

Sunday 15th November 2015

London FA Sunday Junior Cup Second Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....1 **BIRKBECK ORIENT**3 Half-Time: 1-3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1 / 4-4-2 73)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER	
18	RB	Martin CRUICKSHANK	
12	CH	Tyronne PETRIE	
8	CH/LM 73	Chris AKINRELE	
2	LB	Gavin MARDELL	
4	CM Holding/CH 73	Terry MOORE (Captain)	
14	RM	Rafiel JOHNSON	OFF (Inj.) HT
7	CM	Tem ADIL	
16	CM	Daniel CASCOE	
11	LM/CF 73	Daniel DALEY	
15	CF	Jack BANGS	44 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES			
6	RM	Leon BERNARD	ON HT

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Terry Moore

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 8

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, L.McKenzie-McKay

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE: Yashar Yekta

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): **CONFIDENTIAL**

BOOKINGS: Daniel Cascoe (Dissent...13 Mins.), Freddie Milne (Birkbeck Orient) ('Kicking ball away'...83 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny & mild with gale-force wind across pitch

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Alan Barnard (Away), Danny Hagan (Injured), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Injured), Ivan Bass (Injured),

Ryan Bates (Injured), Eric Ibekwem (Injured), Nicky Richards (Injured), Scott Jenkins (Injured & Away), Lexton Harrison (Injured/Family Commitments), George Stahlmann (Away), Stuart Dorward (Other Commitments), Krishan Singh (Working)

Saturday/Sunday Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Richard Critchlow (GK...Captain); 3. Jonny Millard (RB), 2. Martin Durant (CH), 4. Sam Steele (CH), 23. Martin Weltman (LB); 15. Sean Preston (CM Holding), 16. Martin Hutchinson (CM Holding); 10. Miles Creevy (RM), 22. Chris Agathangelou (ACM), 26. Ross Kerwood (LM); 11. Dan Pereira (CF)

Subs.: 25. Ade Ogunjukan (On for Preston...61 Mins.), 6. Freddie Milne (On for Pereira...68 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Creevy (7 Mins.), Pereira (10 Mins.), Agathangelou (27 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Our chances of progressing in this competition had looked bleak even before the game kicked-off with no less than 12 players unavailable, including at least four who are normally automatic picks for the starting eleven. That meant we had to field several players who were either half-injured themselves or had hardly had any sleep the night before for one reason or another, and with us not having a proper pre-match warm-up it wasn't surprising that we found ourselves 1-0 down after just 7 minutes when Birkbeck Orient midfielder Miles Creevy curled in a dubiously-awarded free-kick from the edge of the area. With our opponents on a good run of form in Division One of the very strong Hackney & Leyton Sunday League with four wins in a row before this match and us on a miserable run of form in the same division of the Waltham League, we were up against it right from the start and it got worse just three minutes later when several of our players were caught ball-watching and allowed Birkbeck's lone forward Dan Pereira to skip past Tyronne Petrie in a one-on-one to toe-poke the ball into the bottom corner. We then had one or two lucky escapes before Chris Agathangelou made it 3-0 to Birkbeck with an easy tap-in after Tyronne had been left outnumbered at the back yet again by us giving the ball away cheaply in trying to pass it out of defence, and we were lucky not to find ourselves at least six goals down as Half-Time approached. Instead, Jack Bangs gave us a lifeline by heading in Gavin Mardell's corner just before the break to make it 3-1, and although we certainly improved in the Second Half by showing a bit more spirit and determination, we only really managed to create one clear-cut chance which Daniel Daley sidefooted wide in the 78th minute. With only one substitute available (who had to be used at Half-Time due to yet another injury), we were never really going to get back in the match though, and as usual it was goalkeeper Grant Baker who saved us from an even heavier defeat. Morale is very low at the moment with no wins in our last five matches and we badly need some of our injured players back soon.

LAURENCE HUGHES