

O.G. wins it in first game v Bluntisham

The Green 23 June

Over Vets 1 (1) v (0) 0 Bluntisham
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—Chas reports

After a lot of rearrangement and negotiations we finally got this fixture on . . . and what a game it turned out to be, and indeed what a great result. From Mr Carman's pre-match confidence-boosting comment "Chas, they have got a good team here" to the "are we playing cricket or football tonight" gem from Mr (ok ok its only *semi*-retirement) Gordon, it was a game to remember . . . even Mr ("I am not playing I am here to coach") Blooby couldn't resist a game played in a spirit that befitted the surroundings!

On a perfect pitch (cheers to Mr Carman), the Vets put up a total quality performance – all round determination; an own goal and some poor finishing from the visitors ensured the result.

The masterful team selection from the 11 (and Bob) available would have brought tears to the late Don Revie's eyes. Sex pest on the left of midfield, new boy Lozza in at right back for his debut together with the little and large show up front raised a few eyebrows among the large crowd.

However in terms of football every one did their bit, balls were worked down both flanks and we looked dangerous on a number of occasions. We got a bit of a fluke of a goal, but hey, they all count.

The second half produced even greater determination and we did a good defensive job together with some great counter attacking, they should have equalised when their forward put wide and over from 2 yards out with the goalie beat.

Anyway they were a good bunch of boys and we had a good curry in the Admiral after . . . (*and that cost how much, Chas? – Ed*)

Man of the Match:

First half: Adam

Second half: Andy Buck (or Lozza if he was a member!!)

Big thanks to Colin Thomas and Dave Kingsett for their time.

Dig deep into those wallets boys, it's the . . .

Annual Xmas Party details

This year's Vets' Christmas Party at the Centre will take place on Saturday December 20th. Sadly we are unable to afford the Vets' Choir this year so will be making do with a professional comedian (ie not a local Jethro impersonator), called Ian Richards. He will perform for 45 minutes and there will also be a disco before and after him.

He has his own website - www.agents.ianrichards.co.uk - and it's worth a look.

Tickets are £10 per person and will be on sale from the Centre shortly. As usual this is open to all, not just the Club, so book soon!

Carlton Palmer Player of the Year Awards Night – Nov 7

Following last year's hugely successful event, we have re-booked The Railway Vue at Histon. They will once again provide vast vats of slops at the stunningly low price of £3 per head. We will organise a coach to leave the village at 7.15 to allow a gentle tour of some of Histon's more salubrious drinking dens and the cost of this will be notified nearer the time. The date for your diary is Friday November 7th. Please let me have your suggestions for awards by the end of October, preferably with suggested ~~victim~~ recipient.

AGM – Mon. October 20

This year's AGM is at **The Exhibition on Monday October 20**. Sandwiches and chips will be laid on, which the club will pay for. Please let me have agenda items by October 10 – an agenda will be sent out shortly after.

Please note that amongst the usual formalities, the committee has to be voted in. As there are one or two members of the committee who no longer wish to stand, would everyone please give serious consideration to putting themselves forward as well as making every effort to attend. Last year's was very poorly attended and there are a couple of major issues to discuss this year which could affect the whole future direction of the club.

Upcoming Fixtures

16 Nov	H	Cambridge Vets
14 Dec	A	Bluntisham
11 Jan	A	Cambridge Vets

Please notify Chas of your availability for any or all of these games.

We are also currently in discussion with a team from Hasselt in Belgium, who are looking to come to Over next May. This will hopefully be confirmed in the next few weeks.

For Sale

The Chas Cook
Coaching Manual

- One careful owner
- Only a few yards on the clock
- Especially useful for those 'in the hole' moments

As recommended by H. Wilkinson – "Taught me all I know" and 'The Oldie' magazine, as well as 'Private Eye' – "you couldn't make it up!"

RESULTS OF TOURNAMENT 2003

Over City 0 (0)	Cambridge 1 (0) <i>no. 7</i>	Kegworth 1 (0) <i>Graham</i>	Cambridge 0 (0)
Kegworth 2 (0) <i>Graham, Mike</i>	Haslingfield 1 (1) <i>no. 6</i>	Over Utd 0 (0)	Haslingfield 0 (0)
Over Utd 1 (1) <i>Smith</i>	Over City 1 (0) <i>Chapman</i>	Over City 0 (0)	Kegworth 0 (0)
Haslingfield 0 (0)	Cambridge 1 (1) <i>no. 2</i>	Over Utd 1 (0) <i>Clarke</i>	Cambridge 0 (0)
Over Utd 0 (0)	Kegworth 2 (0) <i>Graham, no. 12</i>	SEMI-FINALS	
Over City 0 (0)	Haslingfield 0 (0)	Over City 0 (0)	Kegworth 1 (0) <i>Graham</i>
		Over Utd 0 (0)	Cambridge 0 (0)

Cambridge won 4-3 on penalties
Over penalty takers: *Smart, Clarke, Dickinson, Little & Smith*

3RD/4TH PLAY-OFF
Over City 0 (0) Over Utd 0 (0)

FINAL
Kegworth 0 (0) Cambridge 1 (0)
no. 14

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kegworth	4	3	1	0	5	1	10
Cambridge	4	2	0	2	2	2	6
Over Utd	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Over City	4	0	3	1	1	2	3
Haslingfield	4	0	2	2	1	3	2

OVER UTD

Martin Dollard
Mike Little
Richard Dickinson
Bob Bainbridge
Albert Smith
Bill Handley
Andy Smart
Richard Tassell
Paul Clarke

OVER CITY

Mark Armstrong
Sean Baker
Brian Chapman
Ian Sutton
Geoff Rule
Dave Tassell
Malcolm Mackinnon
Andy Carman



Match v Bluntisham
The Green,
September 8th

Over 3 (0) v (2) 2 Bluntisham

Carman, Cook, Smart

Team: Briggs; Smart; Collett, Chapman, Baker; Munro, Smith, Tagg, Rule; Carman, Cook

Referee: Mervyn Howard

A storming second half comeback from Over saw a 2-goal half-time deficit overturned as, astonishingly, Over's superior fitness proved decisive. Pick of the goals was Chas's deft flick over an advancing keeper although Andy Carman's was just reward for plenty of tireless running, while Sgt Major Smart's was either the most brilliant Vet's goal since Purkiss's stunner in Prague or the flukiest. A fine all-round performance was capped by Merv's peerlessly biased refereeing which would make a Pakistani umpire blush.

Man of the match (apart from Merv):
Sgt Major Smart for some fine all-round yelling and screaming as well as an effortless line in opponent-baiting.

The day Lincoln finally won a game and our very own Dicko was there to see it!