

OH FOOTBALL REPORT No 6

Results for Saturday 25th October:

First Team:

Away v Old Thorntonians (LOB Cup 1st round) 3-1 victory (Harrison 2, Calvert)

Having beaten Hampton's III's just a couple of weeks ago Thorntonians were a recognised potential banana skin for the 1's this week. A troublesome journey, disrupted in the main by the world's largest domestic house fire near Hampton Court, even saw the skipper arrive late - interestingly no suggestion of fines this week.

We started brightly moving the ball well on a less than even surface and within 15mins took the lead. A well worked move down the left side culminated with Harry, back to goal just outside the 18-yard box, turning to place the ball in the bottom left corner. Thorntonians responded well and worked hard to close us down but in doing so seemed to create their own frustrations and lost one of their players to a red card for foul and abusive language. 1-0 at the interval.

Gower was keen at half-time to ensure we continued to dominate possession and territory. This we pleasingly did aided by the introduction early in the second half of another strong substitute's bench comprising Blakey, Eckelamo and Dan.

Harry went on to double his tally for the game with a glancing header from a Blakey wonder cross before a culmination of defensive errors resulted in Thorntonians getting a deflected goal. We were quick to respond from corner when Calvert ran unbeaten to power in another unstoppable header - could he really challenge for the Golden Boot this season (he believes so!).

In summary, a professional job well executed. A special note to Max for stepping up with the 3's not having a game, and Carlos for putting in a strong performance in his first match this season with the 1's - top work guys.

Back to league action this weekend away to Albanians who will be a very much more testing and intense opposition. Train hard lads we want another 3-points.

Team: James Holdsworth, Paul Gower, Adam Calvert, Carlos Mills, Richard Blakey, Phil Caughter, Edward Holdsworth, Max Baron, Leon Kew, Alan Dunn-Baker, Tom Jackson, Phil Eckelamo, Matt Harrison, Dan Linacre

Second Team:

Home v UCL Academicals (League) 2-0 Defeat

The 2's were keen to put last week's below par performance at Old Danes behind them and get their league campaign back on track at Dean Road. Unfortunately Saturday was to be another frustrating afternoon for them as again they did not produce anything like their early season form. Academicals moved the ball around neatly and in the end deserved their victory but the team knew that had they played up to their potential they would have probably won this game. However again the passing was a bit sloppy and no one element of the team functioned as well as it can do.

rounded their rotund keeper with just 5 minutes gone. Soon after, a breakdown in communication between Winky and Nigel led to a breakaway Parkfield goal that was hardly deserved; a rare blemish from a defence that was otherwise rock solid throughout. The goal prompted the team to stamp their authority on the game, with Williams causing havoc down the right, Jackson on the left, and Midwinter, Noonan and Grothier winning just about everything in the air. A well earned equaliser came after Jackson's **miss-kick** audaciously chipped the keeper from ten yards, only for the ball to rebound off the bar into the path of a grateful Redding, who smashed home at the second attempt.

Khanna dished out the hairdryer treatment at half time, threatening to make wholesale changes after 10 minutes of the second half. His patience lasted just two minutes, as Midwinter, Jackson and Todd were hauled off for the three latecomers, Horne, Williams and Greenidge. In a half of fewer chances, it was left to the team's saviour and leading scorer, Stuart Horne to rifle home late in the second half to give the 4's all three points. We thoroughly deserved to win, but need to be more clinical in front of goal, as sterner challenges await in the coming weeks.

Man of the Match - A Williams

Team - Baker, Khanna, Todd, Owen, Winkworth, D Williams, A Williams, Redding, Noonan, Greenidge, Horne, Midwinter, Grothier, Jackson

Top Scorer - Horne 11

Vets Team

Away v Lambeth Classic (League) 0-7 Defeat

No report received.

Team: Unknown