



# The EBOG Weekly



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2010					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	6-0	Old Finchleians	SAL	Berry 2; Harris 2; Carroll S; Lister	15	8	5	2	51	24	+27	29
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	1-3	Civil Service	SAL	Bacon	14	3	0	10	19	38	-19	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	0-4 3-0	Nottsborough	SAL	OG; Mabey; Flannery D	11	6	1	4	30	18	+12	19
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	PP	Winchmore Hill	SAL		13	9	1	3	42	28	+14	28
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	PP	Crouch End Vampires	SAL		13	7	1	5	33	30	3	22
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	PP	Norsemen	SAL		11	4	1	6	21	39	-18	13
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	1-2	EBOG 8 <sup>s</sup>	SAL	Patterson	13	4	1	8	32	53	-21	13
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	2-1	EBOG 7 <sup>s</sup>	SAL	Payne; Whitebread	11	3	0	8	18	55	-37	9
Ladies	PP		L		12	3	2	7	21	28	-7	11

## Roy's Weekend Round Up

All the home pitches were judged playable at 9am but at 11am the heavens opened in Barnet and an hour's heavy rain after a wet week meant that there was lying water on all 3 pitches. With the prospect of more showers, even if it stopped, the games at Alan Drive were called off but sod's law dictated that it was dry until dusk! In the long term I think we will reflect in this as a good decision because it is easy to dig up the grass roots on days like this leaving lots of bare bobbly patches for the spring. At the moment we still have an excellent grass cover.

Finchleians only had one pitch considered fit but might wish they'd called it off when they let the rampant EBOG tigers into their backyard and got severely mauled. Their own title hopes were all but crushed whilst EBOG are now looking a good bet for promotion. They certainly need to win their remaining match against Norsemen who look like the main current threat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. We also need Carshalton to slip up in their 5 remaining games if we are going to pinch the title. Gary Haycock came in as a stopgap goalie on 8<sup>th</sup> February and is now widely regarded as a priceless asset. Since then they have won 4 out of 4, disposed of 3 close rivals, with 3 shut outs and 21 goals scored.

The 2<sup>nds</sup> on the other hand seem to have lost the knack of winning. Once again they were well in the

game but poor luck seemed to be the main factor. Looking at just 3 goals since Christmas maybe the problem is that they have lost the knack of scoring. When they have to rely on the fire power of James Bacon you know they're in trouble! Apparently he was too knackered to perform the famous 'bacon roll' in his celebration!

3bog created something of a record this week being the first team to take any points off Nottsborough. At the moment at which they were kicking off for the second game in their double-header on Saturday, Nottsborough had won all 10 of their League games this season and every Cup game putting them in the AFA Final and the SAL Cup Final (against us!). However, some tactical adjustments by Lee for the second game led to a comfortable looking win with another goal from in form George Mabey. The SAL Final (date yet to be decided) is a mouth watering prospect.

The Battle of Barnet was switched to Bethune and another enjoyable and close encounter was just pinched by the 8<sup>ths</sup>. The 7<sup>ths</sup> dominated the second half but just couldn't get back on terms. One highlight was Nick Boyce, back for his first game since Christmas, who belly-flopped into a puddle near the touchline and soaked a passing dog-walker. Memories of the old days! Thank goodness the showers were back in action.

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After a few dropouts Pagey done well to get a side together in another must win fixture. The game started well with the team working hard across the pitch as we spoke before the game about getting tight to their players giving them no time to play. The hard work was soon to pay off when Sean Carroll scored a fine header, plus another un-stoppable finish from 'Goals' Berry, after a tricky week in his personal life we were 2-0 up. The half was to finish well with LISTER scoring a lucky deflected goal to put us 3-0 up at the break – yes it's not a joke, LISTER did score!

The second half couldn't of started any better with Roy putting in a fine cross for Bezza to head home – please note for the first time this season this has happened along with a Lister goal I had to come off the pitch to check my blood sugar levels!!! Bullet was then to turn provider for Rob Harris to head home soon to be followed by a cool finish one on one with the keeper, 6-0 we will still working hard at the back to give noting away with Haycock making two fine saves to keep the clean sheet, again!

Special mention must go to Bullet who has been leading us well from the back the last few weeks not missing a header along with a great range of passing. Thanks also to Jordan for coming as sub looking sharp when coming on.

Mom - Meezo. Think this is the kind of player we have been missing for a while is all I will say! Pleased I'm not picking the team next week!

Eeeeeeeebbbbbbbboooooooggggggggggssssssss!!!!

SCRIBE: Jamie Langdale



After a devastating drop out week and players being unavailable because of a stag do and Luke Lane not dropping out and not answering his phone on Saturday, we started Sat pm with 10 players. Ben Allen and Paul Suant stepped in to help us out.

Considering the bad pitch or pond we still managed to play our football and at half time only going in one down we felt we were still in the game. A poor penalty decision against us early in the second half and a hand ball outside the area by the goalkeeper to deny Ben, sealed the game. A late consolation, a great finish from Bacon off of Pete's cross. It was one of those games.

We lost 3 – 1.

SCRIBE: Pete Harris and Bed Allen



After all the lovely British weather we have had over the past few days, things weren't looking too good for the weekend's game. Saturday morning and still raining, but with the rivalry between our teams, this game HAD to happen. After all the confusion with the 8's kit over the past 2 weeks, we finally had the good old strip back. With high hopes we set off to good old Bethune Park, our 'favourite' ground, to take on the 7's. After inspecting the pitches, which were all rather wet, we got straight to it.

Start of the game and we were looking strong with good attacking runs from Dom Lynch and Paul Whitebread, and the usual leaky 8's defence had been strengthened by good defensive work from Crane and Nick Finney. With both teams making good runs, we each stood strong until a miss kick from the 7's goalie leading to Dom's snap shot which smashed off the crossbar. Around half an hour and we were making a lot more productive runs and a fine flick from Dom on to Paul led to miss-hit shot, but it was enough to crawl past the keeper. With higher morale from the team we kept pressing against their defence with more productive runs, like the one from Ricky Payne down the left, cutting in past Inan and sending a screamer into the top right past the helpless keeper. With only about 10 minutes left of the first half, all we needed to do was relax and stay solid, which we did. The 7's had quite a few good chances, just couldn't capitalize on their great play. With the 8's seeming to relax too much, half time came. Both teams started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with the same layout as the 1<sup>st</sup> half. After 10 minutes the 7's gained a corner and a peachy delivery ended in confusion in the box with player all over the place until Ollie Patterson managed to get his head on the loose ball which snuck past the late, great Caskie. With this, subs were made and after a good game, Martin, Paul and Bassant came off and Draper, Lea and Killick came on.

With views of losing the game due to some more sloppy defending and creative play from the 7's we had to strengthen the defence when they decided to have 3 upfront to try and pull the game back. Desperately trying to make sure that the game was in the bag, we had to hold the ball in the opposition's half and make sure there were no chances through our defence. 3 good chances were laid in front of me and I fluffed them all, many other chances laid through to Dom but the end product wasn't another goal. After a half that seemed to last ages the final whistle went, and yes, the 8's were victorious!

(Matt Challis noted that after the game there were no HARD feelings apart from the ones in the shower!)

SCRIBE: Matt Freeman & others

<b>Saturday Manager:</b>	Bob Sims
<b>Lock Up:</b>	Paul Whitebread

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## Lady Players Wanted

EBOG Ladies are currently looking for players to boost their squad. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might want to play, please let Emma know on 07949 212163 or [emmagrostate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmagrostate@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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.

Call Goran 07854 192 375.

## 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)

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## Leading Goal Scorers

<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
<b>Berry</b>	<b>29</b>
Kucinovic	16
Allen B; Laney;	14
Hodgson; Sterry;	11
Harris R; Lane	10
Penny;	9
Dixon; Suant	8
Challis	7
Finney T; Lynch D; Mabey; Nelson; Siddique R;	6
Bradshaw; Chambers; Flannery D; Gale; Innes; Lowe N;	5
Bell; Garrard; Gino; Reade; Turner M; Williams C	4
Alexander; Barker D; Carroll S; Ghani A; Jayz; Lewis; Martin; Maher; Owers; Payne; Pratt G; Ricketts T; Seller P; Trim; Weldon;	3

## Best Match Report



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

Best Match Report Prizes so far:

13th Feb - Adam Callow - Yard of Ale (keeping it for the Dinner)

20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Goran - Jug of Lager

27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Alex Williams - £10 free tab on the bar

6<sup>th</sup> March - To be decided!

## 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.

## 100 Club Prize Winners

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

**February:**

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

Rick Smyth



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

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[ricksmyth@fsmail.net](mailto:ricksmyth@fsmail.net) or send multiples of £12 to him at: **12 Greenacres, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4LX.**

*Any profits are invested in the Club!*

## 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.

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