

AFC Wimbledon US Dons Newsletter

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US Dons – News

Not much news on the US Dons front!

Several of us are listening to the home games on “Radio Wdon” and participating on the Old Centrals chat room. And we even get mentions from Mikey T. and the folks on Wdon!

It is interesting to see how much the Don’s are followed when you look and see where the posts on the chat room are coming from. Our club certainly has a worldly following.

John French, one of the US Dons contingent, found an old “Don’s Outlook” from the late 1970’s. I have attached it in the e-mail along with this month’s newsletter. This issue is from the season before the Don’s finally received there place in the then Division Four. Back then there was no automatic promotion to league soccer.

If anyone else has any old memorabilia, that may interest your fellow Dons supporters, please send them to me and I will get it published.

E-mail your responses to me at: davgarlinge@aol.com.

Don’t forget to check out the club news on the official website. Also Paul Raymond’s “Itmustbedons” website is a great source for Wimbledon news. For hme games you can dial up “Radio Wdon” and listen to some interesting commentary as well as some interesting and little known statistics. The web-sites are listed at the end of the newsletter.

As always, any news items, comments or ideas are welcome.

We have a contacts page attached, and anyone who doesn’t mind sharing their information, let Dave Hambly (SoCal) or myself know. I try and send the newsletter to your e-mail as well as have SoCal post it on the website.

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AFCW News

Last week saw our unbeaten league run end with a 1 – 0 loss at home to our nemesis team from last year, Hampton and Richmond. We had gone nine league games without a loss. Bromley is the only unbeaten team in the division now and sit proudly at the top of the division. We bounced back last night with a 1 – 0 home victory against Leyton. This places us in 7th position in the league. We do, however, have a game in hand of two teams above us and if we win that game we would be in 5th position, which would be a playoff spot. But it is too early to make conjectures like that, there is over half of the league well positioned to make a move and several teams have had a series of up and down games. Wimbledon still has the lowest goals scored against total, and only have a single defeat. Our problem has been scoring goals Hopefully that will change soon. The defense seems more assured as Steve Watson has begun his return to full match fitness. He has played an hour in each of the last couple of games, and he is a born leader.

Our Cup season has begun with more vigour. We have progressed to the fourth qualifying round of the F. A. Cup with three good home victories (against Horsham & Oxhey and this past weekend Evesham United). The Evesham victory saw us go in the hat for the fourth qualifying round. We ended up with an away tie at 5th in the conference team Exeter City. The match will be played in two weeks time and promises to gain a lot of attention. A victory there would guarantee us a place in the first round draw and a possible game against a league club. Regardless of the result it promises to be a boon to the clubs finances and should go a long way to help pay off the debt. By winning in the three earlier rounds the club has already won 11,000 pounds in prize money

We have also made progress and remain in the Westview Cup and the London Senior Cup and we begin our assault in the F. A. Trophy next weekend. Good runs in the F. A. Cup & F. A. Trophy will add some much needed cash to the kitty.

Dave Anderson continues to tinker with his squad trying to find the right match and has recently brought in another new player. With some injured players close to returning to the first team squad also, we should see some healthy competition for playing time. Of concern to all is the lack of goals. We seem to be making the chances, but the goals have just not been coming like they should. Hopefully, this will change soon and we will see the goals

come. The defense has done its part and Little, our goalkeeper, was presented with the Ryman Premier league “safe hands” award for the month of August/September.

COME ON YOU DON'S

Guest Column:

No guest column this month, you have the 1977 copy of the Don's Outlook attached.

Thanks John for the input.

Fundraising Activities

Not much interest seems to have been generated lately on the fundraising front! In the past we have had two “Don’s Diets”, there has been a couple of E-Bay auctions of Don’s memorabilia and last year we sponsored a kit.

Anyone have any ideas of how we can show support of our club?
Send in your suggestions and let’s show the club they have our support.

Anyone with ideas to help us show support for our club is encouraged to send their ideas to us. E-mail them to Dave Hambly or myself.

AFCW and Cancer Research:

OK ... I'm still plugging the cancer research – It does not impact you while you are on the computer and it does not cause you or your computer harm. Give it a try! If it doesn't work for you, then remove the driver.

AFC Wimbledon has always had an affiliation with supporting Cancer research (it has been one of the recipients of the Walk(s) for Wimbledon sponsorships). There is a program that has been in operation for some time, whereby, you can link your home computers to a Grid supporting cures for cancer. The program runs in the background of your PC and will not inhibit your use of the computer, but will run programs when your computer is idle and utilise any free CPU time. A couple of us have set up an AFC Wimbledon team on the grid and are donating our free CPU time to the cause. If you would like to join, I have attached a link to the team below. Click to this site, download the driver and join the team. Each participant and team gain points. It is a good way to advertise and promote the club. Later on we may be able to gain some sponsorships, based on points earned, that could be shared amongst the club and cancer research.

'<http://www.grid.org/services/teams/team.htm?id=C89CDDA3-BE3D-4D7B-8601-87BB77C8329A>'

There are at least 16 football clubs with 'teams' associated with this research, the largest being Liverpool. We are working on a table that will rank the football club teams, by points, by members, etc. Obviously the more team members you have the more points you can accumulate. We can make this a fun thing that can derive great benefits for everyone. So come on all of you, go out to the above link and join the fight against cancer.

Contacts

Here we will list contact information for those of you who want to share. Who knows, in our travels we may be in a fellow supporters area and get together for a beer and chat. Sign up is optional.

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Websites of interest

Official Website - contains schedule, results and game reports:

www.afcwimbldeon.co.uk

WISA: www.wisa.org.uk

Tony Kempster's site: www.tonykempster.btinternet.co.uk

Paul Raymond - ItmustbeDons: www.itmustbedons.com

Ryman League: www.isthmian.co.uk

DonsOnline: www.donsonline.co.uk

Radio WDON: www.wdon.com

NEW chat-room (Old Centrals): <http://www.afcwgb.co.uk/gb.php>