

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Pre-Season Friendly at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.40 a.m. (Should have been 10.30 but opposition goalkeeper went to the wrong ground !)

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 4 **CAMDEN LOCK (Firsts)** 0 **Half-Time:** 1-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-5-2)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
2	RCB/RWB 37/RCB HT	Fergus MURRAY	OFF 66
4	SW/RWB HT/LCB 54	Chris JORDANOU	
18	LCB/RCB 66	Tobi CHARLES	OFF 54/BACK ON 66
11	RWB/CF 37/RWB 77	Harry DORWARD	OFF 68/BACK ON 77
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE	
15	DCM	Sam PRITCHETT (Captain)	
10	CM	Oliver HEARN-LEER	76 Mins.
7	LWB/CF HT/RWB 54	Christian ELLIS	OFF 77
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF HT/BACK ON 68
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	OFF 37/BACK ON 54
SUBSTITUTES			
19	RCB/SW HT	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	ON 37
6	LWB	Josh GILMORE	ON HT

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Not Required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 27

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Keith Savage, Tim & Verity Wakeford

REFEREE: Stuart Ansher

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

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Sunny. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (8 Players): Natan Pawlaczyk, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Dapo Alaoye, Tairique Harrison, Tre Maxwell, Michael Menzies (All with Other Commitments), Gianni Dipo (Injured), Bradley Ismaili (On Holiday)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Paul (GK); -. Chris (RB), 25. Niall Joyce (RCH), 24. Dahir Mohamed (LCH), 16. Darren Tullett (LB); 17. Charlie (DCM...Capt.); 15. Anthony (RM), 12. Oscar (RCM), 22. Kyneil Grant (LCM), 5. Abdul (LM); 8. Peter (CF)
Subs. 1. Patience Ndikita-Dos (GK), 6. Shane Johnson, 18. Steven

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

This was the first Sunday of the new Barnet League season, but as we had no fixture due to North London Panthers dropping out of the League, we were able to arrange a Friendly against Division 4 side Camden Lock as we had our new Home pitch available at Enfield Playing Fields. Amazingly, the pitch was in even better condition than the Edmonton Sports & Social Club pitches that we had been using for the previous 8 years, but even though the weather was also perfect with no wind whatsoever, a large number of our players decided to give this game a miss for some reason. However, that allowed two more prospective new players in Fergus Murray and substitute Josh Gilmore to make their Rovers debuts, while Oliver Hearn-Leer also had another run-out after making his first appearance for the club in our previous Friendly. This was also Josh Wakeford's first match as our new Player-Manager and he decided to go for a 3-5-2 formation with Charlie Savage, Sam Pritchett and Oliver forming a very strong bond in the centre of midfield straight away with us creating five clear-cut chances in the first 10 minutes as we passed our way straight through our opponents at will. However, a combination of some excellent saves by Camden's two First Half goalkeepers and some wasteful finishing meant we didn't take the lead until the 39th minute when Harry Dorward rifled in a low shot on the turn from the edge of the area and we were unable to capitalise on that with any further goals until the 69th minute when a Camden defender allowed a Josh Gilmore through ball to run under his foot for Myreon Keane to run on and make it 2-0 with ease. Our third goal came just seven minutes later though when Oliver Hearn-Leer side-footed in from 12 yards after a good move involving Harvey Antoniou and Myreon Keane, then Myreon finished off the scoring with his second goal of the game in the 83rd minute after running onto a Harry Dorward through ball to evade the last defender with some good footwork and slot it past the keeper. Although our opponents only had one shot on target all match (which trickled along the ground straight at Josh Wakeford) and were worse than any team we played in Division Five last season, it was another excellent all-round performance by our young players. Hopefully we can keep this up once we start playing competitive matches this season.