

Sunday 17th December 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.20 a.m. (Was supposed to be 10.15, but camera microphone needed fixing !)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 0 **ATLETICO GRAMMAR** 1 **Half-Time:** 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2 / 3-5-2 48)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK/CM 20/RCB 48/CM 61	Josh WAKEFORD	OFF (Inj.) 90+2	
6	RCB	Jack VANVYNCK	OFF (Illness) 48/BACK ON 61/ OFF 77/BACK ON 90+2	
2	SW/LCB 73	Chris JORDANOU		
19	LCB/SW 73	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD		
18	CM	Tobi CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 20	
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
7	LWB	Christian ELLIS		
16	ACM/CM 48/RCB 77	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF HT/BACK ON 48	
17	CF	Eddie COX		
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	OFF (Inj.) 61/BACK ON 77	
SUBSTITUTES				
1	GK	Kai McAULEY	ON 20	
12	ACM/CM 48/CF 61/CM 77	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	ON HT	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 32

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Lorna Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Keith Savage, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Sylvia Bennett, Nik Mir, Max Mir, Frankie George

REFEREE: Denis Hasanaj

BOOKINGS: Harvey Antoniou (Foul...72 Mins.), Josh Wakeford (Foul...75 Mins.), Lucas Collins (Atletico Grammar) (Kicking ball away...87 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy with strong blustery wind across pitch from corner to corner. (Against us in 2nd Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Very soft & muddy. Badly churned up. Long grass.

UNAVAILABILITY: (11 Players): Max Francis, Fergus Murray, Paddy Baynes (Morning of the match drop-outs), Tairique Harrison (No Contact), Michael Menzies (Playing Youth Football), Ritchie Redgrave (GK) (Social/Family/Other Commitments), Jordan Amusan (Working), Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (Both Injured), Sam Pritchett (University), Frankie George (Suspended)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Reece Hussey-Morrison (GK); 26. Jahed Zaman (RB), 18. George Coppins (RCB), 7. Kallum Hurst (LCB), 10. Ben Wilson (LB); 19. Sinan Ergezen (DCM), 14. Dekkel Warner (DCM); 12. Lucas Collins (RM), 99. Nikhil Lad (ACM), 3. Tom Scott (LM...Captain); 8. Callum Wick

Subs Used: 11. Adam Reid (On for Warner after 35 Mins.), 17. Ameen Bouchra (On at HT, then off again)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Wick (40 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... For the second week running...no doubt due to it being that Xmas Party time of year...we had several players drop out either on the morning of the match or the night before, this time leaving us with just a bare eleven to start the game with as goalkeeper Kai McAuley and attacking midfielder Rashawn Bennett-Dyer both turned up well after the kick-off. Having beaten our opponents 8-1 the last time we played them though, Player-Manager Josh Wakeford wasn't too concerned and we fully expected to gain another victory despite having lost our last two matches. However, unfortunately for us, the near gale-force blustery wind, the long grass and the badly churned-up pitch was never going to suit our passing game and it was therefore a real leveller in giving an advantage to our lowly opponents who were able to compete on equal terms with us this time just from being physically stronger. The terrible state of the pitch also resulted in Tobi Charles turning his ankle after just 20 minutes and being unable to play any further part in the match, although fortunately Kai McAuley had turned up by then to take over in goal so that Josh could take Tobi's place in the centre of midfield. Both sides struggled to create chances for most of the First Half but Grammar started getting on top during the last 10 minutes of the half despite kicking against the wind, and Kai had to make a couple of good saves before we conceded a crazy goal in the 40th minute when a mis-hit corner-kick trickled along the ground and seemingly through several of our players legs...as if it was a game of croquet !..., leaving Grammar forward Callum Wick with a simple tap-in on the goal-line. Some harsh words were then said at Half-Time by Assistant Manager/Coaches Stuart Dorward and Roderick Bennett regarding a perceived lack of effort, but with players continually having to be substituted due to illness or injuries and others just not their normal selves for one reason or another, we played even worse in the Second Half with the wind and occasional low sun in our faces. Despite throwing more and more players forward, we really struggled to create chances and the longer the game went on, the more Grammar looked like scoring a second goal as we tried to play our way out from the back against the wind and left ourselves open in frequently giving the ball away. Thankfully Kai McAuley made a number of good saves to keep us in the game, but in the end it wasn't enough and we had to suffer a miserable 1-0 defeat which left us stuck in mid-table with a 5-0-5 Win/Draw/Loss record, therefore putting paid to any chances we might have had of competing for the Division Five title.