



The Old Grammarian



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 7th November 2009

					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 st XI		NO GAME			6	1	4	1	17	16	1	7
2 nd XI	2-4	Winchmore Hill	SAL	Nelson; Velloso	4	2	0	2	10	11	-1	6
3 rd XI	4-0	Carshalton	SAL	Dixon; Harris R; Innes; Sterry	5	2	1	2	11	8	3	7
4 th XI	2-7	Old Parkonians	OBC	Siddique R; Gino	5	4	0	1	17	8	9	12
5 th XI	4-1	Old Workingians	AFA	Allen 2; Patel; Nuckey	6	4	0	2	19	15	4	12
6 th XI	4-3	Winchmore Hill	SAL	Saunders 2; Langton; Jakobsson	5	2	0	3	13	17	-4	6
7 th XI	0-1	Winchmore Hill	SAL		6	1	0	5	14	21	-7	3
8 th XI	0-6	BB Eagles	SALC		3	1	0	2	4	9	-5	3
SuperVets	2-2	Old Stationers	L									
Ladies					6	2	1	3	12	13	-1	7
Youth U'16	3-3	Globe Rangers	L									

Roy's Weekend Round Up

After a week of intermittent rain there were a handful of games cancelled on Saturday but not at EBOG where the Alan Drive pitches looked immaculate and supported a total of 6 games over the weekend.

A day off for the 1^{sts} on Saturday and they celebrated by consuming an enormous amount of dubious cocktails throughout the day.

The 2^{nds} had the spotlight on the bottom pitch but failed to overcome an efficient Winchmore side. They fought their way back to 2-3 but conceded a penalty at a crucial time. The 3^{rds} moved up to 4th place with an emphatic win but two sides are getting away at the top. Winchmore Hill are unbeaten and Nottsborough are 100%.

The 4^{ths} were 2-0 up after 20 minutes when a studs up tackle left Ben Parsonage with a nasty gash leading to a hospital visit and probable stitches. The wound was only this bad because of 'blades' studs. Should these be banned!? The reorganisation resulting from Ben's departure didn't work too well because they then conceded 7 goals. The 5^{ths} had the long trip to Woking although it is not too bad with the M25 available. Ben Allen is making steady progress up the goalscorers' table.

The 6^{ths} lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a good win against highly placed Winchmore. No more than their recent form has deserved. Graham

Langton scored the goal of the match if not the season when he lashed the ball home after beating several defenders.

The 7^{ths} just don't seem to be getting what they deserve at the moment. They were all over Winchmore Hill this week but couldn't convert their superiority into goals. They remain behind the 8th s who have 3 games in hand! Many thanks to Phil Rudling for sacrificing his afternoon's football to stand in as emergency Ref. Bryan Weightman was meant to be Refing but he was travelling up the M1 in an E-type Jag with the top down (like in the Ads), when it burst into flames (unlike in the Ads!). He returned to Barnet in a Rescue truck!

The 8^{ths} had a frustrating trip to BB Eagles. They got stuck in the Rugby international traffic on the North Circular Rd and, when they finally arrived, despite having a strong looking side, could make no impression against a team which is bottom of the South section of the SAL. Never mind, they can now concentrate on keeping above the 7s in the League!!

There was a very enjoyable first ever Super Vets game on Sunday against Stationers. It could signal the first of many more and a jug of IPA was ordered in the bar for the first time for at least 15 years!

Meanwhile on a neighbouring pitch, our new Under 16s youth side were fighting backing from 0-3 down to grab a point in an exciting match. Chris Cattlin, who was also in goal for the 7s on Saturday, played a significant role in winning the point.

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EBOG 6^{XI} 4 – 3 Winchmore Hill XI

Saunders 2; Langton; Jakobsson



We welcomed back from injury Matt Jacobson and Scott Bell for this tough league game against a side always competitive. This proved to be the case as we went a goal down early in the game and again took a while to get organised. As in previous games once we had sorted out the marking and positions we started to play, sometimes complicating things and running with the ball when a simple pass would suffice, but when we did move the ball around we looked dangerous and eventually equalised through Jacobson. He and Graham Langton played well in the centre of midfield and Graham then beat three players to hammer a great goal in. We again were guilty of giving the ball away and with the back four pushing up WH played a simple ball over to go 2-2.

Jacobson went off injured with Sellers replacing him and for the bulk of the second half we were the better team without creating too many chances. Steve Saunders then rose to score from a corner to put us ahead and we should really have cruised it but we gave away a rash penalty to make it 3-3. Again with a free kick outside the box Saunders stepped up and curled in a beauty to give us the winner we deserved.

Again team spirit was excellent, work rate on the whole good, we still need to improve, certainly on ball retention, playing the simple ball and movement, and with availability strong, playing for your place will be important! Two wins on the trot, let's hope it kick starts our season!

SCRIBE: Steve Down

Team; Martin. Down S, Down Sm, Saunders, Parsonage L, Parsonage S, Bell, Jacobson, Langton, North, Owers, Sellers.



EBOG 7^{XI} 0 – 1 Winchmore Hill XI

Saunders 2; Langton; Jakobsson



Going by the two previous weeks which were a complete farce with only five players turning up last week, anything that happened this week would be a whole lot better. We got down to Bethune Park with time to spare, with a few changes to the team including Gale and Draper stepping in to help the team out.

Getting into the game we held our own for much of it, with good use of the wings where Challis and Finney were putting in some good crosses which doesn't normally happen, if only we had Peter Crouch in the team we would have been at least 2-0 by half time. Charlie had a chance one on one with the keeper, but put it this way he didn't score, and i won't embarrass him any more. As usual Tom Culkeen took down an oppo player in our box, but the guy fell down like a sack of potatoes and then made a meal out of it, so stand in ref Phil Ruddling ignored his screaming for a penalty and waved the play on.

We went in at half time 0-0 feeling that we could nick a good

win, and we thought we had all the luck after the oppo put an early penalty wide after Inan had thrown himself into the player trying to win a header. We then had a few decent counter attacks and we looked the more likely team to score first, but we went 1-0 down after a miss communication between our keeper and the defence. It stayed that way, but this team is good, it's just unfortunate that the results don't tell the true story. Next week they'll be some slight changes to where people play but except for that I'm confident that once we get that win and the break we need for all our effort we can build on it and get away from the wrong end of the league table.

SCRIBE: Richard Bryant

Team: Cattlin, R.Bryant, Cameron, Culkeen, Rashid, Finney.T, Challis, McCormack, Lynch.C, Gale, Maher, Draper.Sid,



EBOG Youth U'16's 3 – 3 Globe Rangers

In the early stages EBOG looked threatening and Ben Murphy went on a good run down the right and crossed and Dev nearly scored. Shortly after Ben Andrews was unlucky not to score when his shot went just wide. At the other end Globe looked threatening but Shivesh, Alex, Kieron and Robert got in some good tackles to keep the score goalless for the first twenty minutes. Globe got the breakthrough when they cleverly moved the ball from right to left and the number 5 scored. Globe soon made it two when the number 5 pounced on a rebound to get his second and moments later he was prevented from getting his hat-trick when he scored but was ruled off side. Globe did get their third moments later to make the score 0-3. Just before the break Callum was fouled on the edge of the area. He got up and took the free kick and put it in the bottom corner of the net.

EBOG started the second half well with George and Dean looking to create an opening. As the half went on the game got more and more stretched. A fantastic long throw from Callum beat all the defenders and Dev nipped in to head the ball pass the keeper to make the score 2-3. Then Callum hit a brilliant long shot that went under the keeper's body to make the scores level with twenty minutes to go. In a pulsating climax Globe started to push more players forward but the EBOG defence stood firm and Louis got in some good tackles in midfield to turn defence into attack. Ben Murphy went on some good runs down the left and similarly Dean played well on the right. Globe did start to create openings and players began to tire but at least three miraculous saves by Chris kept the scores level. When Globe did get pass Chris there was Kieron on the line to make a heroic goal-line clearance. Kieron continued to thwart the Globe attack clearing the ball well into the trees on many occasions. EBOG finished the game on the attack but could not find a winner and the final score was 3-3.

SCRIBE: Chris Cattlin

Team: Chris Cattlin, Robert Smith, Shivesh Patel, Kieron Curtin, Alex McNeill, Callum Cuxson-Jones, Ben Andrews, Ben Murphy, Dervish Ibrahim, George Michael, Louis Bynoe, Dean Moreland.

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A much better game for the youth team even if the weather was rubbish. The defence was strong with Curtin dropping into defence for the injured Smith and Charidemou and Orphanides and Mcneill stood strong as usual. About 30 minutes into the 1st half and we were unlucky to go behind. However we kept our heads up and not long after we levelled when Moreland's short trickled over the line. So at half time it was 1-1 and that was probably a fair reflection of the first half. Andrews was probably the man of the first half with an impressive debut for Murphy.

The second half started much like the first, we had a few chances to take the lead but failed to convert them. But about 20 minutes in Eaton Manor took the lead, then a minute later they doubled their advantage. We kept going and when Cuxson-Jones's free kick took the keeper by surprise bouncing over his head we thought that we could get something out of the game.

But Manor came back again and got a lucky 4th. But we didn't give up and had at least 3 chances to get back into the game. But when they got their 5th from a break away in injury time that ended our chances of getting anything out of the game. The score line at the end of the game did flatter Eaton Manor but we just didn't take our chances. Lets hope that we can get something out of our next game against Globe Rangers because if we play like that and take our chances then we will.

SCRIBE: Chris Cattlin

Team: Cattlin, McAuliffe, Curtin, Orphanides, Mcneill, Ibrahim, Andrews, Cuxson-Jones, Kreetzer, Murphy, Moreland, Michael, Patel, Bynoe.

Unavailability & Dropping Out – A Polite Notice

All members, new and old, please note the following:

If you are N/A on a particular or series of dates please mark it in the Unavailability book.

DO NOT TELL YOUR CAPTAIN ONLY!!

Additionally, if you need to dropout;

DO NOT DROPOUT TO YOUR CAPTAIN, please ring the number on the teamsheet.

If you have marked yourself as n/a, please check the teamsheet to ensure that this has been completed as per your request.

Paul Flannery



Paul Flannery, who played regularly for EBOG before joining the Army 3 years ago, is being sent to serve in Afghanistan on November 23rd.

The Club is holding a get-together on Saturday November 14th after the football to wish him well.

Please make a note in your diary and come down to the Club to raise your glass.

VCR

Many thanks to Richard & Darren Bryant's Dad for coming up with a VHS video recorder. This has sorted us out for the time being but we could always do with a spare.

Roof

Lee Sterry and his firm **Deardon Roofing** have done the preparation work on the middle section of the roof and are being held up by the adverse weather. The sooner the better as this section is in a particularly poor state.

Funding is going well but:

More donations please!

www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof

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!

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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Little Walters Blues Club


Mick Hammersley, a long time former, if inaccurate(!), EBOG centre forward, is now fronting a monthly Blues Club at The Maltings Art Centre, St. Albans.

The **Little Walters Blues Club** aim is to showcase top talent playing all types of Blues from Delta, funk, gospel and Chicago blues. The venue is in a Theatre setting with tiered seating and superb acoustics and sound. The front of the stage has café style tables laid out that give a real club feel and yes there is a bar!

The club is up and running and receiving good reviews from the local press. Some EBOGS have already been spotted there dancing the night away.

If Blues is your thing contact:
www.littlewaltersbluesclub.co.uk for all the details.

Leading Goalscorers

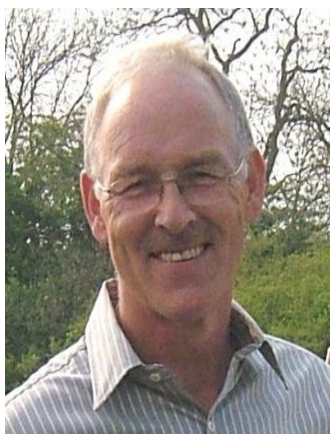
<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
Berry 	12
Lane; Penny	7
Allen B; Kucinovic; Sterry;	6
Finney T; Flannery D; Gale; Laney; Lynch D; Nelson; Ricketts T; Siddique R;	4
Chambers; Challis; Garrard; Gino; Innes; Lowe N; Martin; Mayer; Owers; Reade; Suant; Trim	3
Dixon; Ghani A; Harris R; Hodgson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Parsonage S; Patel; Pratt; Samford; Seller P; Weightman T;	2

Waitrose

We've heard that we raised £220 through the Waitrose fundraising scheme and many thanks are due to all those who went there and put their token in our slot!

CJ even persuaded her Mum to change from her local Whetstone branch and travel to Barnet to shop and support us! Although we may have come third against two other strong charities, every token will have counted because the £1000 was split up on a proportionate basis.

David Allen



If you see a few oldies around the Clubhouse this coming Saturday afternoon, it is because they are raising a glass for an EBOG legend Dave Allen who has reached his 60th. Dave was a strong, free scoring centre forward who was first pick in our most successful 1st XI, winning 12 titles

across the 70s. He was captain in 1980/1 when the side came 2nd in SAL Div1 with a points total that would normally have won it. Measured by league and AFA rep appearances he was the best player in the Club's history. Last year he was named amongst the best 11 AFA players of all time.

Our current 1st XI may receive extra scrutiny, and support, from a few old sages on the line this week.

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