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# The Manny Road Sport

NO NEWS NO GOSSIP NO PHOTOS SOME SPORT

Free inside – Nothing..., nothing..., nothing at all (I owe you bro's)!

**BRITAIN'S WORST TABLOID IS BACK!**

## 5-Star Manny Roaders

## earn Grandslam!

**Perfect weekend at Manny Road as fans witness Famous 5! Corpus-Linacre... crushed! Worecester... crushed! Oakley... crushed! Burton's hopes of playing up-front... crushed! Dickie's scales... crushed! Ley's Wanderers... crushed! Kay's opponent's spine... crushed! Thatcham town... uhber-crushed! All opposition to Manny Road... CRUSHED!**

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, it's as easy as A, B, C, when you are a Manny Roadee. 5 teams, 5 games, 5 wins (and 24 goals scored to 7 conceded). Yes, 5 is the magic number, and whether you are from the

### Recent Results.

17-18th Oct  
MRsat 4 v 5 Enstone  
MRsun 1 v 6 Hinksey

10-11th Oct  
MRsat 2 v 0 Kid'ton OB  
MRsun 5 v 1 Witney Ex'  
MRwom 1 v 1 Wycombe

3-4<sup>th</sup> Oct  
MRsun 6 v 3 ABBA ath.  
MRmcr 4 v 8 Christc'ch

Jackson 5, Maroon 5, the Ben Fold's 5, or Babylon 5, you had to be impressed with the results of Manny Road this weekend.

There was only one word

emanating from the cliché ridden mouths of management this week, and that was “*Bounce-back-ability*”, after all 3 men’s teams had suffered defeats previously (the women do not know how to lose).

Yes, last week saw both the Men’s Saturday and Sunday teams go crashing out of various cups. The Sunday team were vanquished 6 v 1 by a merciless AFC Hinksey, although they were unlucky not to take a one or two goal lead in the first 10 minutes. Meanwhile the Saturdays are a popular band of fit girls, and thus no comparisons can be drawn between them and MRFC Saturday, who are neither popular nor fit. Whether the cause of their gutting cup exit can be attributed to a lack of support or a lack of fitness is unknown, but the facts tell us that they were 3v2 up at half-time and yet managed to lose 4v5, despite playing down the slope in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Although it should be noted that the opposition defenders still had a higher vantage point that the Manny Road ‘defenders’, even when they were stood 90 yards away and downslope. For they be

giants in those parts (Enstone).

However before those cup defeats the two teams had been progressing solidly in their leagues, enhancing their reputations with convincing wins over Kidlington Old Boys (2 v 0, Cockfield & McGillicuddy, L.) and Witney Exiles (5 v 1, Oyston 2, George, Leigh, & Potheccary), and it was back to the bread & butter of the league (commentator’s cliché # 17) that the teams returned, hopeful of resurrecting their form.

The Saturdays took to the soaked field against Oakley buoyed by the news that the MRFCmcr had beaten the league champions Corpus-Linacre 2v1 earlier in the day! Manager Sanghera only had 11 regulars to pick from and conveniently 10 of them all played in complementary and non-overlapping positions, leaving Burton the nomad to slot into the vacant centre-midfield slot, although the opposition probably did not notice. Alongside Burton were Mellow Kay and Tricky Trinder, who were flanked by the long-distance runners O’Connor and Gill, who were

to simultaneously support the back three of Ashton, Dickie, and West, along with the front two of Cockfield and McGillicuddy (L). On the bench were Gildermeister, who just can't get enough, and Tommy Allen (forgive spelling), making a return to the fold.

The warm-up obviously did wonders for Manny Road but despite its miraculous effects Burton still managed to let the ball skid off his foot at the half-way line. Not to worry, the ball only fell to an Oakley striker leaving them with a 2 on 1 against Dickie(!). Hearts pounded as Burton and Dickie rushed back but they were unable to prevent the simple pass that set up former Manny Roadee Robbie with just the keeper to beat... he takes it across the keeper... past the keeper... and shoots from a narrow angle... and misses, side-netting! Phew!

Manny Road soon recovered and took the lead when anchor-man Kay was hurled to the floor in the opposition(!) box... penalty! McGillicuddy steps up... he waits a bit... he gets told to do up his sock... he steps back...

he steps up... he side foots it low and hard... and its in! Under the keeper's body! 1v0 Manny Road! BOUNCEBACKABILITY!

However this referee was a fair and balanced ref and so he quickly redressed the balance and gave a penalty to Oakley after Westy was fouled in his own box! Unfortunately for Westy, his protesting arms got in the way of a shot, 'clear' penalty! An identical penalty then followed to equalize the scores.

Half-time: 1 v 1, both sides are struggling to play football in slippery conditions and the long ball is the favoured option.

- *Let's hear how the Sunday team is getting on?*

*Well John, this game has been patterned by a series of 8,000 offside decisions against Manny Road (George, down the right, in particular), although curiously these only appeared after the opposition changed their lino. Before the change, Manny road were repeatedly getting in behind*

*the Ley's Wandering defence, and managed to score twice! Although only expert goalkeeping prevented it being 4 or 5.*

Both goals were by George, the first came when Burton's perfectly miscued header managed to appear so harmless as to make the whole Leys wandering defence turn and walk away, but for only Dave Kay to show his faith in Burton's heading ability and to retrieve it from somewhere near the corner flag, and a whole inch within play, and to hit an excellent cut-back to George who finished with aplomb (i.e. I can't remember). George's second goal was finished with memorable aplomb however as he raced in at a tight angle (from the right obviously) and drilled in a curled shot, low and hard, of the inside of the near post.

As stated above, low and hard shots return good dividends, and this was again demonstrated when one of Leys Wandering strikers / midfielders / defenders managed to stroke in a low and hard shot from the left-back corner of the box and

across the wide face of the goal and across the despairing face of debutant goalie Smith. Half-time: Manny Road Sunday 2 v 1 Leys Wanderers. Back to you John.

- thanks John, sounds like entertaining stuff happening tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, back at the Saturdays, on a wet and slippery surface it was proving to be a very good idea to hit low and hard strikes (when is it not a good idea?) that skid in before any lumbering amateur goalkeeper can react. Knowing this full well, McGillicuddy set about taking the game by the scruff of the neck (seriously, what does that even mean? Whatever it means, it is commentator's cliché # 28) and scored a fantastic brace of low and hard strikes from outside the box, the first right-footed, the second with his left, both times after receiving the ball from Trinder who had received from a throw-in. He even then managed to make a forceful tackle without fouling and without getting booked! At 3v1 the scoreline

was now safe enough to put Burton up front, and Tommy Allen came on for Cockfield, to make his competitive season debut, at centre-midfield.

*- and we're hearing of an amazing start to the second half with the Sundays! John...?*

Yes John, an amazing and disastrous start for Manny Road, conceding 2 goals in the opening 3 minutes of the second half! Neither goal is really worth talking about, except that they were both hit low and hard, and the second managed to squeeze through a narrow gap between about 6 Manny Roaders!

Manny Road wobbled back into supremacy after a an extended half-time break of 30 minutes though, and the real turning point of the match was when Lazarus came on, for it was he that told a certain Manny Roder, who's name escapes me, to take his "time!" and take a touch before attempting to lob the stranded goalie, who had stranded himself with a poor kick out straight to the chest of a certain somebody,

who finished with aplomb also. However that only drew the scores level and it was the pass of the match by Hassanain, with just 10 minutes remaining that gave Manny Road the lead when his outside of the (right) foot pass (should have used his left, right?) sliced through the Leys defence to set Heath free on the inside left channel. Heath finished, yep you guessed it, with aplomb, by hitting a first time shot low and hard with his left foot!

The cake was duly iced and the points banked when Lazarus converted a similar chance, although his run clearly started from his own half, and with his last ounces of strength after a horrible week of mouth-shingles, he held off the defender and slid the ball home before verbally abusing the lineswoman, whom he offered to kiss and make up with later. So as we enter the closing moments of this terrific/awful match, its 5v3 to Manny Road. Back to you John!

- wow, dramatic stuff at the University club this weekend! And as we drift off to the classified results

section, the most boring part of a Saturday afternoon, we hear that Tricky Trinder has bagged a fourth goal for the Saturdays! Presumably another low and hard strike John?

- Surprisingly not John, this was a peach of a goal, an amazing, swirling, curling, unfurling strike that sailed into the keeper's top left-corner, bang on postage stamp, from all of 30 yards! What a goal! And there's the final whistle, 4 v 1 to Manny Road! Bounce-back-ability John, Bounce-back-ability!

#### **Full-time: Mansfield Road 4**

**Sanghera's Man of the Match** went to McGillicuddy (L) for his hat-trick and for not getting a yellow card and to help him pay off his fines.

**Mills Man of the Match** went to Potter, for a storming return to competitive football, two assists, and to make sure that it did not go to Kaiser Kay.

#### **Mansfield Road 4 v 1 Oakley (ht:1v1)**

McGillicuddy, L. (na)	20	Carvalho	30
McGillicuddy, L. (Trinder)	55		
McGillicuddy, L. (Gill)	80		
Trinder (na)	85		

*Mansfield Road line up and formation: 3-5-2*

Robinson, Dickie, Ashton, West, O'Connor, Gill, Kay, Burton, Trinder, McGillicuddy (L), Cockfield (Tom 80).

Referee: Balanced; i.e. *One penalty for, One penalty against.*

#### **v 1 Oakley; Mansfield Road Sun 5 v 3 Ley's Wanderers.**

After the game, Manager Gordon Sanghera had this to say,

*"the generic pile of shit is a panacea for all that's wrong [in a game of football when you don't have 22 minutes to explain just how rubbish your players are playing]!"*

Sunday team Manager Jon Mills had this to say,

*"I don't know what panaceas have got to do with football but I'm sure that 5 wins out of 5 will cure any ails that the club has."*

Crowd: The Manny Road Wops (Wives or Players)!

**Mansfield Road (Sun) 5 v 3 Leys Wanderers (ht: 2v1)**

George (Kay)	20	Lays Potato Chip	30
George (Potter)	35	Travelling Willberry	46
Kaiser K (na)	65	Junior	48
Heath (Hassanain)	80		
Lazarus (Potter)	85		

Referee: *Mills*

Crowd: Wandering Wags

*Mansfield Road Sunday line up and formation: 4-4-2*

Smith, Gildermeister (Hebel 80), Kaiser K, Cannon, Gill, Xie (Lazarus 45), Burton, Hassanain, Potter, Heath, George.

**Oxford Amateur League**

**Division One Results**

Freeland	n v n	Watlington [Postponed?]
Garsington Rs	P v P	Hinksey [Postponed]
Mansfield Rd	4 v 1	Oakley
Middleton Cheney	1 v 4	Broughton & NN
North Oxford	3 v 1	Eynsham Reserves

Not much to say this week...

**Autoglass Upper Thames Valley League**

**Division 3a Results**

AFC Jericho	2 v 4	Mason Arms
Bicesterlona	1 v 1	Yellow Eagles
B.H. Bletchingdon	7 v 3	Witney Exiles
Donnington	3 v 0	Northway
Iffley Harriers	2 v 4	Railway Wheatley
Mansfield Road	5 v 3	Leys Wanderers

Donnington maintain their 100% record! And B.H. Bletchingdon win a game!