

Sunday 4th February 2024

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.45 a.m. (*Opponents Late*)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 COLNEY HATCH ATHLETIC 0 *Half-Time: 2-0*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2 / 3-4-3 58)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
15	RCB	Sam PRITCHETT		
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
3	LCB	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		13 Mins.
7	RWB/CM 87	Christian ELLIS	OFF 79/BACK ON 87	
11	CM	Harry DORWARD	OFF 87	
20	CM	Frankie GEORGE	OFF 87	
18	LWB/RWB 79	Tobi CHARLES	OFF 62/BACK ON 79	
12	ACM/CF 58/CM 87	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	OFF 83/BACK ON 87	9, 66 Mins.
9	CF/LCF 72	Myreon KEANE	OFF 58/BACK ON 72	
10	CF/LCF 58/CF 83	Jordan AMUSAN	OFF 72/BACK ON 83	
SUBSTITUTES				
16	RCF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 58	
17	LWB	Eddie COX	ON 62	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us: Muhammed Faiz (GK) (55 Mins.)				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 54

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

REFEREE: Josh Jones

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with very strong wind across pitch, especially in the Second Half.

STATE OF PITCH: Badly churned-up with long grass.

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players): Jack Vanvynck, Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (*All Injured*), Paddy Baynes, Tairique Harrison, Omari Vermont, Fergus Murray (*Other Commitments*), Daniel Schwartz-Gee (*Working*), Michael Menzies (*Playing Youth Football*), Max Francis (*No Show - Overslept*)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-1-3): 1. Muhammed Faiz (GK); 20. Dekoye Coker (RB), 3. Jun Ming Shik (RCB), 97. Abdallah Abdallah (LCB), 95. Aaron Hagos (LB); 26. Louis Zscherpel (RCM), 30. Hatim Hussein (LCM); 12. Adnan Saffour (ACM); 7. Avi Kabrielian (RW...Captain), 4. Arnav Jhanji (CF), 24/26. Seth Ayers (LW)
Subs. 22. Ahmed Khamis, 99. Akhil Palaniappan, 24. Bhavik Somani (*All Used Roll-On, Roll-Off*)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT... Although we had several players making themselves unavailable, we were still able to field a very strong starting line-up for this match with Tobi Charles returning after a seven-week ankle injury lay-off and Sam Pritchett available to play a rare game to help us out with numerous other defenders missing. With three wins and a draw from our last four matches and only three goals conceded in our last five, we started the game full of confidence even though Colney Hatch were level on points with us in the table and also had an identical record to us from their last four matches. With our opponents in a bit of disarray having turned up late though, we found ourselves 2-0 up after just 13 minutes as Rashawn Bennett-Dyer pounced on a bad backpass to fire in off the underside of the crossbar in the 9th minute and just four minutes later skipper Charlie Savage came up from the left-sided centre-back position he was playing in this match to find the top corner with a well-struck shot from the edge of the area after good build-up play from Jordan Amusan and Rashawn. Colney Hatch then had more players turn up who they brought on as substitutes to supposedly make them stronger, but we still dominated the rest of the First Half, creating numerous chances which either went high and wide or were well saved by keeper Faiz. The Second Half was more difficult for us as the wind really started whipping up with near gale-force gusts blowing across the pitch...and nearly blowing the cameraman off his platform on several occasions... and with the playing surface badly churned-up and bobbly as well, it became harder to get our shots at goal accurate enough to beat an increasingly competent keeper. However, Faiz did make a mistake in the 55th minute when he somehow diverted a low cross from Christian Ellis into his own net as he tried to dive on the ball, that error putting us 3-0 up and effectively killing the game off, then Rashawn made it 4-0 in the 66th minute with an excellent finish into the roof of the net after turning a defender inside out. Both sides then continued to make numerous roll-on, roll-off substitutions to give all their players a decent amount of minutes on the pitch and Josh Wakeford did have to make a couple of good saves in the Second Half to keep him in contention of winning the League's Top Goalkeeper award with his fourth clean sheet of the season, but we had four times as many chances as our opponents and the final scoreline didn't flatter us at all in the end as we gave ourselves an outside chance of actually winning the Division Five title if we win our final two games and other results go our way.