

Sunday 15th January 2017

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Hazelwood Recreation Ground

Kick-Off: 11.00.a.m.

Result: **CALCIO**0 **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....7 **Half-Time:** 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		89 Mins.
5	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF 82	45 Mins.
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 84	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 81	
8	RM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF 69	
19	ACM/CM Holding	Connor KAVANAGH		
11	LM	Daniel DALEY	OFF (Inj.) 42 / BACK ON 80	26 Mins.
9	CF/LM42	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF 80	80 (Pen.) Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
17	CF	Johan AHIPEAUD	ON 42	56, 59 Mins.
7	RM	Jack BANGS	ON 69	
6	CM Holding/LB82	Chris LUE	ON 81	
10	ACM/CM Holding84	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 82	
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	ON 84	86 Mins.

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 21

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, B.Cleary, S.Jackson

REFEREE: Dan Richardson

BOOKINGS: Two Calcio Players

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Constant Light Rain. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Absolute Mudbath !

UNAVAILABILITY: (One Player) Tyronne Petrie (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-3-3): 1. Giorgio Mindikkis (GK); 2. Ozgur Eric (RB), 5. Tolu Popoola (CB...Captain), 14. Ibrahim Sari (CB), 3. Chris Philippou (LB); -. Luqman Oloko (CM Holding), -. Kemal Osman (CM), 17. Ishan Sari (CM); 8. Andrew Symeou (RM), 9. Tobi Popoola (CF), 12. Jauvique Sweeney (LM)

Subs Used: 10. Aristos Aristotelous, -. Joseph Posner, -. Armani Griffiths, 1. Chris Eracleous (GK)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

With our in-form opponents Calcio having beaten third-placed Churchbury 6-0 the week before, we were certainly anticipating our toughest match of the season so far going into this game, and as such, we fielded a really strong squad with Ayo Matthews, Daniel Daley & Chris Lue all returning after missing the previous week's 7-1 win against Northaw. We were also looking forward to playing on our old home pitch at Hazelwood again after 18 months of playing at our new home ground at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club, but unfortunately Curtis Baalam, Ayo Matthews & Harold Ofori thought our old home ground was at Enfield Playing Fields for some reason and went there instead, while Lexton Harrison also went and overslept, leading to the usual mass panic just before the kick-off from key players missing the warm-up and struggling to sign the teamsheet in the pouring rain. Thankfully though, that didn't seem to affect us too much and we got on top straight away, but with Ayo squandering three early chances after going clean through on goal, we had to wait until the 26th minute before opening the scoring when Daniel Daley volleyed in from close range after Leon McKenzie-McKay's shot had deflected off a defender. Daley was then denied a second in the 35th minute when Calcio keeper Giorgio Mindikkis pulled off a brilliant point-blank save to stop what would have been a Goal Of The Season contender, but we then came under a bit of pressure ourselves for the first time in the match with Aiden Kavanagh having to make three crucial blocks in the 6-yard box in the space of five seconds in the 40th minute after we gave away a needless free-kick. When Calcio gave away a free-kick themselves on the edge of their area right on the half-time whistle though, Aiden then made them pay by using the wet and muddy surface to sidefoot the ball under keeper Mindikkis and into the bottom corner to give us a 2-0 Half-Time lead which we fully deserved on the balance of play. With Johan Ahipeaud coming on as a substitute just before the break to give us an even stronger presence up front, we then dominated the Second Half, playing some of our best football so far this season. Johan put us 3-0 up in the 56th minute, toe-poking home from an acute angle after Calcio's defenders bizarrely all stood off him, then he grabbed his second and our fourth just three minutes later after beating a suicidal offside trap and going clean through from Connor Kavanagh's perfectly weighted pass. Calcio were then forced into a goalkeeping substitution due to injury, but their replacement, Player-Secretary Chris Eracleous, gave away a penalty in the 80th minute by bringing down Johan Ahipeaud from which Ayo Matthews confidently scored from the spot to make it 5-0. With us using all five substitutes late on to give us some fresh legs on the strength-sapping pitch, we then scored two more with Tom Croake making it 6-0 in the 86th minute after keeper Eracleous dropped a Jack Bangs cross, then defender Ivan Bass wrapped up the scoring in the 89th minute with a far post header from another good cross from Jack following a short corner. It was another really impressive display from us, and it was clear that our vastly improved fitness this season was certainly a key factor in such a good win on what was a really difficult surface to play on.

LAURENCE HUGHES