

WINCHMORE HILL FOOTBALL CHAT



With Compliments

WINCHMORE HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

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Our Objective!

THE knitting process referred to in our last issue appearing already to be bearing fruit, and with everyone getting so friendly, it persuades us to commence our November issue.

My Dears!



It is in fact a common sight already to see members of the various elevens taking the field hand in hand, and the courtesies shown in the baths after the game, are, Ladies and Gentlemen, positively marvellous.

It amounts absolutely to nothing to find our Cyrils' definitely refusing to take the last piece of soap, let alone enter the water before Clarence has disported himself in the wetness to his heart's content, and we shan't be a bit surprised when Vice-Presidents start handing over their home grown buttonholes to goal scorers, as a mark of their esteem for the lads who toil.

These niceties you may have noticed are taking place as between fellow members only, always providing that what we are telling you savours not of inexactitude, which presents us with the opportunity to remind you all that whereas

our opponents may look for the straw sticking in our hair, we need take no heed of the morrow should we at any time offer them a seat in the bar, or carry their bags to the station when they are ready to depart, leaving us with tears in our eyes.

Do these things, boys, unto others as we are ofttimes done, and remember, girls, it will pay us in the long run.



NOW IN SERIOUS VEIN.

OUR THANKS,

To CLAUDE GODEFROY Esq., Hon. Secretary of the Southern Amateur League—

To ROBIN BAILES Esq. who occupies the same onerous position in the Nemean League—

To H. GRAHAM-SWAILES Esq., Hon. General Secretary of "Carshalton Amateur Football Club"—

To W. E. GREENLAND Esq., Assistant Secretary of the Amateur Football Alliance, and to our friends "*The Palmers Green and Southgate Gazette*", our best thanks for their acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of our first issue, and in particular for the nice things they have said either by post, or in the Press.



THE GAMES.

We are now getting well under way with our Programme and the whole Club from the playing point of view is shaking down very well. So far, each week has found five elevens fielded, and whereas the first four sides have set league matches to contest, the fifth eleven is relying on friendlies only. In view of the fact that we did not anticipate such an influx of new talent, no fifth eleven fixtures were arranged during the close season. That we so far have been fortunate enough to find one club or another able to give us a game each week is very satisfying indeed and we hope there are other clubs who will see these notes and get into touch with our Team Secretary with a view to fixing up a game. There are a few vacant dates on our ground and we shall be pleased to book them in advance and we take this opportunity to thank the A. F. A. and say how much we appreciate their co-operation in finding us opponents.



THE 1st XI.

We have already reported our win at the expense of Old Grocers on their ground on Saturday, September 26th last, and since then we have played 3 further league matches and the first round of the Middlesex Senior

Cup, and a replay of same. On October 3rd we visited Old Lyonians at Pinner View and the result of a real 90 minutes battle was a win for the home team by 1 goal to nil, the result of a smashing shot from Roy Merryfield, late in the second half.

Our boys put up a fine show and gave the Lyonians a real scrap. The following Saturday, October 10th, we visited the Norsemen ground and another fine game was witnessed. The result on this occasion was two more points for the Hill, the result of a win by 3 goals to 2. The Norsemen put up a fine performance and were always winning up to the last quarter of an hour. Then the Hill took command and gave the Norsemen a very hectic last fifteen minutes, during which time we changed the score from 2 goals to 1 down, to 3 goals to 2 up. The most prominent features of this game were a terrific shot from R. Guettier at outside left that hit the back of the net like greased lightning, and the very clever play of Allan the Norsemen centre forward. On October 17th we entertained Watford Amateurs in the Middlesex Senior Cup and could do nothing right in holding them to a draw of one all.

October 24th found us playing Highgate for the first time in many years. The result a win for Highgate by 3 goals to 2, does not reflect the play. Taking the game as a whole, the Hill had the larger share, but, as in the previous week the finishing of the forwards just wasn't, and instead of a commanding lead at half time, we had to be content with the score one all. In the second half, Highgate stole the Hill thunder and for long periods had us running round in circles, during which time they scored twice and the Hill once.

WELL DONE ! HIGHGATE.

On October 31st we visited Watford Amateurs to replay the first round of the Middlesex Senior Cup and did unto them what we should have done in the first game, i.e. passed on to meet The Great Western Railway away on November 21st, the result of a win by 7 goals to 3. ("Gus" Gowers 3. C. M. Carr 3. J. S. Gowers 1).

To write something of the results of all the other games, will run this issue into about 100 pages. Those participating in the second, third, fourth and fifth eleven games therefore must be satisfied with the following.

THE 2nd XI.

Playing very well, a jolly good side. Only one league defeat, but out of the A.F.A. Junior Cup, being beaten 4 goals to nil by Blackheath Wanderers 1st XI.

THE 3rd XI.

Ditto, ditto, ditto, but still in the A.F.A. Minor Cup.

THE 4th XI.

A much stronger side than ever before and holding their own, six points out of eight.

THE 5th XI.

A little unlucky in having to play away every week. Eleven good sportsmen however, anxious to grow up and willing to wait until good enough to sneak a place higher up.

TRAINING.

The Committee is pleased that more than twenty players are in regular weekly attendance and that during five weeks the average for Tuesday and Thursday training has been twelve per night, the 1st and 2nd XIs providing most enthusiasts, while there is a fair sprinkling from the 4th. The 3rd and 5th are disappointing — especially the new members who mainly comprise the 5th. We can assure them of a warm welcome and pleasant evenings.

There are some members who really cannot attend once per week — those who live too far away, commercial travellers, and those engaged in evening study, teaching, or late work. These are comparatively few, and at least forty of our sixty-two members should attend. It may mean tearing away from the wife by the fireside, the sweetheart on the settee or pals in the pub, but it's worth it to you in fitness and Club spirit. If anyone doubts this, let him study the meteoric rise of that admirable local organisation, Southgate Olympic. Training is supervised by George Deacock on Tuesdays and "Gus" Gowers on Thursdays, and the Committee has added leather skipping ropes, boxing gloves and a small deck tennis court to the existing punch-ball and medicine ball. Players with less interest in "gadgets" can sprint, lap the field or leap the frog, whilst there are two white painted footballs for kicking and heading with the aid of car headlights. When you have finished there is a hot bath and a cool beer.

REMEMBER, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
7 to 9.30 P.M.

PERSONALITY PARS..

It is our intention each month to single out individuals for a wee bit publicity and on this first occasion we have selected the Captain of the Club and if it makes any difference, the Skipper of the First XI., to wit—

ROBERT WILLIAM CHARLES GOWERS.

Even the small boys who watch our games know Robert as "Gus", and we believe it is true that only a fellow beloved by all and sundry has the distinction of a nick-name. Suffice it to say "Gus" has earned his, only too well. He has done as much, if not more for the general improvement of the first eleven and the Club as a whole, than anyone else, and so far as the first eleven is concerned no greater compliment could be paid him than to mention he has done it not by what he has said, but by what he has left unsaid. He has never been heard to remonstrate on the field of play with a colleague who has "missed a sitter", the only audible comment being a very quiet—"Hard luck, old man", or "Jolly well tried". Really, his restraint is personality personified, for some of the "sitters" we've seen missed have been missed wide enough to warrant the strongest vituperations of the Devil himself and all his ruddy satellites. As a result of his discretions and utter keenness we now possess a first eleven which, even if it does not win every match, very definitely plays as one man for the sake of its Skipper. Though a completely immoral side, their moral under his guidance is supreme in excelsis. Cheerful and possessed of his senses although a school master, he radiates optimism, has few vices other than Ginger Beer, followed by a glass of Bitter, topped with a Port or Sherry of ancient vintage and then back to Ginger Beer. Recently married, we venture to suggest that whilst Mrs. Gowers knew she was on to something good, even she has no idea how good that something is.

GOOD NEWS.

It has been decided in Committee to be more generous to our visitors, and to put a little better variety of grub on the tea tables.

BAD NEWS.

To do this, members of the home teams will be mulcted in ninepence per capita instead of sixpence. Oh dear! Oh dear! How dear!



In Answer to Correspondents.:—

GARDEN LOVER:

You could certainly offer your Hops to the brewers, but we cannot think they would have any use for them.



PEEVED:

To be called a miserable "so-and-so" on the field of play is certainly provoking. Advice is a little difficult as you do not say if you have a neurotic disposition.



S.M.:

Kit-Bag won, Flea-Bite was scratched.



MABEL:

No, certainly not! Keep the Rabbits apart at all costs.



ENTHUSIAST:

Even if you do think your playing days are over, you say you still like to run about. Why not write to Tottenham Hotspurs?



ANXIOUS:

How, with your mouth full did you ask for the window to be opened, or did somebody see you were keen to look out?



MIXED GRILL.

That's all right, old man. Not only will we have a car always available for you for away matches, but we will see to it that somebody attends to see you get to the ground with or without baggage. Gear can always be borrowed and we play in white shirts solely because they are the easiest to scrounge.

Even if you do lose your Bacon, surely you could lay a couple of eggs sometime to go with it.

Guaranteed.

"I have had a bad attack of hay-fever this summer," one man said to another.

"I can sympathise," replied the other, taking a small box from his pocket. "Here, try some of this."

"Is it really good?"

"Wonderful. I have had hay fever for thirty-eight years and never use anything else."

—Wichita Eagle.

Southern Amateur Football League.

SENIOR SECTION—Tables up to and including 31st OCTOBER 1936.

DIVISION 2.

NAME OF CLUB	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	POINTS
Highgate	4	2	2	0	11	9	6
Old Parkonians	5	2	1	2	13	13	5
Old Stationers	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Winchmore Hill	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Old Lyonians	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Norsemen	3	1	0	2	8	7	2
Old Grocers	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
National Provincial Bank	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Crouch End Vampires	2	0	0	2	6	8	0
Alexandra Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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A Further Reminder—

the evening of

Wednesday, November 18th,

for

The Cricket Club Dance

at

ROYALTY HALL, .

Winchmore Hill Road.



TICKETS **3/6**

Including Refreshments.



