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SPORTS PAGE

By Robert Moore

Five Bells Football Club - Match Report

Conyers Park Reserves 2 Five Bells 4 - Barnet Sunday League Div 1 Sunday, 3 Feb 2002

Five Bells took a while to settle into any kind of form in heavy conditions at Oakhill Park, and with an hour gone they trailed by 1-0. They were looking for a moment of inspiration, and it arrived when striker Metin Kayim scored; two minutes later Five Bells were in front through Peter Parkinson. Shortly afterwards, Kayim crashed out a shot against the bar, but Paul Bromley was on hand to force the rebound home to make it 3-1. Player manager Robbie Banks completed the Bells scoring with a spectacular free kick from outside the box into the corner of the net. A late consolation for Conyers Park made the final score 4-2.

League Record

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
16	6	3	7
Goals for	Goals against	Goal Diff	Points
41	46	-5	21

Holy Trinity Primary School Football Team

Headmaster Duncan Mills is very proud of all the young footballers who represent the school team. Two players have already caught the eye of scouts.

Sebastian Kahn is 11 years old and is in Year 6. The tall centre-back has been representing The Borough of Barnet since September 2001, and obviously turned in impressive displays, because he is currently attending Premier League, West Ham United Academy Training sessions.

Moseray Kabba is only 10 years old and is in Year 5. He is an exceptionally skilful attacking midfielder player, and is already a regular at Chelsea FC Academy Training sessions.

There is no match report as rain has made the pitch unplayable.

N2 Cricket Club
Just a quick note about the local cricket club...mention of the Sunday night indoor nets seems to have stirred up a bit of interest.

New members are welcome, so if you'd like to come along please send your details to me here at *THE ARCHER* and I promise I'll get back to you.

Escaped Exotics

Daphne Chamberlain

I saw five parakeets fly in, on New Year's Eve in the morning. New Year's Eve, mind you. There was I, stone cold sober when I saw what seemed to be a green parrot at my sister-in-law's bird-table. Next blink, four more had appeared.

If I wasn't actually too amazed, it was because I had seen a whole flock of them flying around in that part of south-east London a year or so before.

In the Wild

Wild parakeets are now quite famous in the Bromley/Sidcup area, but I was startled to discover just how numerous they are elsewhere. "There are thousands of them in the county", Eric Moore, Kent Area Organizer of the Parrot Society UK, told me. "Many of them are between Broadstairs and Ramsgate, though I saw some at Sheerness a few years ago." There are some in Surrey, and a huge colony in Hampshire, in the New Forest. Coming north of the Thames, they are also well-known in Staines and Bushey.

"They are Indian Ringnecks", said Mr Moore. "Very hardy birds with big beaks. They're descended from escapees. It only needs a pair or two to mate. Two nests a pair, with four birds in each, and they're on their way."

I will survive

A Bromley dog-walker told me that he often sees parakeets in his local woods, sometimes with their heads inside hollow trees. "Yes, they're nesting", said David Coombes, Finchley's nearest Parrot Society Organizer (actually Luton). "They often use woodpeckers' old nests. A solitary escaped pet would probably perish in the wild, but these are descended from survivors."

So well have these "escaped exotics", as they are called by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, adapted to the wild that the latest Book of the British Countryside lists them as indigenous.

Advice from the Parrot Society is that they love fruit and grain. Apple, celery and cucumber won't be sniffed at.

As these parakeets can easily fly 20-30 miles, sightings may become more frequent in this neck of the woods. If you see them, just enjoy them. They're survivors.

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