

The ever-expanding organ of Over Veterans Football Club

2nd win for Leics team in 4 years • C*rm*n hits hat-trick in final Turncoat wins it for Kegworth

Following their narrow defeat on penalties to Over United at last year's tournament, Kegworth decided their best chance for revenge lay with an open chequebook. With only seconds left before registration deadline and with tournament organisers desperately coming up with excuses why it was against the rules, they signed Over star A*** 'what with my knee and my groin, there's no way I'm fit' C*rm*n to boost their depleted squad. In a move that sent shockwaves around the world of Vets football, loyalty was shown to be a cheap commodity as they bought him off with promises of a brand-new karaoke machine and star billing at this year's Kegworth Village Garden Fete.

In a sly move designed to lull the opposition teams into a false sense of security, they actually kept A*** "I'll only play if you really need me" C*rm*n on the bench for their first match, which they lost 1-0 to Over City courtesy a fine strike from Armstrong.



Spot the ball (clue: look very carefully at large bush in background).

With the sun beating down, the tournament continued apace with some excellent attacking football from all teams. The local derby of Over City v United resulted in a 2-0 win for United with goals from Smith and Muggeridge. The biggest win of the first phase saw Kegworth beat Willingham 4-0 with goals from Daniels, Dilley, Hodges and an o.g.

The game of the tournament was probably the semi-final between Over City and Kegworth, which saw the visitors run out 3-2 winners having been 3-0 up with 5 minutes left. Goals came from Hodges, Johnstone and the

turncoat. And then came that final and a hat-trick from the karaoke king. It seemed a match too far for Over Utd as Dave Gordon in the Over goal finally lost his proud unbeaten record in all Over tournaments.

An excellent day, played as always in great spirit was rounded off with a barbecue on the patio at the Centre. Thanks from everyone go to Richard Cox, Jacqui Handley and Louise Baker for their work in cooking and serving the food.



CAPTION COMPETITION

Choose which of the following you think best fits the picture.

- "You're not fit to wear the shirt"
- "Ooh, my calf/groin/knee/ankle/thigh" (delete as applicable)
- "I can't run much"
- "I'm gonna take it really easy"
- "They had to really twist my arm to get me to play"
- "Wake me up before you goal-goal"

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TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Over Utd	4	3	1	0	6	0	10
Over City	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Kegworth	4	1	2	1	5	2	5
Haslingfield	4	1	2	1	3	2	5
Willingham	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

LETTERS TO THE OLD GIT edited by an assistant

From: Penelope Roddam-Blenkinsop
The Royal Equine Society

I write to you following an incident in a Dublin drinking establishment in which one of our members was approached by someone believed to be a member of your Club, giving his name as 'Mister Bob'.

'Mister Bob' offered her a sackful of hay and a nosebag.

We have 27 other members who would like to meet him. Please can you forward his address?

From Acremont Filth, Partner,
Filth & Griddle Solicitors

Sir

An appeal on behalf of Sheikh Yurbuti.

The above client has instructed me to write concerning an incident that took place in a public brothel in Dublin on the night of the tenth inst.

A shady man calling himself 'Mister Bob' offered the services of what appeared to be a Brazilian footballer to him for various purposes (which should be of no interest to you, you naughty man). A sum of money amounting to several Euros was passed over and a meeting place agreed.

The person did not arrive at said destination and as a result our client is out of pocket.

We have traced the mysterious 'Mr Bob' to an area covered by your august journal and wish to offer a reward to any of your readers who can help to bring this person to justice. Almost ten pence is available.

Yours insanely

From: Mr Chas Cook

Sir,

I would like to use your columns to complain about the continued amount (the editor reserves the right to cut letters due to lack of

Mike Little 'can still run' shock!

In a world exclusive *The Old Git* publishes photographic evidence of Mike Little demonstrating the long lost footballing art of 'running'. Readers and would-be players should note the subtle lean to the left, the elbow cocked in readiness and the way he is leaving his opponent for dead. Mike is available for special intensive tuition for any Vets who would like to rediscover this excellent alternative to 'strolling'.



NIAB – home:

Quite a solid performance with some good football at times, good first half chances went begging, some great saves from Briggys kept us in it. Second half we had lots of the ball but tired and conceded to a well taken goal from their best player with ten mins to go, (this brought a torrent of abuse from Mr Baker) (*touchy, touchy – Ed.*) regarding some dodgy substitutions from yours truly (*you said it – Ed.*). We conceded again in the last minute to a blatantly offside goal, our lino Chopper and his co-lino Gordo had sneaked to the boozier.) Draw would have been fair.

Man of the Match: Bucko

St Ives – away:

Our first away trip for some time, floodlights, stands, treatment tables all added to the atmosphere, pitch reasonable. Having already lost to St Ives we were keen not to get a tonking and played well after a bad ten min start. Briggys the much busier, conceded the usual dodgy goal from a corner and looked like conceding more as they hit the bar twice but we survived until half time

at 1-0 on a big pitch. Second half we played better in terms of creating chances but conceded one poor and one good goal. We had a number of chances as they slowed down and could have got a draw with some luck. I fell over for no apparent reason when completely unchallenged and only one person during the match told me to remove myself to pastures new – sweepstake papers available from Sean as to the offender!!! Another defeat but we kept battling well, could have squeezed a draw?

Man of the Match: Briggys

Dublin:

Mmmmm well the drinking was good. On an excellent, but huge, pitch in the burning midday sun we got beaten again. As ever we started cold (*speak for yourself – hardworking midfield Ed.*), and the game had all the hallmarks of a thrashing from a team with some quality players. We put up a good fight considering the chairman's obvious devotion to getting messy the night before. Second half had loads of chances but the sex gimp and the playboy up front couldn't hit the barn door that served as a

goal with their 'keeper gazing on in bemusement whilst leaning against a post. Diagonal Willy got man of the match for the quote "for goodness sake midfield is anyone going to chase that?" A match lost in the tavernas of Dublin the night before methinks . . . did we ever find Clarkie???

Our Friends From down the Hill – away:

Now that's more like it. After 3 straight defeats a win just down the road against the newly formed Vets from Swavesey. A hard fought match at our new local rivals saw us not concede an early goal for once, but chances went begging at both ends as Over shaded the second part of the first half. With a mixture of football and long balls (which even I didn't moan about) we probably had the better of the second half, scoring with about 15 mins to go: an excellent worked goal from Albert. Great defending from our boys – we must have lost the corner count heavily. Some great saves from Briggys kept us at 1-0, our first clean sheet for ages and a good result

Man of the Match Andy Carman/Briggys

Chas

Vets continue to impress (in the bar, mainly)

Recent results:

Apr 6 A v Kegworth
Round-robin inc. one mixed team
Gordon, Buck; Bainbridge, Baker, Wilson; Handley, Clarke,
Dickinson, Lewis, Mugeridge
Over Scorers: Clarke, Dickinson, Lewis

Apr 7 H v Shepreth Won 2-1 (Rule, Milne)
Cook (honest); Baker, Lewis, Chapman; Rule, Smith;
Milne, Tassell, Clarke

Apr 22 H v NIAB Lost 2-0
Briggs; Armstrong, Day, Dickinson, Handley; Baker, Cook, Smith,
Milne;
Clarke, Mackinnon; Lewis, Rule. *Ref. Mervyn Howard*

Apr 28 A v St Ives Lost 3-1 (Dickinson)
Briggs; Bainbridge, Little, Armstrong, Dickinson;
Cook, Baker, Collett, Handley; Tassell, Clarke; Wilson, Purkiss

May 11 A v Coolock Town Lost 4-2 (Purkiss, Clarke)
Dollard/Nicholls; Handley, Armstrong, Bainbridge, Dickinson;
Smith, Baker, Cook, Milne; Purkiss, Clarke; Wilson

May 20 A v Swavesey Won 1-0 (Smith)
Briggs; Day, Little, Armstrong, Bainbridge, Dickinson, Buck;
Purkiss, Cook, Smith, Rule; Mackinnon, Milne, Carman,
Mugeridge

CRICKET v The Baptist Chapel Lost by 2 runs
Buck, Tassell, Smith, Milne, Gordon, Dickinson, M. Nichols, Baker,
Clarke, Handley, Cook

UPCOMING:

Cricket v. The Admiral Vernon, Monday 8th July. All welcome.
Player of the Year pub crawl and curry night – date TBA.

Profile

This month we start a new series of player profiles written by the recently cashiered Times journalist, Herbert Strumpet, who brings to these pages the total lack of insight that characterised his years at the 'Thunderer'.

Bill Wilson

Recent carbon dating suggests that Bill Wilson is 4,000 years old which, making him slightly older than Bob Bainbridge, gives him the title of Over's oldest Veteran Footballer.

Too poor to be born, Bill was knitted by pygmies from the Wicklow rainforest and christened Dhromnargh (pronounced 'Bill').

He left Claypit Street Junior school at the tender age of thirty and there then followed a series of dead-end jobs which included wringer out to a one arm window cleaner. Destitute and desperate Bill decided to make for the big cities of the UK to find work and, navigating from a map drawn in 1372 by the Monks of St Fred, he pitched up in Over.

Unemployed until he was mistakenly appointed coach of QPR, an appointment made on the basis of his award winning coaching video, 'Diagonal Runs and How to Make Them'. This video broke new ground as it included footage of Bill in a pub demonstrating his theories using empty beer glasses. Graham Taylor, in his autobiography entitled 'How to Bore the Arse off everyone at a Football Ground' credited Bill with teaching him all he knows. The error of Bill's appointment, however, was discovered at half time in the first game against Exeter City when his team were 14-0 down and he was sacked (along with all his backroom staff). Has harboured an irrational grudge for Exeter City ever since.

Drifted for several years before finding success in his present job selling health food products to the cannibals of the Willingham basin.

Plays full back and achieved 'legend' status when he was only man to manage to tackle the Hungarian superstar during entire 90 minutes against Ikreny last year.

Next Month: Bob 'Makem' Bainbridge

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