

Sunday 14th August 2016

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

**Kick-Off:** 10.33.a.m.

**Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....2 BROXBOURNE RANGERS OLD BOYS ... 6** *Half-Time: 1-2*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 / 4-3-3 HT)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Zac TROULLOUS	
18	RB	Martin CRUICKSHANK	OFF (inj.) 73
15	CB	Ivan BASS	29 Mins.
16	CB/CM HT	Tyronne PETRIE	
3	LB/LM 31/LB HT	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF 26/BACK ON 31
8	RM/CF 61	Stefan ANTONIOU	OFF 20/BACK ON 61
7	CM	Tem ADIL	OFF 68
12	CM	Khaheem MCKENZIE	OFF 59/BACK ON 68
19	LM/CM 59	Connor KAVANAGH	
11	CF/RM 20	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	
9	CF	Tom CROAKE	OFF 31/BACK ON 59
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
10	CF	Benji RICKETTS	ON 20/ OFF 61
14	LB/RB 73	Daniel COLDWELL	ON 26/ OFF HT/BACK ON 73
17	CB	Lexton HARRISON	ON HT

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Not Required

**ATTENDANCE:** 17

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes, R.Bennett, C.Baalam, R.McKay

**OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10):** N/A **OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents):** N/A

**REFEREE:** Dan Richardson

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

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Cloudy.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Dry, but flat with grass cut.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (9 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Injured), Danny Hagan (Working), Hal Ozkan (Away), Rhys McKay (Injured), Andreas Kriticos (Away), Chris Kriticos (Away)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Curtis Baalam (Injured in Warm-Up), Daniel Daley ('No Show'), Jack Bangs ('No Show')

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):** 1. Luke Winwood (GK); 4. Rod Andrews (RB), 2. Gary Brownjohn (CB), 8. Billy Brownjohn (CB), 20. James Thorne (LB); 19. Iain Green (RM), 2. Jamie Golledge (CM), 14. Jake Hammond (CM), 10. Jamie Stone (LM); 16. Paul Stevens (CF...Captain), 12. Alan Green (CF)

**Subs.:** 23. Thomas Poulter (On after 37 Mins. for B.Brownjohn)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Golledge (6 Mins.), Thorne (16 Mins.), Stevens (52 Mins.), A.Green (64, 73, 87 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT**

Our second Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer saw us take on Broxbourne Rangers Old Boys, who were regular opponents of ours over the past 20 seasons in the now-defunct Waltham Sunday League. We beat them 3-2 in a Pre-Season Friendly last Summer and were expecting to achieve a similar scoreline until Danny Hagan dropped out due to work commitments, Curtis Baalam injured himself in the warm-up, and Daniel Daley & Jack Bangs simply failed to turn up. Although we still had a squad of 14 after the unsuspecting Lexton Harrison arrived later with the intention of only watching the match, we had too much last-minute sorting out to do, and that resulted in Rangers OB's taking the lead after just 6 minutes when their Mile Jedinak-lookalike midfielder Jamie Golledge ploughed through some weak challenges on the by-line and sidefooted the ball in off Tyronne Petrie's legs to beat keeper Zac Troullous at his near post. We then found ourselves 2-0 down after just 16 minutes...almost exactly the same as the week before !... when Ivan Bass misjudged the flight of the ball in attempting a defensive header from a free-kick and allowed an unmarked James Thorne to score easily as the ball sailed over his head. However, Ivan made up for that error when he pulled a goal back in the 29th minute with an excellent header from Tem Adil's corner, but that was our only real clear-cut chance of the half and Manager Tony McKay had to give everyone a kick up the backside during his Half-Time teamtalk as the performance had been very flat. We played much better in the Second Half though and started creating chances straight away, but then a quality delivery from a free-kick by Rangers OB's Alan Green in the 52nd minute saw their skipper Paul Stevens out-jump Aiden Kavanagh at the far post to make it 3-1 and we then really needed to start taking some of our chances. Thankfully Khaheem McKenzie did just that two minutes later to make it 3-2 with a close-range finish after Connor Kavanagh's header had been cleared off the line, but then Rangers forward Alan Green scored a spectacular volley to put his side 4-2 up in the 64th minute and we were never really likely to come back from that. Things then got worse for us defensively as we struggled with injuries and a lack of a proper goalkeeper as Zac Troullous allowed a cross from Alan Green to go straight over him into the net after 73 minutes to make it 5-2 and he then gifted Green his hat-trick three minutes from time to make the final score 6-2 after he allowed a long free-kick to bounce off his knees. We created more chances than our opponents in the Second Half though, so that was an encouraging sign against a good experienced side, but with first-choice keeper Grant Baker out injured and no sign of a settled back four yet, there are still things to sort out defensively before the season starts.

**LAURENCE HUGHES**