

Sunday 21st January 2018

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

Kick-Off: 10.45.a.m. (Referee got lost !)

Result: **CHURCHBURY** 6 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 2 **Half-Time:** 4-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 4-4-2 HT)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	James GIBBS	
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON	
4	CB	Jamie MEHMET	
20	CB	Tyronne PETRIE (Captain)	
5	LB	Oshade WATSON	OFF (Inj.) 89
3	CM Holding /CM HT	Anees IKRAMULLAH	
18	CM Holding /CM 70	Vishal PATEL	OFF (Inj.) 22 / BACK ON 70
8	RM	Jack BANGS	OFF (Inj.) 45
10	ACM/CM HT/CF 70	George HOUSE	
9	LM/CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	50 Mins.
6	CF/LM/CF HT	Godfrey TAY	OFF (Inj.) 68 49 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES			
11	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 22 / OFF HT
14	RM	Jordan UMPIRE	ON 45
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	ON HT
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:			

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 17

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, H.Ofori, Oshade's Two New Players

REFEREE: Dylan Ossei

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Freezing Cold (1°C) with rain/sleet in First Half and near-blizzard snow in Second Half !

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy, but not waterlogged.

UNAVAILABILITY: (6 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay (Broken Ankle), Harold Ofori (Ankle Injury), Daniel Daley (Injured), Ivan Bass (Away), Taurean Bryan (Knee Injury) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Curtis Baalam (Overslept)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Mal Saphiris (GK); 5. Neil Adams (RB), 6. Matthew Milson (CB...Captain), 2. Charalambous Panayiotou (CB), 3. Ricky Visocchi (LB); 7. Ben Conway (RM), 4. Kevin Dennis (CM), 10. Ted Keeble (CM), 8. Tom Dean (LM); 9. Dan Youens (CF), 11. Jamie Stevens (LM)

Subs.: 17. George Ellinas, 16. Chris Brett, 15. Lee Alderman (All on during the Second Half)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Stevens (17, 36, 38 Mins.), Milsom (31 Mins.), Ellinas (65, 88 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this game having failed to win in our last 9 matches and with numerous disillusioned (and/or unreliable) players having left the club since the Christmas break. We also had six regulars unavailable including key midfielder Curtis Baalam who failed to turn up after forgetting to put his alarm on. However, we have always got new players wanting to join us and bolster the squad, and for this game we had two more making their debuts in goalkeeper James Gibbs and forward Godfrey Tay, while Jamie Mehmet, Oshade Watson and substitute Jordan Umpire were playing in only their second games for the club. Despite these constant changes in personnel, we actually started the match reasonably well until Oshade gave a free-kick away in the 17th minute which Churchbury dangerman Jamie Stevens placed into the far bottom corner to put them 1-0 up. It was then that our injury woes continued with Vishal Patel limping off in the 22nd minute with an ankle problem, but we managed to create some good chances despite that, only to be foiled by two or three excellent saves from our ex-keeper Mal Saphiris in the Churchbury goal. At that stage it looked as if it would continue to be a close game, but then in the 31st minute, Vish's replacement Andreas Kriticos gave away another free-kick in the same position as Oshade had earlier, and this time Stevens whipped the ball in for Churchbury skipper Matt Milsom to make it 2-0 with a close-range finish after a scramble in the area. With us having already lost 5-0 to them earlier this season, our heads then really went down after that and Stevens made it 3-0 just five minutes later as he ran onto a through ball to finish easily. It was then no surprise to see Stevens complete his hat-trick after 38 minutes to make it 4-0 with a tap-in after our new keeper James Gibbs had made a great save from a close-range header from a corner, and we were then lucky that Churchbury squandered one or two other good chances before the break. We then had another major setback just before the Half-Time whistle when Jack Bangs had to limp off with what looked like a serious ankle ligament problem, but we had a good team-talk to sort out some things during the break, and after switching to a 4-4-2 formation by bringing on Tom Croake for Andreas Kriticos, we managed to pull a goal back in the 49th minute when Godfrey Tay scored on his debut with a neat header from Oshade Watson's cross. That gave us a lot of confidence and amazingly, Ayo Matthews made it 4-2 just a minute later from close range after a good run down the right from Jordan Umpire. We were playing really well at that stage, and clawing back the deficit completely was not unthinkable. However, Churchbury substitute George Ellinas then scored the next goal of the game in the 65th minute to make it 5-2 after rounding keeper Gibbs and there was no way back for us after that with a blizzard starting to hamper the players vision and more of our players starting to suffer from general fitness problems and pulled muscles which saw us effectively playing with only 9 men at the end with the disgruntled Andreas Kriticos having stormed off home at Half-Time. Ellinas then added a 6th goal in the 88th minute as a result of those injuries and it was a miserable day all round for us in the end.