

County Five - a - Side Football Competition.

This competition began way back in November for both the 'A' and 'B' teams. The 'A' team were the first to play. Nazguls V.S.U. provided the opposition in a small school gym, which suited our stamina lacking team. Without going into too many details, we won 10-3, Wayne being the top scorer with five.

The 'B' team faced Dragons 'A', (to whom the 'A' team had lost 1-8 in a pre-competition friendly.) They were soon a goal down to their powerful opponents. When 0-4 down they pulled one back but this was their last taste of success and they eventually lost 1-12.

The next round for the 'A' team took place two months later. Our opponents were Battersea Park V.S.U. The match was hard but very even until John Rees opened our account and we went on to win 3-0.

The Quarter Finals took place the same evening. Our next opponents were Westbound 'A' who were only able to field four players but still managed to put up a stubborn fight, before losing 10-2.

The Semi Finals took place at the Fort on Sunday 26th March on grass pitches which were in a terrible state. We played the '9th South Lambeth', and at the end of full time it was not surprising that neither team had scored. The match was decided by each team taking five penalties alternately. We missed our first three penalties, and to keep the spectators on their toes, they missed their first three. Wayne then stepped up to slam home our fourth and to put us ahead. They missed their fourth and Ewen then came forward to slot home the fifth and we had won. They missed their final penalty and we were through to the final by a margin of 2-0.

After watching the Cub and Scout finals, we then stepped onto the pitch, which was slightly better than that on which we had played our semi final, and faced our opponents, Dragons 'A'. This match we had been looking forward to since the first round, and it was now about to be played. A very keenly fought final saw the scores level at 0-0 at the end of full time, and this was also the case after the two periods of extra time. The next stage was a sudden death play off - the first to score wins - this went on for seven minutes and still no team looked like scoring, so the game was stopped and after some discussion both teams agreed that a replay should be held on June 4th.

The two Esterham/Livingstone teams were:-

<u>'A' Team.</u>		<u>'B' Team.</u>
Ewen Anderson	Goalkeeper	Nigel Quiney
Andrew Day Wayne Smith	Defenders	David Hewitt John Moore
John Rees Stephen Day	Forwards	Charlie Lawn David Collins
Jeremy Olsen	Substitute	