

Sunday 7th August 2016

Pre-Season Friendly Match at the Low Hall Sports Ground, Walthamstow

Kick-Off: 10.43.a.m. (AC Milano late)

Result: **AC MILANO** .....3 **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....0 Half-Time: 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Zac TROULLOUS		
6	RB/LM 30/CM 67	Khaheem McKENZIE	OFF 18/BACK ON 30/OFF 75	
16	CH/CM 82	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 77/BACK ON 82	
5	CH/LB 37	Andreas KRITICOS		
18	LB/RM 61	Stefan ANTONIOU	OFF 37/BACK ON 61/OFF 82	
12	RM/CF66	Tom CROAKE	OFF 32/BACK ON 66	
4	CM	Danny HAGAN (Captain)	OFF (Inj.) 30	
8	CM/RM82	Connor KAVANAGH		
7	LM/CM 30	Tem ADIL	OFF 67/BACK ON 75	
11	CF	Daniel DALEY	OFF HT/BACK ON 71	
10	CF/CH 77	Jack BANGS	OFF 27/BACK ON 77	
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
2	RB/LM 67	Chris KRITICOS	ON 18/OFF 51/BACK ON 67	
14	CF	Benji RICKETTS	ON 27/OFF 66	
15	RM/RB75	Daniel COLDWELL	ON 32/OFF 61/BACK ON 75	
17	CH/RB51	Lexton HARRISON	ON 37/OFF 75	
9	CF	Rhys McKAY	ON HT/OFF 71	
19	CH	Ivan BASS	ON 51	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

ATTENDANCE: 18

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A

REFEREE: Tufak Amjad

BOOKINGS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm, Sunny & Windy.

CLUB LINESMAN: Roderick Bennett

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, L.McKenzie-McKay, T.Petrie

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

SENDING-OFFS: None

STATE OF PITCH: Dry, but flat with grass cut.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (8 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Injured), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Daniel Cascoe (Working), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Injured), Hal Ozkan (Away), Aiden Kavanagh (Social Commitments)

Saturday/Sunday Drop-Outs: Martin Cruickshank (Illness), Cihan Esen (Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1):** 1. Sorin (GK); 7. Mohamed Saeed (RB), 2. Naeem Kakuji (RCH), 16. Naeem Khamis (LCH...Captain), 5. Bilal Babu (LB); 9. Joel Griffiths (CM Holding); 11. Daniel Cameron (RM), 4. Matthew (CM), 8. Adai (CM), 12. Aqib Khan (LM); 6. Mo Dakri (CF)

Subs.: Adam Polli, Samir Patel, Rameez Mahmood, Fayaz Mehboob, Imran Patel

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Adai (6 Mins.), Dakri (15 (Pen.), 67 Mins.)

### MATCH REPORT

Our first Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer saw us take on Asian team AC Milano with a starting line-up that included seven new signings, while we also had another four on the bench. However, when we went 1-0 down after just 6 minutes when stand-in right-back Khaheem McKenzie lost possession just outside his own area, it was mainly because our opponents were fielding a team full of Essex Senior League (Semi-Pro) players from Saturday football, which rather caught us out a bit as we were not given the sort of time on the ball that we might have expected against a normal Sunday side. Things then got worse just 9 minutes later when we found ourselves 2-0 down after Khaheem gave away a penalty by pulling back an opponent who had once again been too quick for him, but our new players own fitness levels were certainly an improvement on the sort of ageing sides we were fielding last season and that saw us able to compete on fairly even terms for the rest of the match as we got used to the pace of the game and the very strong blustery wind. Indeed Milano goalkeeper 'Sorin' was busier than our own Zac Troulous throughout the match, making a number of half-decent saves, but in general our shooting wasn't powerful enough and we probably need to find a prolific goalscorer from somewhere. Zac did make a couple of good saves in the Second Half though after Milano's lone forward Mo Dakri killed the game off by making it 3-0 in the 67th minute with a low shot on the turn for his second of the game. Out of our new signings, central defender Curtis Baalam was clearly the most impressive performer, although everybody else looked more than capable of winning a regular place in the starting line-up as long as they show the necessary commitment regarding their availability and can afford to pay their subs. It was a useful workout despite the defeat, but we do ideally need to play weaker opponents in our remaining three Pre-Season games.

LAURENCE HUGHES