

Sunday 20th November 2016

Barnet Sunday League Senior Cup Second Round Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 11)

Kick-Off: 10.38.a.m. (Referee Late)

Result: CHURCHBURY.....0 EDMONTON ROVERS0 *Half-Time: 0-0*

Edmonton Rovers won 4-3 on penalties

SHIRT NUMBER		TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES	PENALTIES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY			
4	RB	Chris KRITICOS			
15	CB	Ivan BASS			
16	CB	Harold OFORI			5th (Scored)
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH			
17	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE (Captain)			
19	CM Holding	Connor KAVANAGH			2nd (Scored)
11	RM	Daniel DALEY			3rd (Scored)
6	ACM	Khaheem MCKENZIE			4th (Missed)
5	LM	Peter AKOM	OFF 74		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS			1st (Scored)
SUBSTITUTES					
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	ON 74		
7	Not Used	Tem ADIL			
10	Not Used	Andreas KRITICOS			
8	Not Used	Hal OZKAN			
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:					

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 18

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, Z.Troullous, B.Ankrah, C.Lue

REFEREE: Andrea Manzini

BOOKINGS: Eamoin Meaney (Churchbury) (? Mins...Persistent Fouling)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Light Rain & Drizzle. Stiff breeze down pitch - against us in First Half.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect (by Enfield Playing Fields standards !)

UNAVAILABILITY: (7 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Family Commitments), Danny Hagan (Physio), Tyronne Petrie (Working), Curtis Baalam (Working), Rod Bennett (Assistant Manager) (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Leon McKenzie-McKay (Injured), Lexton Harrison (Working), Rhys McKay (Social Commitments)

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

Subs.: Paul Cutts, Rory Myles

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

OPPONENTS' PENALTIES: Adams (1st...Missed), Milsom (2nd...Scored), Stevens (3rd...Scored), Meaney (4th...Scored), Brett (5th...Missed)

MATCH REPORT

We turned up for this League Senior Cup match against our fellow Division Two title contenders Churchbury with a number of key players missing including skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay and our most experienced defender Lexton Harrison, both of whom had to drop out on the morning of the match. We also had no Assistant Manager on the touchline as Rod Bennett had to work, while goalkeeping coach Bob Cleary was unable to attend until right on the kick-off due to family commitments, so with the constant heavy drizzle making it impossible for our players to put their signatures on the team-sheet, we were in a bit of disarray (compared to normal) during our warm-up. With Churchbury turning up with what appeared to be a full-strength side (and having been able to fill-in their side of the teamsheet in the changing rooms, being the Home team), we could well have found ourselves under the cosh in this match early on as we faced the wind and rain, and indeed Churchbury did have the better of a goal-less First Half in terms of number of shots at goal, but they were mainly half-chances and we defended really well with Chris Kriticos doing a good job standing in for Lexton at right-back, while new signing Peter Akom also did well in midfield in getting tackles in as we faced a tough battle with Churchbury obviously determined not to let in 8 goals again as they had in a freak result against Division One side Oakwood Town in the League Junior Cup the week before. Unfortunately for us, Churchbury didn't flag against the wind in the Second Half and the closest we came to scoring was when Stephen Roussety's drop-kick late on had to be tipped over by his opposite number ! With ourselves defending resolutely as well and no Extra-Time being played in League Cup matches any more, the game eventually ended goal-less and had to be settled by a penalty shoot-out which we managed to win 4-3 when Stephen got down to block Chris Brett's effort with his thigh and the ball bounced away off the top of the crossbar. Although Khaheem McKenzie missed his penalty when Churchbury keeper Taylor made a brilliant fingertip save, Ayo Matthews, Connor Kavanagh, Daniel Daley and Harold Ofori all converted theirs to send us into the next round in what was our third successful penalty shoot-out in a row, the last two being back in Season 2007-2008.

LAURENCE HUGHES