

Sunday 30th October 2016

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the New River Sports Centre (Stadium 3G AstroTurf)

Kick-Off: 11.50.a.m. (Was supposed to be 11:30 but delayed due to previous match starting late because of fog)

Result: BROTHERHOOD 1 EDMONTON ROVERS..... 1 Half-Time: 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		
17	CB	Harold OFORI		
14	LB	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 70	
19	CM Holding/ACM65	Tyronne PETRIE		
8	RM/LM/CMHT	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
11	CM/LMHT	Daniel DALEY	OFF 75	19 Mins.
7	CM	Tem ADIL	OFF 53	
3	LM/RMHT	Aiden KAVANAGH		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
SUBSTITUTES				
6	CM	Khaheem McKENZIE	ON 53	
12	LB	Ben ANKRAH	ON 70 / OFF 87	
10	LM	Marley McKAY	ON 75	
4	LB	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 87	
16	Not Used	Daniel CASCOE		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 21

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, D.Hagan, C.Kriticos, Z.Troullous

REFEREE: Alex Flett

BOOKINGS: Leon McKenzie-McKay (Foul...85 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cold & Foggy. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** 3G AstroTurf. Wet on top.

UNAVAILABILITY: (6 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Injured), Danny Hagan (Injured), Chris Akinrele (Injured), Connor Kavanagh (Working), Hal Ozkan (Working), Tom Croake (Other Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. George Paraskeva (GK); 7. Alex Timini (RB), 18. Khalil Zakkour (CB), 8. Nick Orphanides (CB...Captain), 14. Khan Stott-Cohen (LB); 20. Akhil Sharma (CM Holding), 6. Anthony Haynes (CM Holding); 6. Stelios Christodoulou (RM), 9. Chris Ierothiou (ACM), 5. Joe Longworth (LM); 10. Tobi Omoshoto (CF)

Sub.: 17. Nick Kephalas (On for Timini...87 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Joe Longworth (13 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

For the second week running we had more than 16 players turning up hoping to get a game, even though we were missing Chris Akinrele, Connor Kavanagh & Tom Croake from the previous week's squad. We even had two more prospective new players coming along to watch, but we fielded a strong side for this match anyway. The only question was how we would cope playing on a 3G pitch for the first time, and unfortunately the answer was 'not very well'. Our mid-table opponents Brotherhood had won all three of their Home games played on the 3G surface so far this season, and that showed straight away as our players struggled to control and pass the ball...possibly because it was made of plastic instead of leather (according to some of our players!). Having to wait over an hour for the changing rooms to be opened and well over 90 minutes to start the match didn't help us either, and not surprisingly, Brotherhood (who knew that would be the case from previous experience and therefore turned up later) took the lead after just 13 minutes when midfielder Joe Longworth took advantage of a fortunate deflection that saw the ball spin back towards him for an easy header over the stranded Stephen Roussety. However, we managed to hit back just six minutes later from our first decent move of the match when Daniel Daley marked his comeback from injury by heading in at the near post from Ayo Matthews fiercely-driven cross after combining well down the left with Aiden Kavanagh. 1-1 was how it stayed until Half-Time though and the Second Half followed the same pattern with both defences on top, much to the frustration of myself filming the match from a perfect high vantage point at the back of the main stand! Indeed there were only two clear-cut chances in the Second Half, one to each side. Brotherhood's keeper made an excellent point-blank save to deny Aiden Kavanagh after only our second decent move of the match, while our own Stephen Roussety made a good save with his legs late on to preserve our unbeaten record so far this season. On the balance of play, we certainly didn't do enough to win the match and a point on an unfamiliar playing surface for us may well turn out to be a good result come the end of the season as it is becoming clear that there are now seven teams in the Division who are all going to give each other very close games.

LAURENCE HUGHES