

Matches V Winchester

1st 1-1

2nd 0-2

3rd 1-6

U16 3-2

U15 a 1-3

B 0-3

C Aldenham 3 Winchester 2.

On a beautiful September afternoon the unbeaten mighty Aldenham U15 'C' team took on Winchester College at home. Captain Chandler Monk lost the toss and was asked to play up hill and into the sun. This did not deter the players and with some considerable skill Olly Kyte opened the scoring by beating the 'off side' trap and finishing in the bottom corner - reminiscent of Michael Owen's goal against Argentina. Unlike Arsenal under George Graham our tactics were to push forward and try to score again. With Harry Cohen and Hamza Memon dominating central midfield (Roy Keane, Brian Robson) Aldenham continued to push forward and on the stroke of half time a magnificent run from Kieran Pressfield (David Ginola) resulted in a second goal.

The half time team talk was all about defending hard for ten minutes and not conceding thus snuffing out the opposition's drive – Winchester would tire and Aldenham would comfortably win the match by three or four goals. Sadly, the Aldenham side failed to respond and within five minutes of the re-start it was 2-2. Winchester were now pushing hard and it was in this period that the defensive unit truly came 'to the party'. Jack Tolley and Michael Stovall were like Tony Adams and Steve Bould in their hey day and when the opposition did pass them Monk came to the rescue with a truly great save – many fans commented it was like watching Gordon Banks against Brazil.

Jamie Burchill was outstanding up front and with five minutes to go a break away from the powerful Ed Kwabe allowed Burchill (Wayne Rooney) to set up our 'hitman' Kyte (Fernando Torres) who scored again. The U15 'C' team remains unbeaten and look forward to playing Eton (away) on Tuesday 10th November.

MoM – Michael Stovall

U14 a 2-2

B 2-3

C 2-2

All the U14 teams played well away at Winchester showing much improvement.

Saturday V Corinthian Casuals.

1st XI lost 1-3

After a bright opening 15 minutes which saw Sajjan Shah put the 1st XI into a deserved lead the school found it difficult to keep the ball against an experienced Casual's side. The difficult playing conditions made controlled football difficult and the Casuals scored just before half time to make it 1-1. The school defended valiantly in the second half but created little. And it was no surprise when the Casuals took the lead with 15 minutes to go. They scored a late third to seal a comfortable 3-1 victory.