



Well, it's been a long time since I wrote a match report. Too long in fact. After 13 months without being accused of scoring own goals, murdering people in swimming pools or selling fruit and veg, I was back at the home of football to play once again on the hallowed sand/soil mix that is Alan Drive.

Promoted to the 7's overnight (obviously living on my reputation) I was pleased to see many familiar faces, even that lard arse Callow who'd obviously been at the biscuit tin during his latest enforced absence.

We knew the 8's would be up for this game and the plan was to play the ball on the floor and use our experienced heads to outwit them.

Unfortunately, the 8's came at us like a hurricane with lots of long balls over the top. Rather than try to play our own game as planned we retaliated with long balls of our own, all of which were devoured with ease by the impressive Simon Grostate

This was putting us under a lot of unnecessary pressure and we often had Chris Cattlin to thank for keeping the scores level. Having started so strongly, the 8's eventually had to let up and when they did, we took a hold of the game. Having started to turn up the pressure, we were rewarded when an attack was only half cleared and McCormack was given too long in the box to line up and despatch the opening goal. We had a couple of half chances between then and half time but went in to the interval just a goal up.

Our half time talk was that another goal would kill off the 8's. It took a good 15 mins but that second goal came when Richie Bryant went on a remarkable run from left back. Starting in his own half he accelerated past two, maybe three challenges, before lofting over a perfect cross for Neck Brace Challis. I don't know which part of his anatomy Matt used but the ball looped up; looking like it was heading for the bushes, before dropping in to the back of the net.

So, 2-0 up and we thought that would be it. We were wrong though. The 8's found new energy to come at us, and after conceding a corner, we were punished by a well taken corner that was headed home. Still, the 7's heads did not drop and we reconfirmed our two goal advantage with a well taken third. Culkeen did the groundwork, setting up Finney (I'm not saying which one as I am a modest man) to blast home from just inside the box, taking the pegs out of the net with the power of the shot.

At 3-1 up with 20 left to play, surely that was it. Only it wasn't. As both sides made changes, the balance of the 7's was unsettled (yes Dave Mason, you were great) and within the space of 5 mins the 8's broke our offside trap twice to draw level. Things did not look good, especially when the 8's then hit the foot of our post too.

We weathered the storm and with five mins to go, won a corner.

Cometh the hour, cometh the fat lard arse. The corner was driven in and met with some force by the head of Callow. The goal was good but the celebrations even better. Having charged around like Maradonna v Greece at World Cup 94 (when he was off his nut on drugs) Adam then ran off to the touchline to shout abuse at the 5th team, who by this time were taking down the goals. I am sure if he was trying to win his place back in the 5's, he certainly made an impression.

Still the 8's were not done, and the last few minutes were frantic with the 7's clearing corners and free kicks, camped in their own half. But then Referee Warne blew the whistle and the 7's claimed a tight victory. All credit to the 8's. After last weeks defeat, they really worked hard and had they got a draw, no one could have argued.

However, it was October 2008 when I last celebrated a win in EBOG colours, so I think I may have a few beers to celebrate tonight. EEEEEBBBBOOOGGGSSSS!!!!

SCRIBE: Nick Finney

Team: Cattlin, Culkeen, Finney N, Lynch, Bryant, Challis, McCormack, Mason, Finney T, Kuniewicz, Callow. Derby, Rashid.



EBOG 6th XI 0 – 5 Old Parkonians XI



A tough clash with the top of the league team away in Barkingside. Parkonians ran a squad that we felt could of played at a higher standard than the 6's.

They moved the ball round, had pace and to be fair won most challenges. We however battled well without creating everything and went in 1-0 down at half time.

We then had our best spell of play only to concede a second, soon to be a third. Team spirit kicked in and we started battling. We had some possession and started looking dangerous, only for their keeper to make a wonder save.

They scored again to make it 5-0, a fair result given the sides on display. We can take credit that we kept on battling, didn't criticize each other and are building team spirit. We must improve in our ball retention and passing, pressuring and closing down our opposite number and to take personal responsibility to be the one to influence the game either by winning the ball or creating something with it.

SCRIBE: Steve Down

Team: Carrera, Down Sm, Sellers, Moss, Bryant D, Parsonage S, Parsonage L, Langton, Bell, Owers, Nayee, Down St.



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Roof

Lee Sterry and his firm Deardon Roofing have done the preparation work on the middle section of the roof but are still being held up by the adverse weather. They hope to start this Tuesday.!

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, and of course Waitrose.

Chris Wakefield popped £20 in the pot on his one and only visit to the Club this season. **Keep it coming!** We have now reached 40% of the total required to do the lot!

Also thanks to significant donations by old fashioned cheque: Vic Earwicker (twice!); Mike Brazier; Robert Bryant, Ludgrove Lodge and Sandra Skinner.

Thanks to all for their great generosity.

Little Walters Blues Club

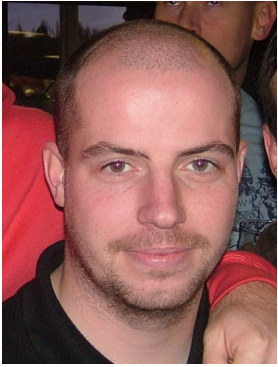
Mick Hammersley, a long time former, if inaccurate(!), EBOG centre forward, is now fronting a monthly Blues Club at The Maltings Art Centre, St. Albans.

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 gig on 14th November was a sell out. The next show is On 5th December featuring Lillian Boutte &

Denny Ilet. If Blues is your thing visit the website for all the details: www.littlewaltersbluesclub.co.uk

Leading Goalscorers

<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
Berry 	13
Allen B; Kucinovic;	8
Lane; Penny; Sterry;	7
Laney; Lynch D;	6
Finney T; Siddique R;	5
Challis; Flannery D; Gale; Garrard; Innes; Lowe N; Nelson;	4

1st XI Goal Scorers



Saturday Manager:	Derek Edgson
Lock Up:	Sid Draper

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Tales of the Yard



Two attempts on the Yard of Ale last Saturday. First Rob Laney, who never requests less than a Yard when it's not his round, made his third attempt in a month and used Lager as the IPA had just run out. Gary Haycock then decided to knock back the Club's first ever Yard of Guinness and achieved a creditable 54 seconds.



Dazzling Darren Barker



Tickets are available for £30 each and for all who want to come on the coach it will be a further £5.

For tickets contact either Richard Barker on 07817780003 or Lee Barker on 07866221016.

Get your tickets ASAP as they are selling fast!

Undefeated middleweight "Dazzling" Darren Barker will finally get the chance to add the British title to his Commonwealth crown on the 28th November when he meets former champ, Wayne "Mad Dog" Elcock for the vacant British title.

Darren Barker has been left waiting for his chance at winning a Lonsdale belt ever since then champion Matthew Macklin vacated the title to challenge for European honours rather than face the unbeaten Barnet man.

The fight will be taking place at the Brentwood Leisure Centre, Brentwood, Essex.



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