

Sunday 9th October 2022

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Hazelwood Sports Ground (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.35 a.m. (Referee taking his time)

Result: **ARMENIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION.....15** **EDMONTON ROVERS** 1 **Half-Time:** 6-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 / 4-3-3 71)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ben WHITING		
18	RB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF 90	
19	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF 90	
4	LCB	Natan PAWLACZYK (Captain)		
3	LB	Lenny CHARLES	OFF 59	
11	RM/LCM 73	Harry DORWARD	OFF 49/BACK ON 73	
8	CM	Dapo ALAOYE	OFF 52	
10	CM	Josh WAKEFORD	OFF 49/BACK ON 71	
9	LM/LB 59	Myreon KEANE	OFF (Inj.) 21/BACK ON 59	
17	CF/LM 21/CF 35	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY	OFF HT	
7	CF/LM 35/LCM 71/RCF 74	Nana OBENG	OFF 73/BACK ON 74	89 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
20	CF/RM 49/RCF 71/RCB 90	Gianni DIPO	ON 21/OFF 74/BACK ON 90	
14	CF/CM 49/RB 90	Tairique HARRISON	ON HT/OFF 71/BACK ON 90	
12	CF	Max MIR	ON 49	
15	CF/LCF 71	Eddie COX	ON 49	
16	CM/RCM 71	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 52	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

CARETAKER-MANAGER: Stuart Dorward

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 30

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Lexton Harrison (Later), Sarah Dorward, Tracey Charles, Keith Charles, Tim Wakeford, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Dele Alaoye, Verity Wakeford, Nik Mir

REFEREE: Robert Campbell

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny with strong blustery wind across pitch in Second Half

STATE OF PITCH: Hard & dry with long grass, loose cuttings and big dips !

UNAVAILABILITY: (4 Players): Tony McKay (Manager) (Illness), Chris Jordanou, Roshan Shah, Jack Vanvynck, Rafiel Johnson

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-2-3): 1. Mateo Aulnette (GK); 10. Arek Djerrahian (RB), 14. Ben Anderson (RCB), 19. Alen Duvarciyan (LCB...Captain), 12. Erhan Suvari (LB); 6. Andrea Savva (DCM); 8. Andrew Symeou (RCM), 12. Odysseas Basha (LCM); 22. Jamal Iyoyo (RCF), 25. Chris Spyrou (CF), 12. Garo Heath (LCF) **Subs.** 11. Nikash Hurkoo, 3. Alex Ohanessyan

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Heath (3, 40, 66, 70, 87 Mins.), Spyrou (5, 51, 58 Mins.), Iyoyo (20, 42, 90+1 Mins.), Symeou (28 Mins.), Duvarciyan (47 Mins.), Basha (48, 85 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Our opponents Armenian Youth Association came into this match with three wins out of three so far following a ten-match unbeaten run towards the end of last season, while in addition to that they had been scoring goals for fun whereas we had lost all five of our matches played so far this season and now had players increasingly deciding to do other things instead of coming along to suffer another inevitable defeat. That saw us having to scramble around signing up a number of new or returning players just before the Friday evening deadline, but we managed to find a squad of 16 in the end which actually looked quite strong 'on paper'. However, unknown to us when we signed him, goalkeeper Ben Whiting had never played competitive 11-a-side football before...or at least certainly not at our level...and he ended up being at fault for four of the six goals conceded in the First Half and another four in the Second Half, mainly because he stayed on his line instead of coming out to narrow the angle as a properly-coached goalkeeper would do. In addition to that, our opponents, the same as every other team we have faced so far this season have done, deliberately played three central midfielders to outnumber our stubbornly-attempted 4-4-2 system in the middle of the pitch which always meant one of their three having plenty of time on the ball to thread inch-perfect through balls in-between our defenders for their wide attacking runners to get in on goal time and time again, which was how A.Y.A. ended up having 27 shots on target and only ONE shot going wide of the target all match...an incredible statistic, but a preventable one if our wide midfielders in a 4-4-2 'tuck in and defend in two banks of four' as Caretaker-Manager Stuart Dorward told them to do in the pre-match team talk. However, despite conceding all these goals and being over-run defensively, our players didn't give up at any stage and we actually had seven corners to their three, we had more possession than our opponents, and we created quite a few chances ourselves, especially in the last 20 minutes when we threw on more and more attacking players in roll-on, roll-off substitutions. However, the only chance we took was in the 89th minute when the returning Nana Obeng side-footed in after good work by Josh Wakeford to set him up, but promising new signing Eddie Cox hit the bar with a good effort from a Max Mir cross and Myreon Keane played very well as an attacking left-back late on, so we did have one or two positives. We do need to have a bit of a re-think on tactics going forward though with certain elderly Management Committee members thinking it would be a good idea for our players to be 'more aggressive, while others think the formation should be changed. In the end though, it was more a case of it being just one of those days where everything our opponents did worked perfectly for them with their finishing being utterly devastating and we may have just been unlucky to be on the receiving end of a freak result.