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OHAFC: JUBILEE CUP WIN FOR LEDERMAN

The Jubilee Cup, the annual 5-a-side football tournament played at the School between teams comprised of a mixture of current Harrovians and Old Boys, took place in December. With the aid of OHAFC past President Fred Woolley (*West Acre 1957*³), the organisation for this season's event was first class and with strong support from the OHs, a total of six teams competed, with two OHAFC players in each squad. The teams were split into two groups of three, with the top two in each group progressing to the Semi-finals.

In Group A, the side led by Harry Woolley (*Moretons 1998*³) won both games to go through as group winners, aided in no small part by the skills of Mike Doughty (*Rendalls*). Long-time OHAFC skipper Quentin Baker (*Moretons 1989*³) led his side to second place with a narrow win over Nick Warner's (*The Head Master's 1984*³) side.

In Group B, the sides led by David Lederman (*Newlands 1988*³) and Phil Berry

(*Rendalls 1993*³) progressed, despite the former handing out a 5-1 drubbing to Berry's side in the opening group match – thanks partly to former OHAFC legend and current beak Tim Dalton (*Newlands 1992*³) deciding to spend much of his time playing in goal rather than tackling anything that moves, as is his usual *modus operandi*.

The first Semi-final saw a major surprise with the Woolley/Luke Raffety (*Rendalls 1998*³) side going down 2-1 to Berry and Dalton, a clear case of experience winning out over youthful exuberance; Woolley and his side looking a spent force by half-time. The second Semi-final saw perhaps the two greatest OHAFC players never to have had their names engraved on the famous trophy go head to head, with Lederman and Gbemini Soyinka (*Bradlys 1999*³) taking on Baker and Jack Orr-Ewing (*Elmfield 2000*³). In the event, Lederman's side ran out comfortable 4-1 winners thanks to a strong team display,

leaving Baker to contemplate a return trip next season. After Woolley and co. had recovered sufficiently to take 3rd place with a 3-2 win over Baker's side, the final saw a replay of the opening match in Group B, Lederman/Soyinka taking on Berry/Dalton. And at 3-0 to the former early in the second half another big win looked to be on the cards. But some sloppy defending saw the lead narrowed to 3-2 before a decisive fourth goal, with a couple of minutes to go, gave Lederman the chance to claim his first win in the competition, to what can only be described as a 'lukewarm' reception from the crowd, his previous suffering having been much enjoyed!

The trophy was presented by Fred Woolley and enormous thanks are due to him for the excellent organisation of this year's event, as well as to the master-in-charge of soccer, Dr Stephen Harrison, who kindly gave up his afternoon to referee the tournament in its entirety. FROM THE HARROVIAN

OHAFC CELEBRATES ARTHURIAN LEAGUE WIN AT ANNUAL DINNER

Old Harrovian players, 'wags' and guests gathered at the Chelsea Football Club ground for this biennial event and it proved to be a very happy evening. After an excellent dinner, there were presentations of trophies and speeches outlining the events of another very good year for the OHAFC. Andrew Butler (*The Knoll 1981*³) called on the Club Captain, Quentin Baker (*Moretons 1989*³), to present the awards – the first of which was the Jubilee Five-a-Side Cup to David Lederman (*Newlands 1988*³). The next, the prestigious Young Player of the Year Award, went to Gbeminiyi Soyinka (*Bradlys 1999*³), scorer of nine goals in the last twelve games. The Charles Clover Brown Award went to Arjun Chopra (*Newlands 1997*³), now in his fifth season as 2nd XI Captain. Then Charles Paul was presented with a special award by John Wyn-Evans (*The Head Master's 1975*¹) in recognition of his many years of refereeing the Veterans' XI.

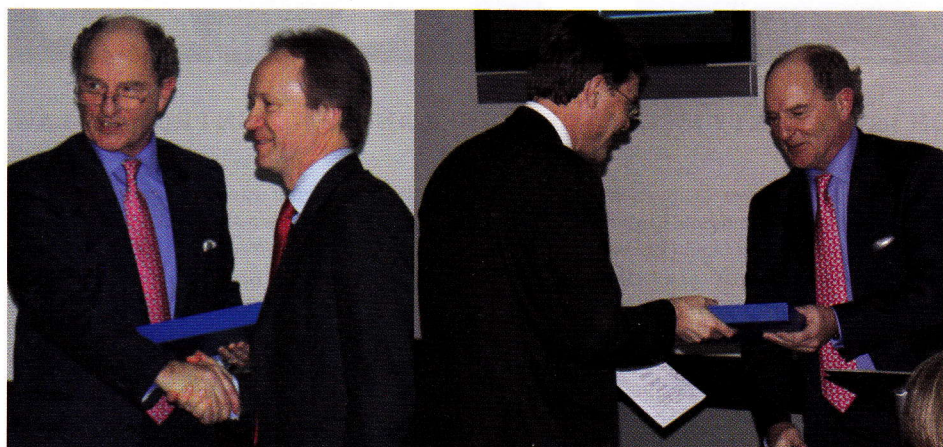
Club President Mike Keenan (*West Acre 1962*³) thanked Deputy Head Master Mr Mel Mrowiec for his interest in and encouragement of the game in the School, following on from his own success as a Blue at Oxford. He was presented with

a silver salver on behalf of the Club. Mr Keenan then introduced Mr Barnaby Lenon, and thanked him for helping create such close ties with the School. He too was given a salver in appreciation of his interest in the Club, and for his continuing support as a Vice-President.

Mr Lenon then proposed the toast to the OHAFC and in his speech described his pride in the successes of the Club, which is one of the most active of all Harrow Association clubs and societies. He thanked the masters-in-charge for their endless effort in promoting the sport amongst the boys, and channelling their enthusiasm into sportsmanlike skills. He described his delight that the Club is now based at the School, using the Phil Ground, and it is a happy coincidence that success has followed. The Club won the Arthurian

League Premiership last year. He agreed with the consensus that the Buxton Pavilion was in an appalling state and promised that two new pavilions will be built to be ready for the 2012 season.

Mr Fred Woolley then introduced the very entertaining video prepared by Ben Uttley (*Moretons 1991*³) of STAMP Productions, scripted by Andrew Butler. The charming piece described the footballing efforts of the "Wonderful Giants of Old". Fred's introduction was delivered in his usual dry style, and he thanked Quentin Baker for his achievements in leading such a successful side. An appeal has been launched to help fund the new pavilions between now and 2013 which will be 50 years on from the Club's re-establishment. FROM THE HARROVIAN



Left, Mr Mel Mrowiec receiving thanks and a silver salver from Mike Keenan. Right, Mr Barnaby Lenon is a Vice-President of the OHAFC and has reinstated the OHAFC's ties with the School during his Head Mastership