

Old Git



The dead-hand shaking organ of Over Veterans Football Club

View from the Hedge

Birchanger v Over

Players: Andy Buck, Neil Blanchflower, Andy Crunch Adams, Mike Little, Angus Clow, Paul Kynoch, Dave Carman, Wilko, Colin Doggett, Bob Milne, Andy Carman, Chowser. In a 4 5 1 formation Andy Carman leading the line alone.

Pre Match

Chow's pre match preparation by having skin full at the com Centre, gate crashing an 18th B'day party and falling asleep in a hedge resulted in him forgetting his kit. Wilko, lest anyone should forget, brought a number of trophies which he displayed in the changing room for all to see!! Paul Kynoch struggled manfully with a medium sized shirt and finally succumbed to an extra large.

First Half

Due to a poorly prepared bumpy pitch and a windy day from the Straight from the kick off Birchanger marauded down the left crossed the ball and the wind carried the ball over Buckies head and into the goal off the inside of the back post. Over slow to start having not played a game in 2007 due to bad weather. Birchanger forced a corner about 20 minutes in and some poor marking and sluggish defending allowed a free header from just outside the 6 yard box to take the hangers lead to 2-0.

Paul Kynoch replaced by Chow who's pre match preparation showed instantly with a couple of air shots and an inability to put his foot on any of the 3 footballs he was seeing. As the half progressed Over started to push forward with a few chances going begging. Dave Carman's frustration boiled over when the Hangers left back clipped his ankle with a clumsy challenge. Dave chased the fella down the line and said I say old chap don't do that again and then gave him a little clip round the ankle for good measure. The referee quickly stepped in to diffuse the situation. Oppos manager quoted as saying, 'is that Dave, he doesn't sound that nasty on the phone'. Meanwhile Blanco was staging a sideshow with his long throws and his trademark go go gadget leg sliding tackles

With 10 minutes to go in the first half and playing against the wind, one of Over's increasing number of forays into the oppositions half finally resulted in success. Wilko took the ball out wide and fashioned a cross with his left peg that left him rolling on his ass, the ball was driven in and bounced off a Hangers defenders arm, Over's defensive players having a well earned breather employed the distraction plan and appealed vociferously for the penalty but the cool headed Doggett was on hand to drill the ball home amongst the confusion and Over gratefully accepted the goal!!

Second Half

2-1 at half time and with the wind in their favour Paul Kynoch was reinstated Bob Milne taking a turn running the line. An astute tactical reshuffle by manager Dangerous Dave Carman put Paul Kynoch up front and switched to a more familiar 4-4-2 formation, the previous one had confused everyone. Within 5 minutes of the re-start the superior tactical awareness of the Over manager paid dividends, after a neat interchange and a deft flick by Andy Carman, Kynoch found himself in on goal with only the keeper to beat and he thrashed home the ball nearly bursting the old onion bag! 2-2 !!

Building on this transformation Over soon edged into the lead. A sweetly struck ball over the top from the middle of the park by Wilko fell into Kynoch's path on the edge of the box and with the keeper bearing down on him Paul stumbled three times and accidentally dinking the ball over the rapidly advancing keeper and into the open net !! 3-2

A little complacency then set in with Over cruising and Birchanger started to get back into the game but came up against a solid Over defence. Over managed to survive an injury scare when both of Crunches Knees popped out, crunch struggled on with Mike Little sweeping in behind him and after his knees had popped back in again Crunch managed to survive to the end of the game. Blanco continued his none shall pass attitude. Over continued to attack at will with Mad dog Doggett chasing the ball all over the pitch earning him the nick name of Forest, the cry of run forest became a regular occurrence. Kynoch in search of his hat-trick squandered a chance at the near post but soon made amends by tenaciously chasing down the hangers last defender who dwelled on the ball on the edge of his own 6 yard box for a moment to long and the poacher stole in to nick the ball and toe it home from close range to give Over a two goal cushion.

Blanco makes premiership debut

Despite enduring two defeats in his first two games, new loan signing Blanco has already settled in well to life at Upton Park and insists he is confident of firing the Hammers to victory soon.



On January the 30th 2007 the striker scored against Liverpool with only his second touch of the match after coming on as a second-half substitute.

He then made his full debut at Aston Villa on Saturday, but admits to having mixed feelings about his promising start.

"I feel I have made a good start but it hasn't been as enjoyable as I would have hoped because things have not gone well for the team," says the latest Hammer's recruit.

"The fact that I scored my first goal against Liverpool was satisfying personally, but it was a bitter-sweet moment because we lost the game.

"Then it was even more so for my first start against Aston Villa because they created only one or two good chances and yet we go back having lost 1-0. It is unbelievable."

But Blanco insists the Hammers have the quality to get plenty of points on the board in the remaining 12 matches.

"It has not gone as well as I would have hoped, because we have lost two matches since my arrival," he said. "But I believe that we have a good team and it is important to remain confident that we can win matches soon.

"We have some very big games coming up, against Watford and Charlton, and we have to keep our heads up and be ready for them.

"Aside from the results on the pitch, I am enjoying everything about being a West Ham United player. I have been made to feel very welcome by the staff and the players here, and I am sure we can all work together to make this situation better."

Described by manager Alan Curbishley as a typically old-fashioned centre-forward who is strong in the air and has an eye for goal and is seen as a direct replacement for former Hammers striker Fredi Kanoute.

Courtesy of www.WHUFC.com

Birchanger continued to probe Over's defence with little success, the closest they came was a free kick on the edge of the box. Wilko called good wall boys moments before the ball was drilled into Blanco's thigh and Wilko's prediction came true when the ball ricocheted away to safety. Wilko ran away rubbing his leg to try and confuse matters but the perfect red circle that was shining out from Blanco's thigh was testament to who had taken one for the team. Bucky made some great one on one saves late on in the second half to maintain Over's lead.

Points of note in the second half were, Wilko's spring in midfield to beat 3 players. (rooted to the spot, even Gus could have got further off the ground) and Dave and Andy's wayward shooting constantly blamed on the dodgy surface.

Gus made way for a straight swap at left back with Bob. Then after only a short rest was reinstated with Bob moving out to right midfield with Chow taking a well earned rest after his listless start his performance improved as he sobered up and made some telling tackles on the right and providing cover for the marauding Blanco.

Final score 4-2 to the mighty Over!

Few beers were enjoyed afterwards at reasonable prices in the Birchanger clubhouse, accompanied by good sarnies, chips and hotdogs. Thanks to the Hangers for hosting a most enjoyable Sunday morning run out!

Over Vets v Hemingford 15th April 2007- (Re-match after 2-1 defeat away on 19/11/06)

Line up

Briggsy, Loz, Crunch, Dave Reed, Gus, Dave C, Joe, Taggy, Dog, Simon Ecclestone, Gary Miller. Subs Smarty, Chow and Paul Kynoch.

1st Half

Steady start couple of chances solid defence despite Crunch's attempts to confuse the fullbacks and all of the midfield with conflicting advice. Gus was off the pace after ignoring the instruction to get an early night and stay off the sauce the night before. In a slightly sluggish challenge to break up the oppo's potential breakaway from an Over corner he took one for the team the ball squirting out of the challenge and hitting him square in the mush (to the entertainment of the rapidly growing crowd). Joe was playing a central midfield role fresh from a miraculous recovery from a groin strain that kept him out of a game on Saturday afternoon (no surprise it was a game away at March!). Dog also rested himself on Saturday in preparation for the big game. First goal resulted from the defensive efforts of the midfield, breaking up with ease one of Hemingford's few forays into Over's half followed by a flowing quick break on the right by the deceptive pace of old Simon Ecclestone who finding support from his strike partner Gary Miller, squared the ball for a simple tap in finish. With ten minutes to go in the first half the ball broke to the edge of the box from an over corner and Dave Reed showed a deftness of touch for a man of his size by gently guiding the ball over the Hemingford keepers head and into the onion bag for a well deserved 2 goal cushion. Dave was quoted after the game as saying "it was instinctive, the voices in my head were crying out 'Chip him! Chip him!'" At this point Dave C decided he could risk breaking up his unbeaten solid defensive line up and rest the sluggish Gus, bringing on Smarty up front and adeptly juggling the line up to suit. Paul Kynoch had earlier replaced Loz and the versatile team structure was re-arranged with Simon reverting to his Favoured right back 'kick em if you can' position. As the half time whistle sounded Briggsy hadn't had to make a save worthy of writing of home about, in fact many people thought he had gone home.

2nd Half

Hemingford (not used to being in a losing position) came out after the half time team talk fired up to try and regain some honour against a Brazilian like Over vets. Hemingford's play was noted as being more direct than in the first half and Over were put under some early pressure. As the half progressed without any joy for the visitors frustrations started to show and a few niggly challenges and incidents ensued, Dave C managed to keep the peace remarkably well after one decidedly clumsy challenge. Then a murmur went through the crowd followed by the news that Paul Kynochs dinner was ready and so Chow got his chance of a run out. The introduction of the new player seemed to bring a bit more stability and balance to the team which had been re-shuffled on several occasions. Perhaps PK's mind had been on his roast beef and gravy rather than the matter at hand!

Chow after making the difference in the second half surges forward into the box and buys himself a Penalty – The crowd went wild baying for Chow to take it, but the Gaffer keeps a cool head and understands the need to make the game safe. So up steps Smarty to coolly slot the ball home! 3-0 final score!! Get in!!

The Post match celebrations started straight after the match on a beautiful summers day, the only one we've had so far this year, and it was in April. Most of the participants partook of a few beers in the warm sunshine and as the celebrations continued through the afternoon, Blanchie rose to the challenge of a pole dancing competition utilising the community flag pole. After beating off the competition (not literally speaking) a triumphant Blanco attempted an ambitious dismount and sliced his arm open on a shard of metal protruding from the flag pole!! The journey to hospital with local hero Sean Willis was said to have been more life threatening than the loss of blood or risk of infection. Climate change has a lot to answer for!!

Lost – Bicycle

Somewhere between Over Community Centre and Chow's House. Owners last knowledge of it was him and it disappearing into a hedge. Since this incident Chow has taken to sleeping in hedges alone.
If found please contact Chow.

Tournament 14th of July 2007

Well the time is fast approaching the tournament and the sides have been confirmed as Over Vets (2 sides), Kegworth, Coventry and Willingham (providing the later's visa's come through in time).

On the Day the Scouts will provide a BBQ, with evening entertainment in the form of a Disco, Andy Carman was due to sing, however we could not get a permit (thank F♂♀#!). We will be raffelling off a Barrow of Booze, please can everyone donate a bottle, we need to make this a success as this pays for the pitch when only a few people turn up. Anyone wanting to get involved on the day will be welcome.

Wanted

Tracking device for a Bicycle, please contact Chow



Over Vets go SKY, we have managed to secure Overvets@sky.com as an e-mail address in the lucrative deal, negotiations are still ongoing to show live coverage of games, however these would have to be shown after the 9pm watershed due to the language involved.

Spot the Ball



Actual footage from a recent game, the ball has been kicked by Sean Baker. just mark where you thought it ended up.

Answer in the next edition of the Old Git



Blanchie winning the pole dance for the Poplars!



OVER VETERANS FOOTBALL CLUB TENTH ANNUAL 7-SIDE TOURNAMENT!!

Saturday 14th July 2007

Over Community Centre

Featuring three visiting teams and two teams of home grown ageing talent!!

All are welcome, so come along and support the veterans.

Bar-b-q and refreshments available. Lucky programmes £1

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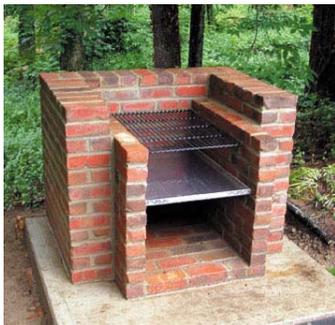
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Newsflash

Following the recent scam over TV phone voting, Chelsea and Arsenel have lodged a complaint with UEFA, as they feel it is unfair that they are allowed to enter a competition that they stand no chance of winning.

Advert

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Help !!

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The Real Keppa Blanco



Yes he does exist !!

Over Veterans Mini-Tour September 2007

14th and 15th September 2007. Trip to Liverpool to play one game against a local Veterans team (exact date and time of game to be confirmed). Expected cost to be approximately £60 for accommodation. Social Members welcome.

A non refundable £15 deposit is required before the summer Tournament to ensure a place and enable accommodation booking.

Please contact Andy Buck with your deposit before the 14th of July 2007.



OVER VETERANS FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS:

Immediately Following the 10th Annual Over Veterans 7 a-side tournament at the Over Community Centre....

10th Annual Tournament Celebration Disco

Saturday 14th July 2007

7.30 - 12.30pm

OVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets £5.00 (In Advance)

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STAND UP COMEDIAN ALSO APPEARING LIVE!!! (TBC)

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