

Sunday 17th November 2024

Barnet Sunday League Division Four Match at Clowes Sports Ground (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.30 a.m.

Result: **AFC EDMONTON**.....2 **EDMONTON ROVERS**1 **Half-Time:** 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
3	RB	Jordan JORDANOU	
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU	
20	LCB	Frankie GEORGE	
12	LB	Max FRANCIS	OFF HT
6	DCM	Archie MADDEN-BRINE	OFF (Inj.) 80
8	DCM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	
11	RM	Harry DORWARD	
10	ACM	Max MELANDRI	
7	LM	Christian ELLIS	90 Mins.
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	
SUBSTITUTES			
17	LB	Paddy BAYNES	ON HT
15	DCM	Marco COSTI	ON 80
14	Not Used	Renaldo MICHAEL	
16	Not Used	Samuel LARNER	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 27

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Mike Jordanou, Sarah Bartlett, Fergus Murray, John Murray, Colin Baynes
REFEREE: Simon Purrier

BOOKINGS: Clifford Newby-Harris (AFC Edmonton) (*Ungentlemanly Conduct...90+3 Mins.*)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny. Stiff breeze down pitch. (Against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (9 Players): Leo Panayiotou, Tobi Charles, Natan Pawlaczkyk, Jack Vanvynck, Jordan Amusan, Michael Menzies (All Family/Social/Other Commitments), Fergus Murray, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer (Both Injured), Sam Pritchett (Playing Futsal)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Arnold Kanyagia (GK); 16. Quyen Nguyen (RB), 12. Joe Andrews (RCB), 11. George White (LCB), 3. Presley Mayasi (LB); 17. Joel Ferreira De Melin (DCM), 9. Charlie Cox (DCM); 7. Clifford Newby-Harris (RM), 10. Jamie Newby-Harris (ACM...Captain), 14. Kailo Timbo (LM); 13. Dan Little (CF)

Subs. 8. Robie Chowdhury, 5. Mohamed Khalif, 15. Rafiu Jubrim, -. Justin Ayernor (All on in Second Half)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Timbo (19 Mins.), Jamie Newby-Harris (40 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... This was a real 'crunch' local derby match between the top two teams in the division with AFC Edmonton top-of-the-table and unbeaten in their last six matches while we were in second place having won our last three. A win for us in this game would see us take over at the top and thankfully we were able to name a stronger side than when we lost 6-3 to the same opponents just over a month ago. However, AFC Edmonton were also fielding what appeared to be a slightly stronger line-up and after a cagey first 19 minutes where both teams cancelled each other out, it was one of their players who didn't play against us in the previous match, Kailo Timbo, who gave them the lead from a scramble in the area after we failed to deal with a long drop-kick from AFC Player-Manager/Goalkeeper Arnold Kanyagia. We then spent the rest of the half having to defend as our opponents got on top with the wind and low sun behind them and Josh Wakeford kept us in the game with two or three good saves before Jamie Newby-Harris made it 2-0 in the 40th minute with an easy finish after Josh had under-hit a goal-kick straight to an opposing player. With us failing to muster a single shot at goal in the First Half, Josh & skipper Charlie Savage took our players down by the corner flag for our half-time team talk (out of hearing range of various parents/our supporters/the cameraman) to presumably dish out some harsh words and we were then the dominant side ourselves throughout the Second Half. That saw us stop AFC Edmonton from having any shots on target while we had several near misses including a Max Melandri free-kick that struck the outside of the post and three efforts from Myreon Keane that went narrowly high or wide. We had to wait until the 90th minute to pull a goal back though when Christian Ellis finally managed to dribble his way past the last defender to place a shot into the far bottom corner and with five minutes of 'added-on time' to be played due to numerous injury stoppages, time-wasting by our opponents and the ball going over the fence into Winchmore School or into the road behind the goal, grabbing a point from this game certainly wasn't out of the question. However, despite our 'rabid' supporters on the touchline creating an intimidating atmosphere by appealing manically for penalties and yellow cards for blatant fouls, AFC Edmonton held out to gain all three points with a win that will probably end up clinching the Division Four title for them. However, we can be proud of our efforts in the Second Half and we will surely win more games and finish in the top half of the table if we play with the same intensity for the rest of the season.