

Sunday 7th May 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 4)

Kick-Off: 10.00 a.m. (Due to Norsemen Youth matches afterwards)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 1 ARMENIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION 8 **Half-Time:** 1-4

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (5-2-2-1 / 4-1-3-2 9 / 4-4-1-1 38 / 4-4-2 Diamond 55)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
11	RB/RM 9/DCM 38/RB 55	Harry DORWARD		
9	RCB/RB 9/RCF 55	Myreon KEANE		
8	CCB/RCB 9	Sam PRITCHETT (Captain)	OFF (Inj.) 65	
19	LCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
7	LB	Nana OBENG		
16	DCM/CF 9/DCM 61	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 38 / BACK ON 61	
20	DCM	Gianni DIPO	OFF (Inj.) 61	
6	RCM/LM 38/RM 55	Tre MAXWELL		18 Mins.
15	LCM/RM 38/LM 55	Christian ELLIS		
12	CF/LCF 55	Max MIR		
SUBSTITUTES				
14	ACM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 38	
17	RCB	Stuart DORWARD	ON 65	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Stuart Dorward

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 38

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Lorna Bennett, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Nik Mir

REFEREE: Ronnie McGibbon

BOOKINGS: Alex Ohanessyan (AYA) (Foul - 38 Mins.), Myreon Keane (Foul - 44 Mins.), Tre Maxwell (Dissent - 73 Mins.), Erhan Suvari (AYA) (Foul - 82 Mins.), Nikash Hurkoo (AYA) (Foul - 85 Mins.)

SENT OFF: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Sunny & Warm. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (14 Players): Ritchie Redgrave (GK), Leon McKenzie-McKay, Natan Pawlaczzyk, Lenny Charles, Tobi Charles, Dapo Alaoye (All Away/Family/Social Commitments), Chris Jordanou, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Aiden Kavanagh (All Injured), Charlie Savage (Working), Roshan Shah, Teddy Carter-Leay (GK), Sonny Schroder, Isaac Ness (All no longer interested/disappeared)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-1-3): 1. Alen Duvarciyan (GK...Captain); 17. Sav Papachristou (RB), 19. Alex Alteparmakian (RCB), 5. Guilherme Garsia (LCB), 18. Eser Mustu (LB); 21. Alex Ohanessyan (RCM), 4. Aren Stephen (LCM); 10 Giovanni Pilides (ACM); 11. Jamal Iyoyo (RCF), 12. Garo Heath (CCF), 8. Odysseas Basha (LCF)

Subs. 15. Nikash Hurkoo, 16. Andrea Savva, 12. Erhan Suvari, 20. Adam Esen (All on at HT)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Basha (3 Mins.), Heath (9, 33 Mins.), Stephen (17, 55 Mins.), Iyoyo (74, 78, 87 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... Although we had already achieved one of our aims by avoiding finishing bottom of the table this season, we came into this last game of the season badly short of match practice and with another severely depleted side following our 21-0 defeat in our last match three weeks ago when we were only able to field seven 'proper' players. This time our lack of regular players was mainly due to the King's Coronation Bank Holiday weekend, but our opponents Armenian Youth had no such problems as they needed only a point to clinch the Division 5 title and therefore not surprisingly turned up with a full squad and with a large number of supporters. With us having lost 15-1 to them earlier in the season, Manager Stuart Dorward therefore decided to play five at the back plus two holding players, but we had a problem in that only Daniel Schwartz-Gee was a recognised defender with our starting line-up being badly over-loaded with attacking players, although it was an uncharacteristic mistake by Josh Wakeford in goal that saw us fall behind after just three minutes when he let a long-range shot from Odysseas Basha slip through his fingers. After the Armenian's right winger Jamal Iyoyo had hit the post just a minute later, they then went 2-0 up in only the 9th minute when the League's top scorer Garo Heath ran onto a ball over the top to score with a clinical finish after a quality first touch, and midfielder Aren Stephen then made it 3-0 after only 17 minutes when he fired in a loose ball from close range after Josh had failed to punch away a corner properly. At that stage it looked as if we would really crumble and concede double figures again, but Tre Maxwell managed to pull a goal back just a minute later with an excellent long-range low shot after a length of the pitch move and that gave us some confidence where we were certainly the equal of our lofty opponents for the rest of the half, despite conceding a fourth goal in the 33rd minute when Heath punished another mistimed attempted punch from keeper Wakeford with the ball falling for him for an easy tap-in. The Half-Time break then saw the Armenians bring on four substitutes for the start of the Second Half and with our players tiring badly or having to come off injured, that made a big difference, and once Aren Stephen made it 5-1 in the 55th minute with a free header from a corner it was just wave after wave of attacks with Iyoyo coming back on to score a hat-trick and Josh Wakeford redeeming himself after his First Half performance by making numerous saves and stopping us from conceding double figures again. Despite having plenty of attacking players on the pitch, we created very little in the Second Half and with so many players making themselves unavailable again, it was clear to see that our squad needs a large number of new signings if we are going to improve next season.