

Sunday 6th October 2019

London F.A. Sunday Challenge Trophy Second Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m. (After clearing rainwater from the pitch)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 BELMONT ATHLETIC 5 *Half-Time:* 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
4	RCB	Taurean BRYAN		
5	LCB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH (Captain)		
20	CM Holding	Tyronne PETRIE	OFF 50	
10	RM	Marcus SIMON	OFF 50	
19	CM	Mustafa FARHAN	OFF 78	
14	CM	Henry AKINSANMI	OFF 64	63 Mins.
7	LM	Ciaran NOLAN		
8	CF	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY	OFF 50	
SUBSTITUTES				
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 50	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	ON 50	
11	RM	Subomi KUSHANU	ON 50	
18	CM	Antonio FUSCO	ON 64	
17	CM	Josh BAPTISTE	ON 78	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us: Michael Kyere (64 Mins.)				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required By Referee

ATTENDANCE: 22

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, J.Bangs

REFEREE: Yashar Yekta

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy with very strong wind down pitch. (Against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Surface water to start after heavy overnight rain, but otherwise perfect.

UNAVAILABILITY: (8 Players): Jack Bangs, James Phillips ('Communication Problems'), Keiran Kavanagh, Lexton Harrison (Away), Daniel Daley (Injured), Rashaan Fenton-West (Other Commitments), Eni Bezati (Working), Nana Obeng (University)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Alex Mandala (GK); 22. Segun Adeniji (RB), 6. Marlon Jeffers (RCB), 12. Godfrey Asare (LCB), 2. Jermaine Fevrius (LB); 16. Michael Kyere (CM Holding); 24. Liam Wright (RM), 7. Fabio Pereira (RCM), 3. Ashley Sinclair (LCM), Opey Akinboro (LM); 9. Lance Gyimah (CF)

Subs. 8. Andre Pantan, 10. John-Paul Sato, 18. Ade Osilowo, 5. Daniel Forbes (All Used in 2nd Half), 14. Daniel Mfon (Not Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Gyimah (34, 73 Mins.), Wright (46 Mins.), Sinclair (49 Mins.), Kyere (77 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With the Barnet Sunday League now being classed as a higher-ranked League having gone up to five divisions this season, the London F.A. decided to put us in the Sunday Challenge Trophy (for Intermediate-level teams) instead of the Sunday Junior Cup, which we had been entering for many years. However, our opponents Belmont Athletic were also in Division One of their League, the Metropolitan Sunday in South-East London, so we expected a close match, but one that we should have been capable of winning with home advantage. Despite torrential overnight rain putting the match in doubt though, Belmont turned up in good time and well prepared in comparison to most of ours, and that showed when they took the lead in the 34th minute after both of our central defenders swung their legs and missed the ball from a left-wing cross, allowing Belmont's lone striker Lance Gyimah to hit a shot which squirmed under Ian Whitmore and just over the line. We were facing a very strong wind in the First Half though, but we did well to stop Belmont scoring any more in the first 45 minutes and hoped that we could get back into the game with the wind behind us in the Second Half. However, we found ourselves 2-0 down just 40 seconds into the Second Half when a shot from Liam Wright deflected off Aiden Kavanagh's shins and looped in off the far post for a rather fortunate goal. That saw our heads go down after only one win in our last 6 matches before this one and we soon found ourselves 3-0 down just 4 minutes later when Ashley Sinclair buried a good low finish into the bottom corner after running onto a loose ball just outside our area. With a strong substitutes bench available though, Manager Tony McKay immediately made three changes and that saw us pull a goal back in the 63rd minute when Henry Akinsanmi fired in a fierce shot through keeper Mandala's hands from just outside the area, then Mandala made a crazy mistake just 25 seconds after the re-start to gift us a second goal when he allowed a backpass from Michael Kyere to go under his foot and trickle into the net. We were then really unlucky just a minute later when Ayo Matthews hit the foot of the post in nearly making it 3-3 as we could well have gone on to win the game with both the momentum and the strong wind behind us, but then we conceded a bad goal from a corner in the 73rd minute where Lance Gyimah took advantage of both of our very tall centre-backs not being comfortable in the air as he easily headed in from close range to make it 4-2, and with our heads down again, Kyere killed the game off just three minutes later to make it 5-2 with a simple-sidefooted finish after a good move.