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AGM EDITION!

The swinging organ of Over Veterans Football Club

“The lads done brilliant” purrs coach Cook. **THE DANES ARE BACON!**

Over Vets 3(2)-(0)0 Vildbjerg
*Smith, Cook
Muggeridge*

OVER VETERANS played the perfect game of soaking up pressure and hitting on the break last Saturday at Over Rec.

Employing a complex 4-2-1-1-2 formation, ably assisted by ‘friendly’ linesmen, and roared on by a partisan crowd of 3 women and a child, they showed why they are still a force to be reckoned with on the international stage.

The match started in a very gentle spirit when Duncan scythed down the Danes’ star player. From then on our opponents knew they were in for a proper English version of the beautiful game and not the poncey namby-pamby version they play on the continent.

The defence was being well marshalled by Little and Bainbridge, although when it was suggested they pick up one man each instead of both marking the same player, they pointed out the Danes “kept changing positions” – unlike our forwards who played fair by their markers and stood still. In midfield, player-manager Cook and Braveheart Munro complemented each other well – one working hard, the other taking in the air; one chasing back, the other phoning his stall on his mobile etc etc. On the wings we had the tricky silky skills of Diego Carman, teasing and tormenting his hapless full back, and Roland Rat Purkiss who hugged the right touchline like it was a long lost friend.

In attack Albert ‘Square’ Smith and Paul ‘new bloke’ Clarke looked as though they had played together all their lives (at tiddlywinks probably).

The first half quickly established a pattern of Vildbjerg forcing Over back into desperate defence and Over countering with sharp raids forward. The first half corner count was 6–3 in Vildbjerg’s favour but crucially the goal count was 2–0 in Over’s: the first a deftly taken slide across the face of the goal from Albert, the second a superb ball from Paul finding Chas in an unlikely burst forward, who finished with a scuff off the outside of the boot that trickled in at the keeper’s near post.

Halftime saw Over ring the changes: Jerry and Dicko replaced Sean and Ian Sutton at full backs, a change of tactics saw the mighty atom duo of Smith and Clarke replaced by the target men Tassell and Gordon. Muggsy replaced Carman on the left wing as it was noted that the Danes hadn’t yet had anyone carried off with a career-threatening injury. And Brian ‘Oh come on!’ Chapman replaced Bob at centre back. Left footed Boycey Milne took over right-wing duties from Ian Purkiss and Geoff Rule went into centre midfield alongside Duncan, replacing Chas.

The second half was very much a repeat of the first with some magnificent defending from the lads, rounded off with a “surprisingly well taken” (it says here) goal from Muggsy in the dying seconds.

Man of the match: Andy Buck (closely followed by Mike Little).

Subs to rise

As a result of the Veterans’ AGM on October 2, subs on Thursday nights will rise from £2 to £3. This comes into effect from Thursday 11th October.

Gordon out, Buck in

The new committee for 2001/2002 is as follows:

Chairman: Bill ‘what a coat, what a bargain’ Handley.

Treasurer: Richard ‘I’m not dirty, just slow’ Dickinson.

Secretary: Sean ‘statto’ Baker.

Football manager: Chas ‘call me Sven’ Cook.

Plus: Garry ‘Chopper’ Swain,

Bob ‘thou shalt not pass’ Bainbridge and

Andy ‘it’s just like watching Barthez’ Buck

Kit Update

The AGM saw members vote to buy further white and blue kits, not only to cover ‘lost’ items, but also because the style we currently have is soon to be discontinued.

Latest news on missing items is as follows:

WHITE KIT: Shirt no 16 (size XL) & 1 pair black shorts.

BLUE KIT: Shirt nos 3 (size L), 8 & 9 (probably both XL), 2 pairs white shorts and 2 pairs blue socks.

AGM in brief

A full report on this year’s AGM is included with this newsletter, along with a complete list of 2001 members’ contact details, registration form for joining the club for 2002 and details of the Christmas party. If anyone’s details are incorrect please contact Sean Baker.

The main points discussed and agreed were as follows:

- Andy Buck was voted on to the Committee, Dave Gordon standing down. All other committee members re-elected
- An annual subscription was decided against
- Everyone present was happy with the format of the club as it is – ie friendlies only and no formal affiliation
- An international trip will be organised next year with 3 options available to us
- It was agreed that we should have 2 teams again in next year’s tournament with Sean and the committee again selecting the make-up of the 2 teams.

Two complete kits found in club secretary’s spare bedroom shelf! Full investigation to be launched, but secretary has already gone into hiding fearing reprisals.