

Sunday 21st October 2018

**Barnet Sunday League Senior Cup, Second Round Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 8)**

**Kick-Off:** 10.35.a.m. (Jack late - Overslept)

**Result:** CREWS HILL..... 2 **EDMONTON ROVERS** ..... 4 **Half-Time:** 2-3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
5	RCB	Lexton HARRISON		
20	LCB	Tyronne PETRIE (Captain)		
4	LB	Oshade WATSON		
15	CM Holding	Ashley-James SMITH	OFF (Inj.) 75	
17	CM Holding	Nassir ALI		
11	RM/ACM 35	Daniel DALEY		
10	ACM	Jack BANGS	OFF (Ill) 35	17 Mins.
12	LM/RM HT	Tom CROAKE		4 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		23, 52 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
7	RM/LM HT	Mohamed ALI	ON 35	
19	CM Holding	Dave NGUYEN	ON 75	

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Not required by Referee

**ATTENDANCE:** 17

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes, R.Bennett, B.Cleary, L.Bennett

**REFEREE:** Mihaly Barat

**BOOKINGS:** Anthony Kyriacou (Crews Hill) - Dissent (89 Mins.) **SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Warm & Sunny. No wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Dry & Flat. Grass cut !

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (13 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay, Richard Harris, Rafiel Johnson, Eni Bezati, Ivan Bass, Nathan Allen, Vishal Patel (All Injured), Troy Blake, Daniel Cascoe (Both Away), Aiden Kavanagh, Nana Obeng, Said Said (Other Commitments)  
**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Curtis Baalam (Overslept)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Mark Campbell (GK); 10. Andrew Frangiamore (RB), 12. Ali Sucu (RCB), 15. Anthony Kyriacou (LCB), 3. Chris Philippou (LB); 13. Panicos Eleftheriou (CM Holding), 4. Shahin Ahmet (CM Holding); 14. Andrew Symeou (RM), 9. Haralambos Symeou (ACM), 11. Luke Symeou (LM); 18. Nicholas Chrysanthou (CF...Captain)  
**Sub.** 7. Andrew Georgiou (On for Eleftheriou - 20 Mins.)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Chrysanthou (30 Mins.), Georgiou (39 Mins.)

### **MATCH REPORT**

We received a Bye in the First Round of this competition, which the League 'mistakenly' named as the Senior Cup instead of the Challenge Cup, even though it is for all teams in all the four divisions. We were drawn Away to Division Two side Crews Hill for this Second Round match, and with them having only won once in six matches so far this season and having suffered some heavy defeats, we were expecting an easy game and were not too worried when we were left with a squad of only 13 due to numerous first-choice players making themselves unavailable. However, in-form midfielder Curtis Baalam then overslept after a night out and failed to turn up, leaving us having to turn to an Emergency Registration player at the last minute in Ashley-James Smith, so not surprisingly our teamwork in the centre of midfield was not as good as in recent matches with Ashley not knowing anybody apart from Tom Croake, who had brought him along. Despite that, we managed to take the lead after just 4 minutes when Croake hit a looping left-footed shot from the edge of the area which went in off the underside of the crossbar, then we extended our lead after 17 minutes when Jack Bangs saw keeper Mark Campbell off his line and lobbed him with a half-volley from way outside the area. When Ayo Matthews made it 3-0 after just 23 minutes with a quality finish in a one-on-one with keeper Campbell from Jack Bangs perfectly-weighted through ball, it looked like we would run riot with the Crews Hill defence deciding to play a dodgy offside trap and with Referee Mihaly Barat refusing to use the two competent Club Linesmen who were offering their services, but they had been looking useful in attack despite our commanding lead with Ian Whitmore having to make two or three good saves before skipper Nicholas Chrysanthou stormed past four of our players in a run from the halfway line to pull a goal back with a screamer into the top corner in the 30th minute. That goal really fired Crews Hill up and they then made it 3-2 just nine minutes later when Whitmore fumbled a long-range shot straight to substitute Andrew Georgiou, who was left with an easy tap-in, but we re-grouped at Half-Time and went into a 4-2 lead just seven minutes after the break when substitute Mo Ali put Ayo Matthews through to cleverly turn the last defender and fire into the roof of the net. The rest of the match saw Crews Hill throw players forward in an attempt to get back into the game but they left themselves wide open at the back in doing so and the game could easily have finished 8-7 to us with an incredible amount of chances wasted by both sides late on in what was a really entertaining end-to-end match for any neutral watching. We will clearly need to field a stronger squad if we want to progress any further in this competition though, as our lower-ranked opponents in this game certainly gave us one almighty scare.