

Sunday 1st November 2020

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.45 a.m. (Referee late)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 1 AFC OAKWOOD 5 Half-Time: 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-5-1 / 4-1-4-1 12 / 4-4-2 Diamond 47 / 4-3-2 72)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON (Captain)	
20	RB/CM Hold 12/RCM 34	Josh FRANCIS	
8	RCB	Chris LUE	OFF (Inj.) 72
2	LCB/RB 12	Alfie DELLER	
3	LB/CM Hold 34/LCB 72	Oshade WATSON	
11	RM/CF 47	Troy WILLIAMS	
12	RCM	Khaheem McKENZIE	OFF (Inj.) 34
14	CM/LCM 12/ACM 47	Curtis BAALAM	47 Mins.
15	LCM/CF 34	Jack BANGS	OFF (Inj.) 12 / BACK ON 34
10	LM/LCM 47	Kaya INGRAM	
19	CF	Rafiel JOHNSON	OFF (Inj.) 34
SUBSTITUTES			
17	LCB/RCB 72	Lexton HARRISON	ON 12
5	LB	Josh BAPTISTE	ON 34

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Lexton Harrison

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 20

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, D.Daley, R.Bennett, T.Deller

REFEREE: Jide Ogunba

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & overcast but very mild. Very strong blustery wind down pitch from corner to corner.

STATE OF PITCH: Very soft, muddy and churned-up from the day before.

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players): Leon McKenzie-McKay, Johan Ahipeaud, Chris Akinrele (All Injured), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Sedat George (Away), Henry Akinsanmi, Daniel Cascoe, Tyrone Petrie, Sam Woolley (All Working), Tem Adil (Illness), Nana Obeng (Uni), Andreas Kriticos (Playing for his other team) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Rhys Jaggars (GK); 3. Alex Kyriacou (RB), 5. Darion Furlong (RCB), 8. Robbie Heatley (LCB), 2. Irish Omon (LB); 22. Scott Knight (RM), 14. Nick Briggs (CM...Captain), 17. Campbell Garner (CM), 11. Yacine Aiba (LM); 20. Bradley Empson (CF), 15. Kennedy Dunn (CF) **Subs Used:** 23. David Agbesanwa, 21. Charlie Ruff

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Briggs (23 Mins), Aiba (45 Mins.), Ruff (67, 77 Mins), Knight (81 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With the Prime Minister predictably announcing another imminent Covid-19 lockdown the evening before this match, it perhaps wasn't surprising that a number of disillusioned players from both sides couldn't be bothered to play and the game therefore kicked off 15 minutes late after both Managers had frantically phoned players to come and help out. In our case we had 12 players make themselves unavailable with Lexton Harrison having to name himself as one of only two substitutes, while Jack Bangs, Rafiel Johnson & Chris Lue all had to start irrespective of injuries they were suffering from and Josh Francis & Khaheem McKenzie also both started despite being badly unfit. With AFC Oakwood unbeaten so far this season and fielding a number of Step 3-5 level Semi-Pros, we knew that we were probably in for a heavy defeat, but fortunately a combination of a very soft and churned-up pitch, a near gale-force wind and AFC Oakwood's players mucking about and taking us far too lightly saw us compete well in the First Half with us only conceding one goal (in the 23rd minute when Khaheem McKenzie wasn't fit enough to get back and stop Oakwood skipper Nick Briggs from having a free long-range shot) right up until seconds before the half-time whistle when Yacine Aiba made it 2-0 with what looked suspiciously like a 'no-look' shot disguised as a cross which sailed over Simon Jackson's head into the far corner. We then had a good start to the Second Half though when Curtis Baalam pulled a goal back after making a run onto a Jack Bangs through ball to lob ex-Percival & The Winchmore outfield player Rhys Jaggars, who was playing in goal for AFC Oakwood in this match. However, the niggling injuries and bad lack of fitness for many of our players really ended our hopes in the 67th minute when Oakwood substitute Charlie Ruff, a Step 3 player on Saturdays for Hornchurch, easily skipped past some tired challenges and then calmly curled a shot past keeper Jackson after a simple one-two. Central defender Chris Lue then limped off with a hamstring injury in the 72nd minute to leave us down to 10 men for the rest of the match and all we could do then was just try and not to concede any more. But Ruff scored again just five minutes later to make it 4-1 with a close-range shot after a weaving run and Scott Knight then ran onto a through ball completely unchallenged to sidefoot in a fifth goal in the 81st minute, and as with most of our matches so far this season it was only some excellent saves from 'Jacko' that stopped our opponents from notching double figures while we created very little ourselves. Hopefully after this latest lockdown we can get a bit more enthusiasm from our missing players and find a few newer and fitter ones as well in an effort to get ourselves off the foot of the table.