

Sunday 20th August 2017

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 9)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 BEEHIVE B.H.P..... 3 **Half-Time:** 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS	OFF HT	
17	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)		
3	LB	Miles LEVY		
19	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH	OFF 82	
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	OFF 86	
14	RM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY		
10	ACM	Jack BANGS	OFF HT	40 Mins.
6	LM	Raj BUMBRA	OFF HT	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		38 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
11	CB	Taurean BRYAN	ON HT	
16	ACM	George HOUSE	ON HT	
4	LM	Sergio GARCIA	ON HT	
12	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 82	
7	CM Holding	Hal OZKAN	ON 86	
8	Not Used	Tom CROAKE		
5	Not Used	Lucas CASCOE		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 20

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, R.McKay, L.Bernard

REFEREE: Alex Flett

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny

STATE OF PITCH: Dry. Grass cut slightly !

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Tyronne Petrie (Working), Curtis Baalam (Rib Injury), Leon Bernard (Ankle Injury), Johan Ahipeaud (Away), Daniel Daley (Knee Injury), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Rhys McKay (Groin Injury), Daniel Cascoe (Broken Metatarsal), Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Lawrence Kill (Injured), Chris Kriticos (Away), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach) (Family Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Lee Mercer (GK); 2. Reece Lyons (RB), 6. Dave Roache (Captain...CB), 20. James Lindie (CB), 5. Scott Brosnan (LB); 10. Mark Brennan (CM Holding), 9. Lou Dupey (CM Holding); 17. Perry Melville (RM), 13. Lee Brennan (ACM), 7. George Barton (LM); 8. Jed Livermore (CF)

Subs.: 4. Max Mitchell (Captain), 4. Richard Woodman (LB/LCB), 1. Michael Ball (GK)...all on at HT.

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Barton (70 Mins.), Lindie (73 Mins.), Mitchell (83 Mins. (Pen.))

MATCH REPORT

Despite suffering two defeats to very strong sides in our first two Pre-Season Friendlies, we decided to test ourselves with an even harder task for our third Pre-Season match as we took on Edmonton Sunday League team Beehive BHP, a side who like ourselves won a League title last season without losing a match, but who also reached the Semi-Finals of the London FA Sunday Junior Cup. Beehive fielded a number of current & former Semi-Pros whereas we were missing key players Tyronne Petrie, Curtis Baalam & Leon Bernard amongst others from the previous week as injuries and work commitments took their toll, forcing us to field three new players in the starting line-up with another three coming off the bench for the Second Half. However, after looking a bit unsure for most of the First Half where we gave the ball away a lot, the returning Ayo Matthews settled our nerves by putting us into the lead in the 38th minute with a clever finish into the bottom corner past a stand-in keeper who was slow to get down. That gave us a lot of confidence and Jack Bangs made it 2-0 just two minutes later with a typically spectacular outside-of-the foot shot that flew into the top corner. We then played some excellent stuff for the First Half and especially for the first 20 minutes or so of the Second Half where we looked even more of a Semi-Pro team than our opponents, but then mental and physical tiredness from too many players having a late night the night before started to set in, and when Beehive pulled a goal back through George Barton to make it 2-1 in the 70th minute, it was the heroics of keeper Grant Baker that prevented an even heavier defeat than the one-goal one we ended up with for the third week in a row, even though he himself had gone without any sleep ! Baker was certainly unlucky with Beehive's equaliser from ex-Southend & Ebbsfleet striker James Lindie in the 73rd minute after making a great save initially with Lindie slotting home from the rebound, then he had no chance with Max Mitchell's penalty in the 83rd minute that sealed a 3-2 win for the Beehive after a rash challenge from Taurean Bryan in the area. However, despite the defeat, we showed enough in this game to suggest that we are not too far away from being capable of reaching the London FA Sunday Junior Cup Final this season...especially if Beehive BHP do not enter the competition this time...as appears to be the case !?

LAURENCE HUGHES