XI		NO GAME			1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0

Roy's Weekend Round Up

If there ever was a 'Black Saturday' this was it! A lot of late drop outs accumulating to 8 changes for the 5ths and hardly two goalkeepers to rub together. Perhaps it was not so surprising that we were wiped out in all games.

The 1sts were unlucky not to fair better against Esthamians but a plus was the continuing return to form from Rob Laney who grabbed a goal along with Rob Harris. The 2nds again made heavy weather of a cup game but this time were made to suffer. They never got into gear against a robust but unsophisticated opposition who found a long hoof downfield was enough to create fatal indecision in our defence. The 3rds had a much tougher fixture against the runaway winners of Div 1 last season and they were unlucky not to get something out of the game. Winchmore only lost one game all last season!

The 4ths ended their winning run with another close encounter with Winchmore. The 5ths conceded a few soft goals, which put them 0-3 down, but a spirited comeback was in vain. They were much more in the game than the score line might suggest.

The 7ths threw away 3 points after leading 2-0 and in cruise-control before losing with literally the last kick of the game.

Shop at Waitrose (Barnet) To Help Your Club



Before the wet weather starts the roof area above the bar needs renewing or you could be sitting by the bar and find water dripping into your pint! Yukk.

Thanks to lots of EBOGs who have already donated through the Justgiving page www.justgiving.com/ebog-roof, or offline by sending in a cheque or cash. Thanks also to all those who support the raffle and other fund-raising.

Now we have another way to raise money towards the roof job.

Waitrose in High Barnet have been very generous by including EBOG as one of their chosen three charities to receive a share of £1000 in October.

On leaving the checkout every shopper is given a green plastic token which they drop into one of three charity boxes on the wall. An EBOG box will be there for the whole of October, so please do your shopping there and make sure your Club gets a share of the donation.

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SAL – LATE REPORT: 19/9/09



EBOG 6^{XI} 0 – 3 Norsemen XI



A very changed side from last week with a real scrabble around to get a team together on Saturday morning resulted in a difficult match for us.

We began well seeing a good deal of possession but unfortunately got caught square at the back with Tony Adams like hands raised for an offside that wasn't and gifting them the first goal.

Team spirit was good though and we created three or four good chances that should have resulted in goals, a lack of a recognised striker meant this was not to be.

In the second half it was much the same, good possession, poor final ball until another mistake in defence gave them their second goal.

To be fair this was the only time Norsemen seemed to be motivated and they scored the third from a good free kick.

I really felt this was a game we should have won, hopefully selection will settle down and we can get a settled side out and have a recognised goal scorer. We didn't loose heart, which shows promise.

SCRIBE: Steve Down

Team: Bond, Down S, Down Sm, Goodes, Lynck, Sellers, Moss, Boyce N, Stibble, Saunders, Adamoh, Maher.

SAL – LATE REPORT: 19/9/09



EBOG 7^{XI} 5 – 1 Alexandra Park XI

Gale 3; Finney T 2



The first game of the season, the time when you think yes we could go on and win the league and maybe if we're lucky a cup or two as well. With three points in the bag that dream is still alive and kicking, and if every other team turn up with only ten players then that should be pretty easy. The problem was it took till half time for half our team to figure this out which was interesting to say the least.

As in the old traditional fashion we went one down, it wouldn't be the same otherwise, and then we went on and won convincingly.

Darren Gale finally found his level of football with a hat-trick which included two great solo goals running their defence ragged, and Tim Finney scoring a good header from a shot off the bar and another solo effort.

The one thing about these games is when you are that far in the lead you still have to play as a team keeping the formation and structure as this would put us in good stead against the up coming Winchmore Hill. These are times where you have time to improve your game and concentrate on what you are doing as

other times we might not be this fortunate. Instead we fell apart losing our discipline which is so, so important as we need to play as a team for the whole ninety minutes not just sixty.

A team with eleven players would have come back and made us pay for our lack of commitment and we would have gone off the pitch scratching our heads as to how we lost the game. The measure between winning and losing is so small and if we don't want to give away three points, as like everyone else it's good to come off the pitch winners no matter how easy the game is, it's that good feeling get, you know the one, the opposite to coming off losing for the 10th game in a row with everyone bitching and moaning. We need to cement this into our heads so we can build on it and start to show some fight within in the team so when we do find ourselves one nil down again which I'm sure we will the whole team will pull together to get ourselves back into the game.

You might read this and think nothing of it, but I for one want to have a good season this year and I don't want anyone slacking in the team.

I know it's a bit of a harsh match report, but when did Alex Ferguson say he had won the Premiership after winning the first game, and if we don't take this in well come off losers and nobody wants to be a loser do they!

On the other hand special phrase should go to Simon Draper in the first half on the right wing who certainly gave us some great attacking options down the right wing and had some good efforts on goal. Also Darren Gale who wasn't so sure about playing for the club again this season, but now hopefully everyone else will be as committed to winning as he is as he is definitely my man of the match.

P.S – I couldn't remember half the players who were eventually picked to play in the 7's due to drop-outs.

SCRIBE: Richard Bryant

SAL



EBOG 7^{XI} 2 – 3 Old Finchleians XI

Gale, T Finney



A sunny day at Oak Hill Park and the prospect of continuing our form from last week. We started off well, with Finchleians not as organised as they should be. We capitalised with goals from Darren and Tim (fluke) and should have been three up when Darren was deemed to be offside.

With seventy minutes played we tired and the younger Finchleians side pressed, not giving up. Their first goal was top class and was applauded by EBOG, unstoppable top corner strike from their defender, whose name eludes me whist typing this. Though he had whispered to me he was enjoying starting at sub as he could enjoy the fine weather!

Fincheleians stole all the points with us with literally the last kick of the game which was a bitter blow to us, considering we'd probably been the better side overall but praise to our oppo for not giving up and some notable talent on display in

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particular from a Ronaldo lookalike, sporting some sparkly ear bling-bling, who will be one to watch in the future.

Overall we played to win and should have taken all the points but again very complacent in some quarters not including the fact luck was against us from the start and played a massive factor in the outcome of the game. At least our spectators of Darren Bryant and Mark Kyrillou (with chair due to a bad back) only had to fish the ball from the brook a dozen times during the first half!

SCRIBE: Christo Kuniewicz

Leading Goal Scorers

Gale		4
Finney T; Penny		3
Berry; Challis; Laney; Weightman T;		2
Alexander; Barker D; Barker L; Cameron; Down St; Flannery D; Ghani A; Gino ?; Harris R; Innes; Jakobsson; Langfield; Lewis; Lynch C; Lynch D; Martin; O'Connell; Parsonage; Patel; Reade; Ricketts T; Samford; Seller P; Sterry; Trim; Weldon		1

Match Reports

Note to captains: Please try and get a member of the team to write a match report after every game. Also note that all Match Reports are to be written and emailed to me by Sunday evening at the latest, this is due to the newsletter being produced for team selection on Monday's.

For those who have forgotten, there is a laptop down the club for you to write match reports on after the game. Just ask Ros or myself if you would like to use it.

Send all reports to: mattpage7@googlemail.com

Roof

Many thanks to Lee Sterry and his firm Deardon Roofing for the excellent job they have done on about a third of the roof which includes a sparkling re-clad Water Tower. We have now commissioned a further third to include all of the bar area and the kitchen which was deemed unavoidable due to its poor state. We cannot go through another winter without dealing with it. We need to find the money from somewhere so:

More donations please!

www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof

As a non-profit making community sports club we now have charitable status which means we can get Gift Aid on any donation. We have set up a 'JustGiving' website to make this easier and, as long as you are a taxpayer, 25% is automatically added to any donation through this site. Hurry though, because apart from the urgent state of the roof, we also may not have the website for more than a few months as it may not be worth the rental.

Many thanks to the following for their recent donations through the site:

Emily Armer, Matt King; Rob Hodgson; Nick Finney; Amit Vara; Tom Ricketts; Ralph Stringer; Tim Finney; Dave Mason. Keep it coming!

Also to earlier significant donations by old fashioned cheque: Vic Earwicker; Mike Brazier; Ludgrove Lodge and Sandra Skinner. Vic has since added another generous donation to his earlier one.

Thanks to all for their generosity.

Anyone who needs any roofing work doing: Deardon Roofing: 07801 229 456; 01992 633 535. Or talk to Lee Sterry.

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Lock Up:	Christo Kuniewicz

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Annual Subs

Despite, extensive pitch drainage, a failing roof and the Credit Crunch, we have held annual subscriptions and match fees at the same levels as the last 3 years. It is one of the lowest charges in the SAL but we do need by the deadline which has been set at **Saturday 10th October**. As in previous years, players will not be allowed to play beyond that date unless they pay, and we will schedule less games on that day in anticipation of this inevitable failure by the selfish few. You have plenty of time to put away a fiver a week.

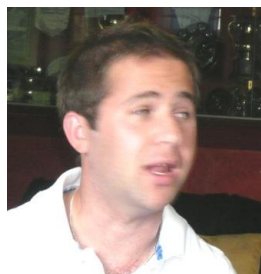
We will also be watching dodged match fees closely this year and people will not be selected unless they clear their debt. We'd rather not do this but it is the only language some people understand. It is unfair on the majority if they get away with it. The Club will die if these freeloaders are allowed to succeed. Remember it is your responsibility to seek out the captain to pay him, not the other way round.

Lots of people have paid already but there are still plenty left who haven't. The deadline for Annual subs is looming up in less than 2 weeks time.

YOU WILL NOT BE SELECTED IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID BY 10th OCTOBER.

Even long term members need to complete this form which also serves to update our records, in particular the phone list, where mobiles and e-mails are constantly changing. Forms and cheques can be sent to Tony at 99 Winnington Road, Enfield, Middx EN3 5RN. He can also be reached on 020 8443 1348 or e-mail changes to tonydos33@hotmail.com.

How to solve a problem like Jamie's photo.....



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