

Sunday 14th September 2014

London F.A. Sunday Junior Cup First Round Match at the Footscray Rugby Club, New Eltham

Kick-Off: 10.37.a.m. (Pitch 'miles away' from changing rooms & Referee 'late').

Result: **DANSON ALBION**3 **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 2 Half-Time: 2-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Mal SAPHIRIS	
14	RB	Lexton HARRISON	OFF (Inj.) 83
9	CH	Terry MOORE	
5	CH	Alan BARNARD	
3	LB	Sean CUMMINS	
6	RM	George STAHLMANN	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	
15	CM/RB 83	Krishan SINGH	
7	LM	Tem ADIL	
10	CF/CM 83	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	21, 23 Mins.
12	CF	Tony ECCLES	
SUBSTITUTES			
4	CF	Danny HAGAN	ON 83

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: James Hatchett

CLUB LINESMAN: Danny Hagan (First Half Only) / Nobody in Second Half

ATTENDANCE: 13

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, M.Taylor, M.Sharman

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE: Andrei Pintilii

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): CONFIDENTIAL

BOOKINGS: Hawkes (Danson Albion) (32 Mins...Foul), Stillwell (Danson Albion) (53 Mins...Delaying Throw-In), D.Jarman (Danson Albion) (79 Mins...Foul)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Sunny

STATE OF PITCH: Very small with big slope in one corner.

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Jack Bangs (In America), Justin Dickinson (Futsal), Daniel Daley (Ankle Injury), Michael Sharman (Knee Injury), Michael Taylor (Chest Infection), Chris Webb (Dead Leg), Garry Cover (Suspended), Josh Toumany (Ankle Injury), Andre Bennett (Thigh Injury), Ali 'TJ' Sowe (Groin Strain), Younes Jouied (Chest Infection)

Saturday/Sunday Drop-Outs: Kevin Dennis (Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Dean Cairns (GK); 2. Scott Stillwell (RB), 7. Billy Standen (CH), 6. Dan Cummings (CH), 17. Jon Wayment (LB); 10. Tom Jarman (RM), 14. Dan Jarman (CM...Captain), 4. Dave Newman (CM), 3. Ben Hawkes (LM); 12. Harry Baldwin (CF); 9. Charlie Edwards (CF)

Subs.: 15. Tom Good (On for Baldwin...66 Mins.), 11. David Liu (On for T.Jarman...74 Mins.), 8. James Horan (On for Standen...79 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Hawkes (16, 30 Mins.), Stillwell (50 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We had prepared well for this London Sunday Junior Cup match in Eltham by travelling there in Pre-Season to play another team in Danson Albion's division, but unfortunately when it came down to the important match...i.e. this one, we had no less than 12 players unavailable, including at least five who may well have been in the starting line-up. We even had setback in the warm-up when Danny Hagan aggravated a hamstring pull from playing the day before, so that left us with just a bare eleven including a makeshift midfield and forward line who had not really played much as a unit together at all during Pre-Season. However, we did manage to field the same back four as the previous week and we looked solid enough defensively early on until a long throw was headed on into our 6-yard box in the 16th minute for Danson midfielder Ben Hawkes to get in front of a hesitant Mal Saphiris to toe-poke his side into the lead. We were actually a bit fortunate to equalise in the 21st minute when Lexton Harrison clearly flattened Danson keeper Dean Cairns with a late aerial challenge from a Krishan Singh corner, leaving Leon McKenzie-McKay to head in past the grounded Cairns from the ensuing scramble. We then went into a 2-1 lead just two minutes later when Leon scored again, this time with an identical goal to Danson's where keeper Cairns was at fault for staying on his line for Lexton's long throw and allowed Leon to sneak in front of him. With us already having created twice as many chances as our opponents, we really should have increased our lead, but we then went and let in a diabolical goal in the 30th minute as we allowed a hopeful free-kick from the half-way line to bounce into our 6-yard box where it was scrambled in on the goal line by Ben Hawkes for his second of the match. We therefore found ourselves coming off at Half-Time level at 2-2 when we should have been well in front, but it was Danson Albion who started the Second Half better and they went 3-2 in front after 50 minutes when defender Scott Stillwell fired in past an unsighted Mal Saphiris after a scramble from a corner. Despite us missing so many key players, we didn't give up though and played our best football under new Manager Hatchett's brief reign so far as we created chances galore, but Danson rode their luck and threw bodies in the way of everything to hold out for the win.

LAURENCE HUGHES