

Sunday 18th September 2016

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 11)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **CHURCHBURY**2 **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 3 **Half-Time:** 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY		
14	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		
2	CB	Harold OFORI		
12	LB	Tyronne PETRIE		
6	CM Holding	Khaheem McKENZIE		
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 54	
11	RM	Daniel DALEY	OFF 64	
17	ACM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		22 (Pen.) Mins.
3	LM	Aiden KAVANAGH		
19	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		48 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
10	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 54	
8	RM	Chris KRITICOS	ON 64	
7	Not Used	Tem ADIL		
9	Not Used	Zac TROULLOUS		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us: Mathew Milsom (43 Mins.)				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 31

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, T.Hughes, A.Barnard, T.Beeden, P.Rebairo

REFEREE: Andreas Georgiou

BOOKINGS: Eamoin Meaney (Churchbury) (46 Mins...Persistent Fouling), Chris Brett (Churchbury) (Dissent...50 Mins.),

Pantelis Panayiotou (Churchbury) (Dissent...84 Mins.), Ivan Bass (Dissent... 89 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect apart from a few 'dips'.

UNAVAILABILITY: (6 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Working & Injured), Danny Hagan (Injured), Rhys McKay (Injured), Connor Kavanagh (Other Commitments), Martin Cruickshank (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Curtis Baalam (Working)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Stuart Taylor (GK...Captain); 2. Ricky Visocchi (RB), 6. Mathew Milsom (CB), 5. Rory Myles (CB), 3. Luigi Ruggiero (LB); 4. Chris Brett (CM Holding); 7. Ben Conway (RM), 8. Tom Dean (CM), 9. Eamoin Meaney (CM), 11. Steve Eaton (LM); 10. Jamie Stevens (CF)

Subs.: 15. Paul Cutts (On after 75 Mins. for Meaney), 12. Pantelis Panayiotou (On after 78 Mins. for Ruggiero)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Stevens (71, 88 (Pen.) Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Both sides came into this match with a 100% record, although we had only played one match compared to Churchbury's two and they were therefore sitting at the top of the Division Two table as a result. Manager Tony McKay had some thinking to do before the kick-off when Curtis Baalam dropped out due to work commitments as that left us short of a midfield holding player with Danny Hagan also out injured, but he decided to stick with the 4-2-3-1 formation we had beaten Grange Park with the week before by sticking attacking midfielder Khaheem McKenzie in there so that Aiden Kavanagh could play further forward, leaving Tyrone Petrie to fill in at left-back again. Once the match started though, it soon became evident that unlike most Sunday League officials who are 'old school' in allowing players to get away with physical challenges, Referee Georgiou was very much going by FIFA's recommendations of trying to make the game a non-contact sport instead. However, that helped us take the lead in the 22nd minute when we were awarded a penalty for an innocuous challenge on Ayo Matthews, with Leon McKenzie-McKay then confidently scoring from the spot. The rest of the First Half was very scrappy with a free-kick seemingly being given for one side or the other every 30 seconds, although we did miss a great chance to score a Goal Of The Season contender in the 39th minute but Leon somehow managed to fire into the side netting. We needed another slice of luck to go in at Half-Time 2-0 up though when Tyrone Petrie's long free-kick was headed backwards past his own keeper by Churchbury defender Mathew Milsom just two minutes before the break, then we increased our lead even further three minutes into the Second Half when Ayo Matthews finished well in a one-on-one with keeper Taylor from Daniel Daley's through ball to make it 3-0. At that stage it looked as if we were home and dry, but Churchbury were a very determined side, and even though they missed a penalty in the 55th minute when Steve Eaton fired against the post, they pulled a goal back in the 71st minute when lone forward Jamie Stevens sidefooted in from a cleverly-worked free-kick and they then put us under immense pressure thereafter as our lack of experienced holding players for this match started to tell. Thankfully it wasn't until the 89th minute that we gave away another penalty when Lexton Harrison fouled midfielder Tom Dean in the area with Stevens easily making it 3-2 from the spot for his second of the match. With Churchbury running out of time for an equaliser, we were relieved to get the three points, but it was not a great performance and we will need to improve in certain areas if we want to win the title. **LAURENCE HUGHES**