



The Old Grammarian



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| Results for the weekend of: Saturday 23 rd January 2010 | | | | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|--|-----|-------------------|-----|---|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 st XI | 2-3 | Old Esthamians | SAL | Harris, Berry | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 25 | 6 | 17 |
| 2 nd XI | 0-6 | West Wickham | SAL | | 10 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 25 | -9 | 9 |
| 3 rd XI | 1-5 | Winchmore Hill | SAL | Lane | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 4 | 10 |
| 4 th XI | 5-4 | Southgate Olympic | SAL | Allen; Siddique R; Gino 2, ? | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 33 | 21 | 12 | 22 |
| 5 th XI | 5-7 | BB Eagles | AFA | Suant, Lewis, A Williams, C Boyce, M Turner | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 13 |
| 6 th XI | 2-6 | Old Parkonians | SAL | Bell 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 36 | -20 | 6 |
| 7 th XI | 3-2 | Old Stationers | SAL | Hodgson 3 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 34 | -6 | 12 |
| 8 th XI | 1-7 | Old Parkonians | SAL | C Lynch | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 47 | -36 | 3 |
| Ladies | | | L | | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 18 | -5 | 7 |
| Vets | 1-4 | Old Woodhouseians | L | Nelson | | | | | | | | |
| Youth | 1-4 | Lea Valley | L | B Andrews | | | | | | | | |

Roy's Weekend Round Up

The season of goodwill continued amongst our defences who charitably gave away a season's record total of 40 goals in one day, an average of 5 per team! Looks like the other sides got a bit more exercise over Christmas than we did. Many of our players hardly moved a muscle for 6 weeks and it showed on the field. We should be a bit fitter by next week though, because the 5th got two hours football and most of the Vets played two games over the weekend and looked absolutely knackered on Sunday!

I don't know how the 1sts managed to lose their game. They were by far the better team but only got 2 goals from about a dozen chances whilst Esthameians got 3 from 6. It just wasn't their day when Rob Laney missed a penalty late in the game and an equalising goal was mysteriously disallowed in the final minute.

Something of a disaster for the 2^{nds} who were thrashed by a lowly West Wickham to fall to 2nd bottom in the table and in real peril of the drop. The 3^{rds} also couldn't get going, but, although Winchmore didn't play particularly well, they are at least the current runaway leaders of the division. The 4^{ths} were one of the few bright spots of the afternoon managing to score more than their defence conceded and move into a solid 3rd place. They were rewarded with cold showers at Bethune where Barnet Council hadn't bothered to turn the hot water back on after Christmas! The 5^{ths} had a real humdinger of an AFA Cup game on the middle pitch against a good BB Eagles side. They were 1-4 down at one stage and looking out of it when they courageously

fought back to 5-4 only to go into extra time at 5-5. Then the sins of Christmas caught up with them and they relieved Nick Finney of further fixture problems. To make the last 16 of an AFA competition is still a creditable performance and may improve their seeding for next year.

At 6th team level was the beginning of a player shortage and there was much scraping around for fill-ins following late drop-outs. It was perhaps not surprising that they came off worst against the 3rd placed side. Sometimes, however, a hastily assembled line-up can just click and the 7^{ths} with the experience of Paul Whitebread prompting a hot striker Rob Hodgson, they pulled off the result of the day against 3rd placed Stationers 5ths. It's a shame Rob isn't available more often as he would almost certainly be challenging for top goalscorer.

The 8^{ths} were also pounding their mobiles to get enough players to travel to Parkonians. They thought they had secured 13 players but only 10 eventually arrived at the ground. Just to add more misery, Harry Bassant injured himself in the warm-up and couldn't start! So our 9 heroes were facing the only unbeaten side in the division who had won 8 out of 8 and only conceded 6 goals all season. To have even scored one goal was quite an achievement and to only concede 7 when the oppo had been averaging 5 against full strength sides was a great performance. Think what they could do with 11 men!



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First game of the new decade and it started similarly to the last one. It was a fairly even first half with neither team really creating much. Everyone held strong especially McAuliffe who made some vital blocks. It was all square until the stroke of half time when Lea Valley got a free kick on the edge of the box which was placed right in the top corner.

1-0 down at half time so at the start of the second we needed an early goal. So when Lea Valley scored a second not long into the half after some sloppy defending we knew it was going to be a challenge to get back into it. But we knew it wasn't beyond us as we have come from 3 down before.

We started to apply some pressure but when Lea Valley scored a third from an offside position maybe it wasn't going to be our day. Heads started to drop and when Curtin and Cuxson-Jones went off injured it took a very good performance from the whole of the defence and some solid saves from keeper Cattlin to stop the game from totally getting away.

Eventually the pressure was too much and Lea Valley got a fourth from a spectacular over head kick. We kept playing on and at the very death a low cross from the right was poked home by Andrews to put some smiles on the faces of the EBOGs fans. A good performance from the boys much improved from last time and hopefully we can play the same or better next week.

Team: Cattlin, Smith, McNeill, Curtin, Charidemou, Ibrahim, Cuxson-Jones, Andrews, Patel, Moreland, Murphy, Michael, Kretzer, Bynoe, McAuliffe.

Leading Goal Scorer

| <u>Player</u> | <u>No. of Goals</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Berry | 17 |
| Allen B; Laney | 12 |
| Kucinovic; | 11 |
| Sterry; | 9 |
| Lane; Penny | 8 |
| Hodgson; | 7 |
| Finney T; Lynch D; Nelson; Siddique R; Suant | 6 |
| Chambers; Gale; Innes; | 5 |
| Challis; Flannery D; Garrard; Gino; Harris R; Lowe N; Reade; Williams C | 4 |
| Bell; Bradshaw; Ghani A; Lewis; Martin; Maher; Owers; Pratt G; Ricketts T; Trim; Weldon; | 3 |

Unavailability & Dropping Out

All members, 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.

EBOG Roof Fund

Thank goodness Lee Sterry and his firm Deardon Roofing completed the second section of the roof before Christmas just before all the awful weather. Congratulations to them on a job well done, and they can take a rest now whilst we find the money to finish the roof next summer.

We still have the final section to complete next summer, so:

More donations please!

www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof

This will add a tax rebate of 25% through gift aid.

Anyone who needs any good roofing work doing:

Deardon Roofing: 07801 229456; 01992 633535.

Or talk to **Lee Sterry**.

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| Saturday Manager: | Bob Gair |
| Lock Up: | Rowan Innes |

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100 Club Prize Winners



Rick Smyth

| October: | | November | | December | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|-----|
| No. | | No. | | | | |
| 1 st | 174 Chris Collins | £90 | 1 st 46 Bob Gair | £30 | 1 st 54 Andy Sharp | £90 |
| 2 nd | 132 Kate Whitebread | £75 | 2 nd 29 Kevin Hayes | £75 | 2 nd 20 Mike Brazier | £75 |
| 3 rd | 153 Paul Freeman | £45 | 3 rd 114 Tom Rainbow | £30 | 3 rd 71 Andy Heath | £15 |

You could be a prize winner for as little as £1 a month (£12/year)
February draw will be double prizes: £180 could be won with one gold number.

You can't win it unless you're in it!

Now is the time of year to buy into 2010. Contact Rick on 01442 236742; rick@smyth12.fsnet.co.uk
or send multiples of £12 to him at: 12 Greenacres, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4LX.

Any profits are invested in the Club

Club Floor and Carpet

Some of you may have noticed the improvement in the state of the floors and carpet at the Club. This was the result of an overhaul by Bob Gair distinguished former EBOG player and ex-1st team captain. His firm RR Cleaning Services specialise in this sort of thing. We have had the floors done before but Bob took on the carpet which has over the years seen gallons of spilt beer, food and ground-in chewing gum long since turned black! Bob has removed every stain and restored the carpet to the condition it was in 40 odd years ago! Amazing!

If you've had an EBOG to stay and want the stains removed, contact Bob on 07957 360044.

FA Level 1 Course (Ladies Only)

There is a Level 1 course taking place for Ladies in the Muswell Hill area in April and we have been offered a huge discount, the course is only £25!

If any ladies are interested please could you let Christo know ASAP so that places can be booked before they run out!

Rob Hodgson Fires Home A Hat-trick For The 7th XI



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