



# The EBOG Weekly



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2010					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	10-0	Kew Association	SAL	Berry 4; Harris 4; Laney 2	14	7	5	2	45	24	+21	26
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	0-1	Nottsborough	SAL		13	3	0	9	18	35	-17	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	3-0	Weirside Rangers	SAL	Mabey 2; Lane	9	5	1	3	27	14	+13	16
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	3-0	Old Owens	SAL	Kucinovic 2; Jayz	13	9	1	3	42	28	+14	28
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	2-1	Winchmore Hill	SAL	Suant; Turner M	13	7	1	5	33	30	3	22
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	2-1 2-1	Winchmore Hill	SAL	Hodgson; Field D Hodgson; Seller P	11	4	1	6	21	39	-18	13
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	2-2	Broomfield	SAL	Challis 2	12	4	1	7	31	51	-10	13
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	PP	Alexandra Park	SAL		10	2	0	8	16	54	-38	6
Ladies	3-4	Clapham	L	Cox, Marshall, Hague	12	3	2	7	21	28	-7	11

## Roy's Weekend Round Up

A good set of results. All the more surprising when you consider only two players (Carl Lynch & Chris Field) turned up at training last week! Congratulations and apologies to them and shame on the rest. History shows that you rarely win silverware unless you're properly fit. If we decide we don't need to be, let's cancel training and save £100 a week!

The 1<sup>sts</sup> have tended to let lower sides off the hook this season but firmly put that theory to bed with a proper thrashing of Kew Association. They have crept into second place with the best goal difference in the division largely down to the GoalBerry. Good to see Rob Harris back on the scoring trail. After the demise of his match report last week, Rob Laney decided to do one on the 2<sup>nds</sup> this week!

After the 2<sup>nds</sup> recent bad run they didn't need a match against yet another top 3 side but they more than matched them, dominating the first half hour. Had Chris Boyce's sizzling left foot shot gone in rather than rattling the bar, the outcome may have been different. Nottsborough battled their way back into the match, however, and it had all the hallmarks of a no score stalemate when a soft goal in the last 10 minutes summed up the 2<sup>nds</sup> season. If the 2<sup>nds</sup> can put out this set of players every week they are clearly capable of competing at this level and it would be a travesty if they went down.

3bog continue to show they are one of the best 3<sup>rd</sup> teams in AFA football by sweeping aside another Div

1 side with similar ambitions. Two goals from George Mabey who is in excellent form and a constant threat down the left with driving runs and quality crossing. Add to this his Delap style long throw-ins, he's a menace to any opposition. Lee Sterry managed to miss a penalty in this game but he only scores when it matters!

Consolidating their third place, the 4<sup>ths</sup> brushed off the disappointment of last week to emphatically bury Old Owens 5<sup>ths</sup>. The 5<sup>ths</sup> also bounced back this week with a great win over close competitors Winchmore Hill who they now overtake.

Performance of the day though goes to the 6<sup>ths</sup> who under the temporary management of Adam Callow got a priceless 6 points in a double-header which hauls them well clear of the bottom two and means the 8<sup>ths</sup> can sleep easier. For the second time in two weeks the 8<sup>ths</sup> failed to play against Alex Park owing to the poor quality of the Albert Road pitch.

Although there were several call-offs due to waterlogging in the area, our pitches were in excellent condition as normal and the main reason we will be hosting a further 3 Cup Finals at the club in March/April, making 4 in total this season. The drainage and careful management by Julian Oxley has allowed the pitch surface to survive this terrible winter, and it is recognised that we are likely to have the best grass coverage in the league come the Spring.

Julian may well have to intervene again next week, however, as the weather forecast is dreadful!



EBOG 4<sup>th</sup> XI 3 - 1 Old Owens XI



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After a disappointing result last week, today was a must win game to have any chance to still be in with a chance of winning the league. The sun was shining and key players were back in the squad. At the back we had Colin, Has Ghani, Trim and myself.

In midfield we welcomed back Ad and G. Shane and James was also in midfield. In attack we had Goran and Jason. Awaiting us was Old Owens who were third from bottom. We started the game well creating space for ourselves and passing the ball around to great effect, moving the ball quickly creating plenty of space for ourselves. The breakthrough finally came when Gino took a superb corner, Jason who was there to header in from close range, the brothers linking up well, great start.

We looked very comfortable causing old Owens all sorts of problems. We made it 2-0 not too long after - when Goran beat the defender, cut in and smacked a hard low shot at goal that clipped off the post and went in. Brilliant goal for the big man. He is banging the goals in for fun lately!

Owens had a great opportunity to pull one back only for the shot to hit the post. This was an eye opener, we knew the game was far from over. Owens had another good chance shortly after, Weeks made a good save down to his right. Gino came close with a decent strike only for the shot to go just wide. Our wingers were causing them all sorts of problems, with the help of Dan Trim bombing down the wing. I heard the home fans with the chant of "what's that coming down the right wing is it TRIMBONDA, is it TRIMBONDAAAA". A popular song with the right back.

Col was comfortable at left back, very calm and composed. The half time whistle went. Our half time team talk was basically keep our shape, keep passing the ball round and plenty of talking. We started the second half brightly. Col and Gino were working brilliantly down the left. Shane and Ad Ghani were playing quality in the centre of midfield. Jase and Goran were working well playing off each other terrorising the Owens defence. Myself and Hasan were solid keeping the strikers quiet. Good to see Has back at centre half with me, we have built a good partnership.

We made some subs. Trim made way for Jack who came on to fill in at right back. Tom W went upfront replacing Jase and Dave F came in for Bradshaw on the right wing. All subs were brilliant when they came into action. We were pushing for that third goal to kill the game off and it finally came when Goran's shot hit the post only to come straight back to him and passed into an empty net. 3-0 and we knew we had to keep full concentration right the way through the side.

Owens came close in the dying moments but went just wide. The final whistle went and it was a great relief to get back to winning ways. A brilliant performance from the boys, a well deserved win. I thought we were extremely solid today and took our chances well which was the difference. We had a couple of

scares but apart from that was a comfortable victory. Some big games are coming up and there is no reason why we can't push on and close the gap on the top. We have to be ambitious and set our sights on still winning our league. It's a hard one to call who man of the match was this week. All in all it was an outstanding team performance with everybody working for one another.

GREAT WORK BOYS!!!!

**SCRIBE:** Alex Williams

**Team:** Weeks, A Ghani, H Ghani, Trim, C Williams, Gino, Khan, kucinovic, Bradshaw, Gaul, T Weightman, A Williams, Jason, D Flannery.



**EBOG 5<sup>th</sup> XI 2 – 1 Winchmore Hill XI**  
Suant, Turner



Well after last week the 5's were looking for a better performance this week. After Captain Warne and his side kick Nick Lowe made sure the pitch was playable on Saturday morning, sweeping the puddles out and putting down some sand on the pitch at Bethune was as good as it normally is.

So onto the game and the 5's made all the running with the lions share of possession. All round the 5's were first to the ball. Having had the best of the first half chances against the run of play Winchmore scored. The Ball going over the defender heads and leaving the Winchmore player all on his own in the box to slice his shot into the top corner. The 5's carried on making chances and from a corner Max scored to level the game. 1-1 HT.

Second half carried on in the same way as the first with the 5's making all the running. Eventually after several long throws and corners the 5's got the second goal there pressure deserved. A long throw coming in from Nick Lowe was finished off at the back post by Suant. 2-1 up and Nick Lowe had a clear chance to make it 3 but managed to find the top of the fence behind the goal from the penalty spot.

Winchmore had one chance to level it up but it was easily saved by Caskie. Right at the end Martin who had came on for Cole made a great run into the box, only to see his shot saved by the keeper.

So the game finished 2-1 a good win for the 5's.

**SCRIBE:** Caskie

**Team:** Caskie, Warne S ©, Brown, Oxley, Weinrich, Cole, Lewis, Taz, Turner M, Lowe, Suant, Martin.

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## Rob Laney's View on the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's Performance...

EBOG 2's Vs Nottsborough.....

The vets entertained Nottsborough down the bog and once again they failed to impress.....

Another loss means that relegation is inevitable. Apparently Boyce was on fire but only because Chalkey struck a match. Apart from that, nothing else really happened and the committee are calling for a replacement captain.

Lee Sterry is the likely replacement but he released a statement mid week saying that "my priorities are with the threes and next year I want to try and play first team football". I know, I know let's give you a second for that info to sink in.....

Patel has shown interest but only if food can be provided before the kick off!! Simon Charkham had an interview with the Daily Star(bus) and he expressed his need for wheelchair access at the club, but Ross said "all funding is for the roof".

Will the 2s improve? I doubt it!

## Callow Leads The 6<sup>th</sup> XI To A Double Victory



## Club Dinner

### Change of date: 14th May 2010

Owing to no end of trouble finding a suitable date, we have switched the date back to the more usual Friday in May:

Club Dinner is now – Friday 14th May 2010

It won't be changing again! The Caterers are booked.

## SAL Vs Arthurian League

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Sean Carroll, yes you read right, Sean Carroll has been selected to represent the Southern Amateur League in the upcoming fixture with the Arthurian League. The game will be played at Potters Bar Town F.C. and will kick-off at 7.30pm.

## 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!

## For Sale

VW Golf 1.9 Diesel, 1997 P reg, navy blue, 3 door, 97,000 miles. New brakes, new cambelt, MOT and Tax. CD radio, central locking. £1200 ono.

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## EBOG Club Tour 2011

We have decided that an EBOG club tour is well overdue. Anyone who is brave enough to attend needs to give Sam Patel £200 by October 2010. The likely month this will be is April. Open to suggestions on where to go. Any more information regarding this please speak to Sam.

## EBOG Roof Fund

Last chance to donate to the Roof fund via the Website because we will be closing the Ebog Roof Just Giving site down soon. Donations have eased to a trickle lately and they are charging us £15/month to maintain the site. Thanks to Scott Alexander, Phil Seller, Emma Grostate, Julian Oxley and Sam Berry who have all contributed since we mentioned this last week. It has been well worthwhile so far because we have received well over £700 via the site and the Government has added over £200 in Gift Aid. Many thanks.

Thanks again to Lee who made some emergency repairs last week to a part of the roof he hadn't reached yet. We will need him to complete the roof next summer so....

More donations please!  
[www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof](http://www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof)

Anyone who needs any good roofing work doing:

**Deardon Roofing:** 07801 229456; 01992 633535.  
Or talk to **Lee Sterry**.

## Ball Bags

Please remember to take the balls to the pitch in the ball bag and not leave it in the Changing Rooms. Some Referees are marking us down for apparently not having a First Aid Kit which, of course, is in the Ball Bag. The Bag is also quite useful for taking any litter away with you.

## Best Match Report

### Weekly Mystery Prize

A new EBOG weekly award (funded by a mystery donor) is being offered for the best match report.

The Best Match Report prize for the EBOG newsletter of February 8th was won by **Adam Callow** for his report on the 6XI v O.Suttonians in the OBC on Feb 6th.

Mystery Prize was: **A Yard of Ale**

The Best Match Report prize for Feb 15th edition was won by **Goran** for his (late inclusion) report on 4XI v Norsemen Feb 6th.

Mystery Prize was: **A Jug of Lager**

## 100 Club Prize Winners

The double prize February draw was held on Saturday as follows:

### **February:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Clive Lemmons</b>	<b>£190</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dave Northwood</b>	<b>£150</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Jan Boyce</b>	<b>£90</b>

Rick Smyth



**You could be a prize winner for as little as £1 a month (£12/year).**

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*Any profits are invested in the Club!*

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## Leading Goal Scorers

<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
Berry	27
Kucinovic	16
Allen B; Laney;	14
Hodgson; Sterry;	11
Lane;	10
Penny;	9
Dixon; Harris R; Suant	8
Challis	7
Finney T; Lynch D; Nelson; Siddique R;	6
Bradshaw; Chambers; Gale; Innes; Lowe N; Mabey	5

## The Return of Sid's Big Quiz



Sid returns with another of his successful Quizzes with questions across a broad range of subjects.

Teams up to 4, £1 per person.  
Any profits to the roof fund.  
27<sup>th</sup> March starting 8pm.

<b>Saturday Manager:</b>	Dave Northwood
<b>Lock Up:</b>	Julian Oxley

## Saturday at Alan Drive



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