

Sunday 22nd April 2018

MATCH NOT FILMED

Inter-League Challenge Cup Quarter-Final at Hackney Marshes (East Marsh Pitch One)

Kick-Off: 10.50.a.m. (Various players late)

Result: **BURDETT** 1 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 4 Half-Time: 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER	
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON	
16	CB	Richard HARRIS	
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)	
3	LB	Oshade WATSON	OFF 65
15	CM Holding	Ivan BASS	60 Mins.
8	CM Holding	Henry AKINSANMI	80 Mins.
20	RM	Jordan UMPIRE	OFF 75
10	ACM	Jack BANGS	OFF 60
11	LM/ACM 60	Daniel DALEY	74 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	20 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES			
19	LM/RM 75	Nana OBENG	ON 60
12	LB	Sam WOOLLEY	ON 65
18	LM	Vishal PATEL	ON 75
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:			

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 15

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes (Until 85th minute)

REFEREE: ?

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

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

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): TBA

BOOKINGS: Grant Baker (Dissent... 40 Mins)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Hot & Sunny.

STATE OF PITCH: Rock Hard & Bobbly.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players) Tyronne Petrie (Working), Anees Ikramullah (Coaching ?), Curtis Baalam (Working),

Aiden Kavanagh (University) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Tom Croake (No Show)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): No Team Details

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: ? (40 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With a large number of prospective new players for next season having played in our recent Friendly match against Valentine United the week before we played our final League game last Sunday, we therefore agreed to enter this much-delayed Inter-League Cup competition involving eight selected teams from our League, the Hackney & Leyton Sunday League and the Inner London (Bangladeshi Community) Sunday League...from which our opponents Burdett came from. The competition rules are such that anybody can play, so we were hoping that Aiden Kavanagh's younger brother Keiran and his friends would provide the bulk of our line-up for this Quarter-Final, but as they were not interested, we ended up with just the one new player from that Valentine United Friendly match in defender Richard Harris, while the rest of our squad of 14 that turned up on the day were mainly regulars from this season, some of whom had not been in the best of form. With Burdett in a similar position to us in their own League table though, we soon found out that they were not as strong as the likes of Hornsey & Highgate who we had played the week before, especially defensively where we had already got in behind them a couple of times before Ayo Matthews put us 1-0 up after approximately 20 minutes with an emphatic finish after bursting his way through on goal. The timings for this match are approximate because the game was not being filmed with cameraman Laurence Hughes already having a prior appointment to film a Cup Final elsewhere and having to leave before the end of this match. That may well have taken the pressure off our players who had been under fire from various trolls on You Tube for their recent performances, while it may also have left Burdett deflated and disappointed. However, we gifted them an equaliser towards the end of the First Half when Richard Harris made his only mistake of the match in not clearing the ball and allowing a cross to come in which Grant Baker then fumbled at the feet of an apparently offside attacking midfielder for a simple tap-in. The Referee was not using any Assistants though, and then booked Grant for his protests. With the scoreline 1-1 at Half-Time and no roll-on, roll-off substitutions being allowed, Manager Tony McKay resisted the opportunity to bring on any substitutes for the start of the Second Half despite Jack Bangs in particular suffering from the blazing hot sun. However, Jack was able to be taken off after Ivan Bass had stolen the ball off Ayo Matthews toe to prod us into a 2-1 lead after about 60 minutes as we always looked like winning the match after that. Indeed the introduction of Nana Obeng straight after that goal saw us create more chances with Daniel Daley making it 3-1 shortly afterwards with a well-struck half-volley from the edge of the area after a corner had been cleared straight to him. We then wrapped the game up with about 10 minutes left when holding midfielder Henry Akinsanmi burst through the middle onto a clever backheeled pass from Ayo Matthews to beat the Burdett keeper with a good finish in a one-on-one. We also missed several other chances in the Second Half as our players confidence suddenly returned after months of anxiety and arguments in our League matches where every game has been tough for us this season. It was therefore a good decision to enter this competition in the end, but we are likely to face a much tougher test if we want to go on reach the Final...whenever that might be.