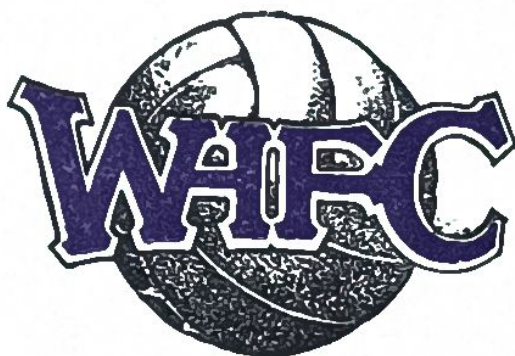


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In Memorium

"JIMMY" GREEN.

It is with the very deepest regret that we announce the sudden death, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on February 26th, of our dear old friend, Jimmy Green. For the last three years or so he had been in indifferent health, though latterly he seemed to improve and appeared amongst us more frequently than for some time, so that his passing came as a shock. To those who were privileged to know him well, he was a rare good fellow, a fine sportsman in the very best sense of the word, and was never met without his broad smile and hearty greeting.

Henry George Green was 52 years of age. In his early days he had lived in the City, of which he was a Freeman, and which he always loved; a most pleasant hour could be spent with him while he discoursed on the neighbourhood he knew so well. He first came to Palmers Green in 1927, but he joined the Cricket Club towards the end of the war and played when he could, always accompanying the team on tour. His first game was against Edmonton, in Harry Tidy's 2nd XI, but most of his cricket was played for his firm, Messrs. Lovell & Christmas. Jimmy went to them in 1900 as a boy of 14, and at his death was Factory Manager.

He had been Chairman of the Cricket Club and had served on both the Football and Cricket Committees, resigning from these owing to illness. During the war he had a long period as a Special Constable in the City of London Police, and became an Inspector attached to Moor Lane. It was doubtless due to his varied interests that he was thoroughly at home in any company, and he was always doing a great deal of quiet service to this Club merely through his charming manner.

A most impressive funeral service took place on March 2nd, in the church of St. Bartholomew, West Smithfield, where Jimmy had been married and almost in whose shadow he had spent his earlier years. This service was very largely attended and demonstrated, if that needed emphasis, in what high regard he was held. As some of us watched the long cortège passing slowly through West Smithfield on its way to the interment at Southgate Cemetery, it seemed there was nothing to add when our Chairman said, "That shows how highly Jimmy was esteemed." May he rest quietly. We of the Winchmore Hill Football Club will always hold him in most affectionate memory.

Editorial.

FOR us the last five weeks have been full of disappointments. The 1st XI have failed to maintain their winning sequence, and the ravages of the flu have so thinned out those players who had escaped injuries, that the lower sides have frequently had to play short.

We have however, lost none of our cheerfulness, and if the spirit shewn during the last few weeks is any guide, there are great times ahead for us.

1st XI REPORT.

The record of the 1st XI for the period under review has been a dismal one, and whereas we had done so well up to the end of January, regretfully we now have to report that the last five games, and league ones at that, have all been lost. It was mentioned in our previous issue that if we were to retain league leadership, our shooting would have to be more accurate, and our failure in finishing must be regarded primarily as the cause of the row of defeats. The defence is far from blameless, however, and a number of the recent goals conceded have been the result of rather slovenly methods in the rearguard, some of which unfortunately, have occurred at critical points in the game. In mitigation, though, it is only fair to state that the team has displayed an excellent spirit during this adverse run and have certainly not enjoyed the best of luck on many occasions.

On February 11th we visited Pinner to play Old Lyonians and having regard to the then respective league positions, two points would have been extremely valuable to us. We lost, however, 0—2, despite having 75% of the game, both goals being opportunist efforts on the part of Sullivan the centre-forward.

At home to Cuaco on the following Saturday, we had a most enjoyable game but again, after having far more of the play territorially, we were defeated 1—3. The Hill swarmed round their opponents goal in the first half, but failed to finish accurately and right against the run of the play found themselves one down at the interval. The equaliser was obtained soon after the re-start but the visitors were allowed to score two further goals to win comfortably. Varley played a sound game for Winchmore Hill and Gedge and Pluck, the Cuaco inside forwards worked cleverly throughout.

Old Lyonians were our visitors on February 25th, for the return league match, and in a similar game to our previous encounter with them, the Hill lost 0—4. Our attack had enough opportunities in the first twenty minutes to build up a comfortable lead, but their shooting, particularly that of the outside-left whose name we shall not disclose, was poor and their luck non-existent. Taking advantage of their escapes, the Old Boys proceeded to score from a breakaway and to add another goal before the interval. Despite various positional re-arrangements in the forward line, the Hill could not get a goal and the visitors eventually ran out winners by four clear goals.

On March 4th our visitors were Old Stationers, and they defeated us 2—4, thus reversing the result of our first game of the season when we triumphed by 1—0. We opened well and mid-way through the half, Welsford opened the scoring with a good drive into the corner of the net. The advantage was short lived, however, the Old Boys attacking from the centre-kick and scoring through Wells. We again took the lead just before the interval, but changing over, missed an easy opportunity to consolidate our position. The visitors then obtained rather a fortunate equaliser and from then never looked back, putting on two further goals before the close.

Our visit to Folly Farm to play Crouch End Vampires the next Saturday also proved pointless, the home side scoring three times without reply. The Vampires adapted themselves rather better than the Hill to the bad ground surface conditions and although our defence gave them few scoring opportunities, they took advantage of those which did arise.

2nd XI REPORT.

In the games covered by this report we have managed to acquit ourselves fairly well, as despite our concession of three goals against N. P. Bank on Feb. 17th, we were unlucky.

In the matter of league points, this half of the season has been disappointing, and we must look to better things.

The first was played on February 10th at home, when we entertained the Old Malvernians in a friendly. The result was an

excellent win for us, thanks to a decidedly improved display by the forwards, the score being 4—1, Roper scoring 2, and Wollends and Mold 1 each. Pain's constructive play was particularly good. But for a very good display on the part of the Malvernian's goalkeeper we should have increased our score still further, a shot from Roper causing a grand save. Roper could produce many more of these dangerous shots if some "hit first time" tactics were employed more frequently. A penalty was awarded to us in the first-half, but not wishing to take advantage of our visitors, our irresistible goalkeeper, revelling in his office as "King for a Day," manfully accepted the responsibility on his broad shoulders and very sportingly well and truly lifted the ball. It was last seen at an altitude of about 500 'veering Enfield Westwards.'

Our second game in this series, against N.P. Bank, although resulting unfavourably for us, does not indicate the general run of the play, of which we had the greater part. Despite the succession of useful centres by Bain and Mold, our centre and inside forwards seemed unable to convert, and we were unable to reply to their three goals. An unlucky misjudgment seemed the cause of the first goal, in which the Bank centre-forward, tackled on both sides by Diggins and Dudley Wright, succeeded in lifting the ball and lobbing over Bingley's head. The second goal was even more surprising to us, and even, we believe, to the person who scored it! Being a half range swerving cross shot from the right wing to the opposite corner of the goal! In the second half we unfortunately conceded a further goal and returned home having thoroughly cooked our goose. Particular mention should be made of Diggins who played a real blinder, and kept the centre of the attack well in hand.

Our game against Old Stationers on Feb. 24th was really exhilarating, so completely did we dominate these usually worrying and terrier-like opponents who had only lost one point this season, particularly in the second half. Conditions were not unlike a skating rink, so greasy was the surface; however, this seemed to be to our liking, especially to Buck, who played a hard and really useful game. The forwards combined well, and scored 4 goals; Mold getting 2; Diggins a useful penalty, and Wollends scoring one. The first half was rather uncomfortable on one or two occasions, but Chapman kept excellently and fearlessly came out to save two certain goals. The defence, of course, 'brook'd' little trouble, and allowed the Old Boys to taste a couple of goals in the last ten minutes.

On March 11th, we entertained the Pearl in a friendly. Owing primarily to 'flu we were a man short. A young volunteer came forward to play, but it being the usual wet Saturday, fears were entertained that he would drown in the deep end of the only pair of boots available.

In spite of the handicap, the team gave a good account of themselves and won 3—1, Mold, Christie and Jacques scoring. The four forwards worked tremendously hard and demonstrated the value of hitting hard near goal, as also did Pain, who, for an inside left, gave an astonishingly good display at left half. The two 'B's' at back, Brooks and Broad (forwards 'Public Enemy No. 1') were also very sound.

When the Pearl forwards reached goal, there was 'Man Mountain' Bingley to make some very good saves.

We have his assurance, however, that some very good positional play by the defence helped him considerably. Generous praise indeed from a goalkeeper. An enjoyable game for all concerned.

We have been unlucky in three of these games in not having our skipper with us, and look forward to his permanent return to the side with all speed.

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3rd XI REPORT.

On the 11th Feb. we had a spirited practice match with the 4th XI. Unfortunately we were not able to field two full sides and consequently much of the value of the game was lost from the point of positional play. There was, however, plenty of spirit in the game and those who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our Team Secretary took charge of the whistle and both sides did their best to move him quickly from one end of the field to the other.

Our visitors, the Old Parkonians, were too good for us when they played us on the 18th February. They scored soon after the start and continued to do so regularly throughout the game, in spite of our earnest endeavours to stop the 'rot.' In reply we netted one goal, just to show them we knew where to put the ball. The home defence played well but the forwards seem to lack punch and were unable to take advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves. Territorially we had our fair share of the game but we did lack finish. The final position was Old Parkonians 5 goals, Winchmore Hill 1 goal.

On Saturday, 25th February, the team travelled to Teddington, to play Lensbury. Unfortunately two of our players failed to arrive. Ramsbottom was deputed to play in goal and he proved to be a wizard in that position. After scoring soon after the start Lensbury continued to press; then they had a

penalty awarded to them, from which they failed to score. After this the Hill's nine men proceeded to play as well as their opponents, and the opposing goalkeeper was continually worried. After the cross over, with the rain behind them, the Hill endeavoured to equalize. On one occasion Roper, playing at centre-forward, struck the upright with a very hard shot, which bounced back into play. The rest of the game was spent in a furious mid-field battle. Everyone played well and no further score resulted, Lensbury winning by the only goal.

On March 4th, we entertained Lensbury in a friendly game. As both pitches were in use, Norsemen F.C. very kindly lent one of their pitches for the game. The feature of the game was Pain's outstanding display at forward for the Hill. He kept the line working hard throughout the game and netted two goals. Roper scored a third and a hard shot by Christie, was deflected into the net by one of the Lensbury backs. The whole side played well and did well to beat their strong opponents 4—1.

On 11th March, we received Crouch End Vampires as our opponents. Soon after the start, from a centre by their left winger, the inside right scored a goal which gave Ramsbottom no possible chance. After this initial reverse our forwards fought hard to get a goal although they missed several chances. Eeles playing on the right wing beat his opposing back for the ball, and, cutting in, shot over the goalkeeper's hands into the top of the net. After half-time play was a little dull, neither side seemed to be able to control the ball as they wished. The resulting draw reflected accurately the respective merits of both sides.

4th XI REPORT.

As reported above, on the 11th Feb., we gave the 3rd XI an object lesson in constructive football.

On the 18th, we visited Old Lyonians at Harrow for a friendly game, and after leading 1—0 at half time and playing in the more favourable half during the second period, we came out the losers by 3 goals to 1. The 'Lyons' had a stronger side than usual and showed up better towards the end, when some of our boys were showing the obvious after effects of 'flu in lack of staying power. Rudling, at left back for the first time, deserves mention for a lot of hard work, well supported by Blake. An 'Askey' complex pervaded the side in the second half—'It doesn't really matter, as it's only a friendly game'—else we might have won.

The 25th Feb., was selected for our annual visit to Ealing. As a result of the ravages of the 'flu epidemic only seven players could be found to make the journey. By constantly repeating these seven names our esteemed Team Secretary made them sound like nine, but on the field no amount of juggling could make them more than seven. However, our opponents very sportingly provided us with a substitute in the person of their genial Match Sec. S. A. Watts, who kept goal for us in great style.

Rudling, Pickard and Rissbrook each did the work of two men and although Ealing won 7—0, Winchmore Hill were not disgraced. The seven stalwarts never gave up trying and deserve special congratulations for the sporting show they put up.

On March 4th, Southgate Wanderers were our visitors in a friendly match. The Wanderers are old friends and burly, and they proceeded to lay about us in hearty fashion.

We survived, however, until the interval, and during the first half, play was even, although somewhat freakish, owing to the very wet state of the pitch.

At 'Change-over' the score was 2 all, neither side having beaten the opposition. All four goals were 'put through' by defenders.

The second half opened with disaster for the home side firstly Brewer, 'till then playing very well, was 'laid out' quite accidentally,—carried off, and then two more forwards were crocked and took little part in the rest of the game. One of these received a cross pass whilst hobbling on the wing unmarked, turned, shot from a standstill and scored a somewhat lucky goal from twenty yards out; but in the meantime, the Wanderers had battered down our hardworking defence and scored four times, giving a final score of 6—3 in their favour.

On March 11th, we conceded two Nemean League points to Crouch End Vampires at Folly Farm, losing 2—0. Again owing to the 'flu only ten men could be fielded and this largely accounted for the defeat. In the first half play was fairly even, but the Vampires went ahead when their centre forward converted a centre from their left wing, the ball striking the post before entering the net. In the second half playing against the slope, the Hill were at first entirely on the defensive. Gradually, however, they took a greater share of the game, and lost a great chance of equalising, when Brown missed a penalty. We were now well on top, but towards the end, the Vamps, scored a second from a breakaway. The whole side played well showing more spirit than in recent games. Brooking was unfortunate in hurting his arm in the first half but carried on very pluckily at outside right.

EALING ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Founded in 1891, Ealing Association are one of the oldest Amateur Clubs in the Country and are founder members of the A.F.A. They will shortly be celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary. They left the Isthmian League—at the same time as Civil Service & Casuals—to join the Southern Amateur League on the formation of this latter combination.

Ealing's early successes in the pre-war days included winning the Middlesex Cup on three, and the Middlesex Charity Cup on four occasions, reaching the final six and seven times respectively. Perhaps the most successful period was the season 1903-4, when Ealing Association appeared in the Amateur Cup Final against the Sheffield Club and also won the Middlesex Cup, to be followed the next year by winning both the Middlesex trophies and appearing in the London Cup Final.

The Club—whose activities had been suspended during the war years—was re-formed mainly through the efforts of the late Mr. George Barnett (who afterwards became President from 1934 to 1936).

1926
Ealing reached a particularly high standard in 1926-7 and brought off the 'double' by winning the A.F.A. Senior Cup (for the third time) and becoming Southern Amateur League Champions, with a famous forward line consisting of the Brothers Bazell, Dick Sloley, Isaacs and Russell, a better forward line would have been very hard to find. Unfortunately the playing days of these men ended at practically the same time and Ealing shortly afterwards lost their place in the First Division, which, however, they regained in 1936-7.

Ealing Association field Five Elevens in competitive football each Saturday and it is interesting to note that at the half-season, Four out of the Five Elevens headed their respective League tables. The Junior Elevens play an important part in the Ealing Club as it is to the Junior members that the Committee look for future players of ability, and with such old and experienced players as Frank Probyn (many years 1st XI 'skipper') and W. K. Carson still turning out regularly and ready to give valuable advice to younger players, it is not surprising that a spirit exists throughout the Club in accordance with the best traditions of the A.F.A. game.

H. W. McRae—playing member for 20 years and still actively engaged in club affairs relinquished his term as President at the beginning of the season in favour of W. Browse who has been a member since the club started, joining as a schoolboy member.

Although Ealing are out of the A.F.A. Senior Cup they still head the Southern Amateur League table. S. L. Pigott (the present Captain) Lawrence, Williams, Denzey and Potter have all received recognition in the League and have been selected for Representative games.

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THE SONG OF HIASOCA.

In the fall of 1919,
Men returning from the battle
Said amongst themselves let's start a
Football Club by the New River,
Where it flows along so smoothly,
'Neath the bridge that is in Ford's Grove,
On the ground of William Paulin.

So the Club was duly started
By such mighty men as Lavers,
Burgoyne, Follet, Calkin, Deacock.
First their games were only friendlies,
And they only ran a first team.
Then into a league they entered,
And the Club it grew and prospered
Winning cups and gaining league points,
Helped by warriors such as Gower,
Mick Chinn, Frank Smith, Punchard, Boden.
Then the S.A.L. they entered
And a fourth team now was running,
Dressing rooms were far far better,
Baths were hot and teas provided,
And the Cricket Club, our landlords
Put a bar in selling liquor,
Then a lounge for ease and comfort.
Thus in twenty years the Club grew
Like an oak tree from an acorn.
I and all my fellow members
Wish to thank our keen officials,
Who have nursed this mighty oak tree
When it's been a little weakly.
May we say we thank our Horace,
Thank our Hockley and our Tiger,
And the mystic sign of Pontoon,
Thank McLeod, our mighty Chairman,
Mrs. Groom, no longer with us,
Thank our George, the massive Deacock,
Gus and all of his profession,
And our medicine man, our Ambridge.
Thank our coach, the great Len Thompson
For his efforts to improve us,
Thank the squaws who make tea for us.
Thank our host of loyal supporters
And our players who do not cry off.
Now we hold our heads up proudly
When we contemplate this oak tree,
Let us strive to keep it healthy
Keep its name free from all scandal,
That their work may not be wasted
And the tree remain for ever.

ANON.

THE EASTER TOUR.

Following the Club's most successful tour in the Bournemouth district last Easter, another has been arranged for this coming Easter in the same neighbourhood, and matches have been secured as last year, with Wimborne, Christchurch, and R.A.F. (Calshot). As accommodation could not be obtained in the same hostelry as last year, four most elegant and silver-tongued ambassadors scoured the district on a recent Sunday, travelling in a most impressive turn-out, and did not return home until the necessary arrangements had been made with mine hostess of the Avonmouth Hotel at Mudeford. Although this hotel has no licence a firkin is to be got in if required, and with the trainer's permission.

Members of the 1st and 2nd XI's have been selected to play, but we wish it to be well understood that anyone will be welcome in the party, and that the Treasurer is now accepting ten-shilling notes, from those who wish to go on tour, as deposits. No names can be accepted after March 31st, as arrangements have to be made for passengers to be allotted to the various cars, and a definite number of visitors advised to the hotel before the party arrives. The teams will be selected before each match.

We look forward to meeting again some of the stout fellows who made such good hosts last year. Among these are Mr. Lloyd, the Station Warrant Officer at Calshot (what a blow if he is no longer there!) and F./Sgt. Busby; Councillor Day and Mr. Osman at Wimborne; and Councillor Pyrke at Christchurch. The tour should be a good show, and a means of getting off any amount of surplus energy which some of our players have been storing up lately. So roll up and help to make a do of it. From the

correspondence which has passed between our various opponents and the Match Secretary we gather that a warm welcome awaits us, and that a good time will be had by all.

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CLUB - SUPPER

The Club Supper, held at the George Inn, Enfield, on Wednesday, 15th March, was an outstanding success.

Fifty-six sat down to an excellent meal provided by Host Standbrook, which was followed by a few speeches, the merit of each being enhanced by its brevity.

Mr. J. North proposed 'The Club' and 'Tiger' responded ably. Our Chairman, Mr. McLeod, proposed the toast of the visitors, amongst whom were Mr. Edwards, the Sports Editor of the Palmers Green Gazette, and representatives from Old Lyonians, N.P. Bank, Cuaco, Old Stationers and Alexandra Park. Mr. Edwards replied suitably.

Our Skipper said a few words in appreciation of Mr. Thompson and Sergeant Aubridge who were also our guests, although they were really a part of the club, and each responded typically.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Alstrom, who entertained us with conjuring, to Bob Ingle for conducting the "male voice chorus" and especially to "our 'orace," who was right on top of his form, and made everyone rock with laughter, with his songs at the piano.

All too soon we found ourselves singing Auld Lang Syne at the end of a grand evening.

TEAM RECORDS.

(UP to and including 11th March, 1939.)

			Goals.						
			Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.	Points
1st XI.	League	...	15	7	1	7	30	36	15
	Cup-ties	...	6	2	2	2	16	13	—
	Friendlies	...	2	2	—	—	8	5	—
			23	11	3	9	54	54	—
2nd XI.	League	...	10	4	—	6	23	30	8
	Cup-ties	...	7	1	4	2	8	9	—
	Friendlies	...	3	2	—	1	9	7	—
	★ 19		7	4	9	40	44	—	
3rd XI.	League	...	16	5	3	8	26	41	13
	Cup-ties	...	1	—	—	1	1	8	—
	Friendlies	...	3	1	—	2	7	11	—
			20	6	3	11	34	60	—
4th XI.	League	...	13	4	1	8	22	50	9
	Friendlies	...	4	—	—	4	6	19	—
			17	4	1	12	28	69	—

★ JAN. 14 v Old Lyonians lost 0-2 counted as Cup Tie and also League Match.