



The Old Grammarian



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 17th October 2009

					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 st XI	1-3	Old Brentwoods	AFA	Berry	4	0	3	1	9	11	-2	3
2 nd XI	2-3	Merton	SAL	Chambers, Ricketts	2	1	0	1	6	6	-	3
3 rd XI	2-1	Old Finchleians	OBC	Maybe, Owers	4	1	1	2	7	8	-1	4
4 th XI	7-2	Old Latymerians	AFA	Siddique R 3; Kucinovic 3; Lowe N	4	3	0	1	13	7	6	9
5 th XI	5-0	Broomfield	SAL	Lane 2; Suant; Weinrich; Allen B	5	3	0	2	17	14	3	9
6 th XI	4-5	Old Parkonians	SAL	Hodgson 2; Lynch D; Samford	3	1	0	2	8	10	-2	3
7 th XI	2-4	Old Parkonians	SAL	Mayer; Finney T	5	1	0	4	14	20	-6	3
8 th XI	3-1	EBOG 9's	AFA	D'Allesio	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0
9 th XI	1-3	EBOG 8's	AFA	Pratt 2; Stringer								
Ladies	1-6	Garston Reserves	L	Cox	7	2	1	4	13	21	-8	7

Roy's Weekend Round Up



The 1st team put up a lacklustre performance to go out of the AFA Cup to an unexceptional Arthurian League side. Defensive weakness again seemed to be the problem and our top side is leaking an average of 3 goals a game meaning they generally have to score 4 to win. This is a bit much to ask despite our talent going forward. Nobody can complain about Sam Berry's contribution though, scoring yet again to go joint top goalscorer in the Club.

The 2^{nds} had the long journey to Merton and maybe it was a coincidence that they had by far the most drop-outs! Of the 7 people who jumped ship, the worst excuse was one who allegedly was going 'shopping'! They needed to have a full-strength side against the unbeaten 2nd placed team but in the end were unlucky to go down by the odd goal.

Following last week's superb performance, the 3^{rds} nearly embarrassed themselves against a Div3 side yet to record a win. However, they scraped through to the next round.

The 4^{ths} continued their superb season by demolishing lowly placed Old Lats. Raz Siddique announced his arrival with an opening hatrick. Goran also jumps into 2nd place on the goalscorers. The 5^{ths} went to the wrong ground, got changed and nearly started a game against the wrong side!

At the last minute they realised their error and ran to their cars in kit to drive a mile to the right ground to find a bemused Julian Oxley who went to the right ground but had no kit. It didn't do them much harm though as they whitewashed a high placed team to take 2nd place themselves.

The 6^{ths} were disappointed to lose by the odd goal. They managed to get goals this time but need to shore it up at the back. The 7^{ths} were similarly disappointed to lose to they same Club. Tim Finney is moving up the goalscorers' list despite often being played in defence!

The dirty dozen that make up the 9^{ths} had their outing this week and their potent mix of age and more age was too much for a very capable 8^{ths} team! The main difference was organisation at the back which is where old heads can make up for a lack of pace.

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PLEASE NOTE - Merton, Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way, London SW20 9BX – boys its only 2 hours away!!!!

After spending all-day on the phone Friday & not getting much work done the 2s set off on Friday night with a bare eleven looking forward too a long weekend away.

Merton had started the season well so we knew that this was going to be a hard game but after some home pressure early on we took the lead after a great move involving a cheeky back heel from Rainbow in to the path of the returning Velloso who then delivered a great cross for the better looking Ricketts (as he calls himself) to head home, one up which was well deserved.

The game then had a 45min stoppage after Langdale had out paced the Merton winger he was marking which lead to the player falling to the ground in embarrassment & leaving in an ambulance! While waiting for the ambulance we were talking to the ref who told us he used to play for Merton but understands the game well as he used to play.

Within 5mins of the restart we found ourselves 2-1 down. We were behind & felt as if we were playing against 12 men. We finished the half well on top creating chance after chance with rainbow then taking one just before half time to bring us level.

We all knew at half time if we played as we ended the half we could get something out of the game so we settled well in to the 2nd half playing some nice football looking dangerous every time we got the ball wide or to Rainbows feet. A free kick was given against me as somehow I pushed the player to the floor after wining a clean header but this free kick was again to lead them scoring from a set piece, 3-2 down.

We dominated the game until the end again creating chances & should have had two penalties with Nelson being held & Rainbow being taken down in the box so bad I think his left leg is still in Merton.

Weeksy said after the game it was the best 2s display he had seen in a few years but was not used to having to do nothing in the 2nd half which he did enjoy apart from getting cold which is a huge plus point to take in to this season!

Thanks again to all the boys who played for me & made the effort to travel down, 2s2s2s2s2s2s2s2s2s2s2s

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SCRIBE: Jamie Langdale

Team – Weeks, White, Chalky, Scott, Langers, M Flanners, D Flannes, Ricketts, Velloso, Nelson, Rainbow Chambers.



A cup game and an opposition of unknown quantity. Even old men can learn the errors of their ways with Nayee finding a place in the starting 11. Buoyed by the previous week's efforts, Ebog started confidently and again scored an early goal - Nick Lowe firing low past Lat's keeper: 1-0. However, against the run of play Lat's equalised very soon after, somewhat fortuitously with Alex attempted block squeezing between the keepers (Seller, P) legs. Despite this setback, Ebogs continued to attack, which set the tone for the rest of the match. Constant Ebog attacks, permitted by the odd Lat's breakaway.

All in all a very competent display with strength throughout the team. The defence cancelling out the majority of Lat's attacks, Ghani and Kucinovic ruling the middle of the park, pacey movements from the wingers and clinical finishing up-front.

This was a very good team performance, learning from the lapses of prior weeks. The only complaint is that perhaps we took our 'foot off the pedal' for the last 15 mins, allowing Lat's a consolation second goal. When you have scored 7, I guess relaxation is inevitable. With 7 goals in total, the order and exact detail are a bit of a blur. Suffice to say, Kucinovic and Raz Siddique both scored hat-tricks (strangely no sign of post match jugs....). Kucinovic hat-trick notable as all 3 goals came from headers and Raz with some good finishing after pacey attacking.

All in all a good performance. Whilst better teams will lie in wait in future cup rounds, this team is capable of delivering silverware if they continue to play as a team. It's difficult to single anyone player out (as all played well and the scribe too modest...)

Captains comment:

The last couple of weeks have shown that the 4s as a team ARE working as a team. A team which shares responsibilities, supports one another and encourages one another when needed. This ethic is why we are achieving the results that we are. We all enjoy and love this game and especially that winning feeling. We now have a SQUAD, which I believe can win their league and possibly some silverware- Its well overdue at the club. Whilst selection has been extremely tough and players can feel disappointed for not being included or for being substituted. NOBODY that is part of the squad should feel a failure, we will all have our moments to shine and we must remain positive and understand this. All I can ask from my players is to have faith in themselves and help the team, have the correct attitude and feel that your presence is an attribute towards the contribution in the success we will achieve. Each player I have selected is there due to these attributes. We have started well this season and I'd like to keep that momentum. We need to keep focused, remain confident in our abilities and continue to work hard for one another. The next few weeks will be challenging and we mustn't let this good start slip away. What we achieve at the end of the season will depend on what we have put in... and this is why I ask each one of you to continue to play as a TEAM.



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AFA



EBOG 8^{XI} 1 – 3 EBOG 9 XI

D'allesio



With the 9th team only playing about 2 or 3 games in the whole season, we knew they would be really up for it, and they brought a good amount of supporters with them to outnumber the fans for the 8ths by 10 times!!

The game started pretty evenly, the 8ths having most of the possession in the first half an hour and we had chances to score but we didn't finish the one-on-one chances and the bar also denying us of a goal after a superb finger tip save from the 9ths goal keeper pushing it onto the bar.

The 9ths had few chances but after earning a corner, a typical good old fashioned header gave them the lead!

We didn't deserve it and we carried on playing the same way but not creating a goal. Then a long shot from the 9ths saw our keeper make a slight mistake letting the ball creep under his arms, and we were 2-0 down at half time. Despite this mistake, Cattlin had a terrific game in goal for us and maybe should be given a chance in the 7ths.

I was really disappointed with the result at half time as we all really wanted to win this game, but I wasn't annoyed with how we played and we kept things the same and knew we could still win the game.

The second half was pretty much the same as the first, we didn't finish our chances and the 9ths punished us with a 3rd goal which destroyed our determination to play.

With 10 minutes to play, Michael D'allesio scored to give us a slight hope of managing to take the game to extra time. With 6 minutes to play and two goals needed, I saw myself with a half volley but didn't connect properly and another chance wasted. Then Grant Killick had a clear shot on target which would have been easier to score rather than blasting it over the bar! Harry White had a shot brilliantly saved by the keeper. It just wasn't our day and man of the match had to go in my opinion to the 9ths goal keeper who was a top class keeper.

Disappointing for the 8ths once again, but on a positive side, the result was a win for the club and we will be supporting the 9ths in the next round of the AFA cup. Well played 9ths and good luck.

Players to mention for the 8ths... Cattlin in goal as I have mentioned played very well. Jamie Cameron is showing improvements every game and always gives 100%. Mark Zdybel put in a great shift at left back and Michael D'allesio also improving in every game and settling into the 8ths. Harry White on his debut for the 8ths showed signs of playing good football and captain's man of the match for the 8ths was again Ricky Warby at centre back who is calm and effective on the ball and was solid in the air.

The 8ths problems increase with 1 or 2 players getting disheartened with losing every game so far and thinking of giving up on the team. It can be hard losing games every week but if we keep working together and keep progressing on how we are playing, things will hopefully get better.

PS Seeing Rahim back at the club made up for the loss!!!

SCRIBE: Harry Bassant

Team: GK Cattlin, LB Zdybel, CB Warby, CB Rashid, RB Cameron, LM Arfa, CM Mohammed, CM Killick, RM Draper, CF D'allesio, CF White, Sub: Bassant ©

SAL – SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER



EBOG 4^{XI} 5 – 4 Southgate Olympic XI

Flannery D 2; Kucinovic; Gino; Ghani A



After a comprehensive and impressive victory the previous week, Ebog arrived at Southgate Olympic full of confidence. Despite initially being dumbfounded by the starting 11 omission of Nayee (sub-again), Ebog started brightly and were ahead within 5 minutes, Ghani A dispatching a low shot into the corner of the net. The team were playing well but unfortunately rather than continue to graft and play good football allowed complacency to set in. By half time, O's had scored 3 basic goals, capitalising on some sloppy Ebog defending. Half time: 3-1.

Enter super-sub at half time..... The second half from Ebog was full of determination, attacking football and hard work. Team spirit remerged and rather than blaming the ref the team pressed forward, back to their combative attacking style.

Despite captain Khan giving away a penalty, Ebog clawed themselves level to 4-4, courtesy of goals from Flannery, Gino and Kucinovic. O's were struggling with the attacking pace of Ebogs, namely through the impressive Gino and Flannery.

With time running out, Ebog kept attacking relentlessly in an effort to seal an glorious victory. With almost the last kick of the game, Trim launched a missile cross field and into the path of Flannery. The crowd drew breath, slow motion entailed, the look of fear in O's defenders as Flannery ran goalwards... Cutting inside across 2 defenders and dispatching a low hard finish into the bottom right hand corner; 5-4. Game over. This winning goal was no more than Flannery's skill and Ebog's determination merited.

A couple of points:

- 1) This team is a good 4's team but will come unstuck if they allow it to go to their head.
- 2) Whilst this team will score, sloppy errors will not always be solved by simply scoring more goals (this game could have easily been drawn or even lost - whilst this would have been a travesty, that's football...)
- 3) The power of team play, passing, comradery and mutual support is paramount. Arguing with each other or allowing heads to fall at poor referring decisions will be punished.

All in all, a result that was most deserved and most 'sweet'!

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Roof

Lee Sterry and his firm Deardon Roofing have done the preparation work on the middle section of the roof and hope to finish the job this week although the poor weather prospects may hold things up. The sooner the better as this section is in a particularly poor state.

Funding is going well but:

More donations please!
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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 and a recent large donation from Rick Smyth. Keep it coming! We have now reached % of the total required to do the lot!

Also thanks to earlier significant donations by old fashioned cheque: Vic Earwicker (twice!); Mike Brazier; Ludgrove Lodge and Sandra Skinner. Thanks to all for their great generosity.

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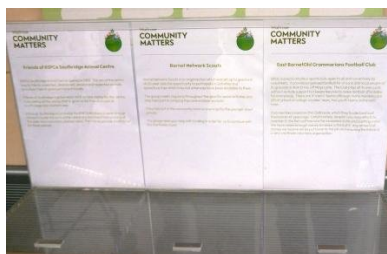
<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
Berry; Penny	6
Kucinovic;	5
Finney T; Flannery D; Gale; Lynch D	4
Challis; Chambers; Lane; Martin; Mayer; Siddique R;	3
Garrard; Ghani A; Gino; Hodgson; Laney; Lewis; Pratt; Ricketts T; Samford; Seller P; Suant; Weightman T;	2

The deadline has passed and only paid up members will be considered for selection.

Even long term members need to complete the form which also serves to update our records, in particular the phone list, where mobiles and e-mails are constantly changing.

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