

OH FOOTBALL REPORT No 11

Results for Saturday 29th November:

First Team:

Home v Lancing (LOB Cup Round 2) 3-0 win (Caughter, Harrison, Sims)

A good day at the office for the 1's and in truth it could have been more than 3 goals that we scored.

From the outset we dominated play and possession creating several first half chances before Phil Caughter's in swinging free-kick from the right evaded Lancing's defensive efforts at the far post to go directly in. Lancing had their keeper to thank for the score remaining 1-0 at the interval.

At half-time Gower rightly explained that the game was not yet won and encouraged us to keep the ball moving with no more than 2 touches per man. Pleasingly this resulted in our increased attacking momentum and subsequently a goal each during the second half for Harry and Simms. Notwithstanding the scoreline it should also be mentioned that OH's defensive line of Blakey, Will and Gower had a strong game and looked composed throughout while defending but also in their link-up play with the midfield.

Finally, our thoughts must go to Calv, stuck in Thailand with his lady boys, and the Lancing defensive line who at seeing Phil Eckelano and Leon substituted must have been hoping for some slower and less fit attacking players as their replacements. This never materialised with Alan DB and Dan Linacre ensuring that the Lancing lads will have slept well on the way home! Poor chaps will have been shattered.

Lads, lets make this the first of a 4 match unbeaten run leading in to the Xmas break with more of the same against Parkfield at the weekend followed by a social in Clapham on Sat night! Train hard and make sure we're ready.

Team: James Holdsworth, Richard Blakey, Will Spencer, Paul Gower, Richard Sexton, Ian Yates, Matt Sims, Phil Caughter, Leon Kew, Phil Eckelano, Matt Harrison, Alan Dunn Baker, Benoit Huriau, Dan Linacre.

Top Scorers: Harrison 7

Second Team:

No fixture

Top scorers: A Dunn-Baker 8, M Sexton 6

Third Team:

Home vs Kings Old Boys (League) 2-4 Defeat (Sekhon, Wood)

Unfortunately the same old story so far this season for the 3s as another good performance in the main brought no rewards at Dean Road.

Kings came to town unbeaten in the league so far this season and boasting an excellent defensive record of only 6 goals conceded in their first 7 games. The 3s however, never respectful of reputations, proceeded to scythe through the Kings rearguard time and again

throughout the 90mins, working the keeper regularly and narrowly missing some decent chances.

But for a crazy 15 minute period in the first half, this match was very well contested. A combination of some static defending and refereeing incompetence let Kings' best player through for three one-on-ones. He made no mistake. In between times, a slick move involving Barron and Gorczynski put **Sekhon** in for a class finish from 16 yards.

Other chances came and went, with the opposition stopper pulling off a first class save from Wood and denying Gorczynski and Lopez as they struck from the angle. It would be unfair on Kings to suggest it was one-way traffic as a defensive mix-up saw the other Kings forward stroke wide of an open goal and a forceful run from their tricky right winger ended with him smashing the underside of the bar. 1-3 at the break.

Nevertheless, there was a real determination at half-time to get back in the match and a marauding run down the left from Barron and some blindside wrestling from Gorczynski left **Wood** with nothing to do from a yard out. 2-3 with 25 minutes left.

Lopez, with a mazy dribble from the halfway line, smashed against the bar, but, with the pressure building, the 3s conceded from a set piece as a good stop from Dix fell kindly for Kings. Game over.

Team: Dix, Wilson (Hatton), Iwanowski, Patel, Bauk, Lopez, Sekhon, Macdonald, Gorczynski, Barron, Wood

Top Scorers: Barron, Wood: 5

Fourth Team:

Away v Holland Park (League) 3-2 defeat (Horne, Pope)

No report received.

Team: Unknown

Top Scorers: Horne 15

Vets Team

No fixture