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SPORTS PAGE By Robert Moore

Five Bells Football Club

The recent form of Five Bells F.C. has been typical of their season – brilliant performances one week, followed by disappointing displays the next.

League form has ensured mid-table respectability, and there is still a chance of cup success, with a quarterfinal to be played soon. Next season, player-manager Robbie Banks hopes to build on the commitment and team spirit evident in this group of players.

Match Report - Sunday 20 Jan 2002

Five Bells 4; Arsenal Supporters Club 2

Both sides played football at a high level in difficult conditions, but after only two minutes Arsenal lost a man with a suspected broken leg. The game was re-started half an hour later, when Bells took an early lead. Striker Stewart Grint powered through two challenges before sending the keeper the wrong way with an exquisite finish. It soon became 2-0 when midfielder Lee Piercey fizzed a left-footed shot into the top corner from outside the box.

Arsenal pulled a goal back just before half time and the second half action flowed from end to end, but Bells always seemed to be in command. They extended the lead to 3-1, when a sweeping move the length of the pitch ended with Adam Kessler putting over a pinpoint cross for Lee Piercey to notch his second goal of the game from close range.

Adam Kessler then got his own name on the score sheet, after a brilliant solo run. Arsenal refused to give up, and were rewarded with a late strike to leave the final score 4-2.

The team (pictured below, back l-r): Adam Kessler, Lee Piercey, Chris Colbridge, Silvio Graboni, Stewart Grint, James Allen, Sean Hamill, Andrew Preddy, Metin Kayim. (Front l-r): Robbie Banks, Paul Barnes, Robert Moore, Giovanni.



Elvis Rivers in full flow. Photo by Femke van Iperen

Love Me Bartender

By Femke van Iperen

There is something about imitators of famous stars, more often than not you are left comparing the incomparable. But when the King performed in Maddens, this was Elvis with a personal entertainer's touch. It may be many years ago that Elvis Presley's voice mesmerised his audiences and made girls faint worldwide with his hip movements, but his presence is not dead.

All shook up
As Elvis entered a packed

Maddens, nobody was left wondering who it was. And it was not just his outfit that did it. Mr Elvis Rivers gave a unique performance, flanked by fires and bright lights. His energetic presence, with an array of different black and white, gold-buckled outfits, demanded audience adoration and women screamed once again. Two audience members Gill and Anne, who soon found the King looking into their eyes, commented, "He sings like a nightingale."

I just can't help believing

Mr Rivers is not unknown to Maddens regulars as this is about his fourth show here. A self-taught singer, he started performing three years ago in establishments around London. Although outrageous on stage, he emerges as quiet and serious in conversation and told *THE*

ARCHER about his love of music and how family performances had encouraged him to go public. "I had a dream and I followed it", he said.

Mr Rivers, whose Elvis-look extends into daily life, said, "I don't like the clothes they sell in the High Street. I like the style that was created for Elvis." Reportedly, his 12 outfits are made by the very designer employed by the King; "All my outfits are replicas of the originals, with the same material, cut and design."

The wonder of you

When asked what Mr Rivers, who visited Graceland in Memphis twice, would like to say to the King himself, he replied, "You are the greatest individual I've ever known", and added, "There is a lot to be learned from what he achieved in his life. He was a great teacher."

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Flora London Marathon

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N2 Cricket Club

Your local club is always on the lookout for new members. Indoor nets will be starting soon at the LA Fitness Centre on East End Road on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in coming along, please contact me at *THE ARCHER*, and I will let you know all the details.

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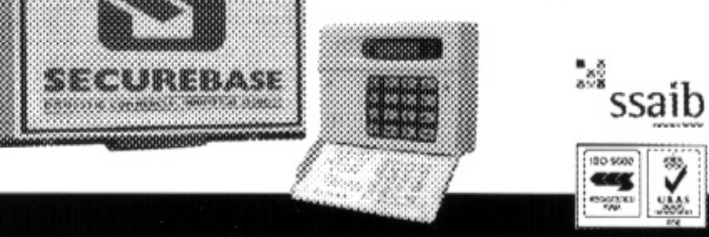
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