

Sunday 26th February 2017

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

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....8 ARNOS RANGERS0 **Half-Time:** 5-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 3-5-2 77)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
5	RB	Chris KRITICOS	OFF 77	
15	CB/RCB 77	Ivan BASS		79 Mins.
14	CB	Harold OFORI		16 Mins.
3	LB/LCB 77	Aiden KAVANAGH		
10	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 54	
6	CM Holding	Khaheem McKENZIE	OFF 54	
19	RM/LM	Connor KAVANAGH	OFF 54	
7	ACM	Hal OZKAN	OFF 70	
4	LM/RM/ACM 70	Jack BANGS	OFF 54 / BACK ON 70	4, 22, 81 Mins.
8	CF	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF 54 / BACK ON 77	19, 42 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 54	78 Mins.
17	RM	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 54	
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	ON 54	
11	CM Holding	Chris LUE	ON 54	
2	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH	ON 54	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Daniel Cascoe (For Us) / Bob Cleary (For Opponents)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, S.Roussety, L.Harrison, J.Ahipeaud, J.Scouller

ATTENDANCE: 17

REFEREE: Harry Barfoot

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy. Slight breeze across pitch in Second Half.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect.

UNAVAILABILITY: (One Player) Daniel Cascoe (Hamstring Injury)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 15. Veci Thachi (GK); 7. Mark Cooper (RB), 3. Richard White (CB), 13. Micky Cawley (CB), 2. Halit Muslika (LB); 69. Sam Carter (RM), 65. Artan Rico (CM...Captain), 15. Marsel Marsela (CM), 17. Artan Brati (LM); 11. Albert Brati (CF), 29. Faik Muslika (CF) **Subs.:** None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

As we already knew that our lowly opponents Arnos Rangers were struggling for players and had wanted to call the game off due to a Stag Do the night before, we decided to give 'first-choice' players Stephen Roussety, Lexton Harrison, Tyronne Petrie, Daniel Daley & Johan Ahipeaud a complete rest and put top scorer Ayo Matthews on the bench as we saved them all for our League Junior Cup Quarter-Final the following week while giving other squad members a deserved game instead. Arnos did manage to scrape up a bare eleven to turn up and play the game after the League had told them they would be fined and lose the three points if they didn't, but right from the start it was obvious that they had one or two players playing who were either not fit enough or not good enough to compete against a team who were top of the table and going for their ninth League win in a row. Our first goal came after just four minutes when Jack Bangs headed a lobbed cross from Leon McKenzie-McKay into the bottom corner, although Arnos did give us a scare in the 13th minute when Grant Baker had to make an excellent save low down to his left which suddenly made us wonder if we had made the right decision in making so many changes to our line-up. However, Harold Ofori put paid to any doubts by making it 2-0 in the 16th minute with a tap-in on the goal-line from Aiden Kavanagh's low cross following a short corner, then Leon McKenzie-McKay made it 3-0 after 19 minutes when he cleverly brought down a high ball from Jack Bangs despite being under pressure from a defender and then finished easily in a one-on-one with the keeper, who was clearly somebody who didn't normally play at all...either in goal or outfield?! When Jack Bangs put us 5-0 up after just 22 minutes with an excellent finish from Hal Ozkan's perfect through ball, it looked as if we might be on to break our club record 15-1 win which has stood for 37 years, as our opponents were looking totally dispirited all round. However, we then started holding onto the ball for too long and/or wasting too many chances for the rest of the match, mainly because we had too many players on the pitch at the same time who had not been in the starting line-up for most of the season and were therefore too anxious to do well, especially after Manager Tony McKay brought on all five substitutes early in the Second Half, four of whom also rarely get a start. However, after Leon had made it 5-0 just before Half-Time by hooking in a loose ball despite being fouled at the same time, we did finally manage to score three more goals late on in the Second Half as our opponents understandably started to tire. The first of those came in the 78th minute when Chris Lue and Andreas Kriticos combined well down the right to set up Ayo Matthews for a good first-time finish from close range, then defender Ivan Bass caused much mirth and hilarity amongst our players and supporters a minute later when he made it 7-0 from an over-hit cross that any normal keeper would have caught comfortably. Jack Bangs then wrapped up the scoring in the 81st minute by completing his hat-trick after a scramble in the area, and it was fair play to Arnos Rangers on the final whistle for turning up and giving it a go, as we had been in their predicament ourselves so many times over the last 13 years during our time in the Waltham Sunday League. But now thankfully, things are very different.