

Sunday 1st October 2017

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)

Kick-Off: 10.37.a.m. (Teamsheet being filled in !)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 3 EDMONTON BLADES 2 Half-Time: 2-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Taurean BRYAN		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		70 Mins.
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		14 Mins.
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 65	
20	CM Holding	Tyrone PETRIE		
11	RM/LM 75	Daniel DALEY		45+1 Mins.
10	ACM/CF HT	Jack BANGS		
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	OFF 58	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF (Inj.) HT	
SUBSTITUTES				
19	CM/LM 58/RM 75	Anees IKRAMULLAH	ON HT	
16	ACM	George HOUSE	ON 58	
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	ON 65	
6	Not Used	Andreas KRITICOS		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Daniel Cascoe

ATTENDANCE: 24

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, L.McKenzie-McKay, G.Baker, R.McKay, J.Agboola-Silva

REFEREE: Neil Hagger

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy, but mild. Stiff breeze down pitch from corner to corner. (Against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect. Wet on top after overnight rain.

UNAVAILABILITY: (11 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Knee Injury), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Abz El-Habassi (GK) (Knee Injury), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Calf Injury), Miles Levy (Working), Hal Ozkan (Away), Daniel Cascoe (Broken Metatarsal), Rhys McKay (Hamstring Injury), Chris Lue (Injured), Johan Ahipeaud (Injured), Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Roderick Bennett (Assistant Manager) (Working), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach/Club Linesman) (Family Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Tom Dicker (GK); 16. Steven Twilley (RB), 5. Daryl Catanach (CB), 17. Kyle Hodgson (CB), 3. Jamie Spence (LB); 13. Reece Wilkinson (CM Holding), 8. Kevin Nichols (CM Holding...Captain); 2. Sam Williams (RM), 11. Hamza Adan (ACM), 15. Derick Kwashie (LM); 10. Harry Nolan (CF)

Subs.: 30. Jamie Petts, 12. Shane Gazey, 6. Callum Hurley, 25. Fazz Shojai, -. Shawn Grout (Not Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Adan (19 Mins.), Nolan (32 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Our opponents Edmonton Blades were new to the League this season having played in the East Herts Corinthian Sunday League last season following the Waltham Sunday League's demise. Although we were in the Waltham League with them, we had only played them once before, drawing 1-1 with them in a Pre-Season Friendly last August. However, they were clearly much more fired-up for this one, turning up with a full squad of 16 and starting the game at a very high tempo. With us missing key players Leon McKenzie-McKay and Miles Levy and having to put outfielder Taurean Bryan in goal with all three of our proper goalkeepers unavailable, we were a bit disjointed early on and had to ride our luck a bit before Aiden Kavanagh put us into the lead in the 14th minute with one of his free-kick specials into the far top corner. Blades were not put off by that though, and they managed to equalise in the 19th minute when midfielder Hamza Adan outwitted Jack Bangs and Daniel Daley with a clever piece of skill before catching Taurean off his line with a long-range effort into the roof of the net. We then found ourselves 2-1 down after 32 minutes when Taurean's under-hit goal-kick put us under pressure and the pressing of Blades' attacking players as we tried to clear the ball resulted in Ivan Bass losing his footing to allow forward Harry Nolan to eventually score with a good close-range finish. At that stage it looked as if we were heading for our first defeat (apart from penalty shoot-outs) in a competitive match in 13 months, especially as we were lucky not to go further behind in the 34th minute when Blades had a goal disallowed for offside. However, Daniel Daley calmed our nerves right on the Half-Time whistle when he scrambled the ball in from close range to make it 2-2 amidst appeals by the Blades defenders that he had allegedly kicked the ball out of keeper Tom Dicker's hands. Fortunately Referee Neil Hagger allowed the goal to stand, but we did have another blow during the break when top scorer Ayo Matthews was unable to continue for the Second Half after pulling his hamstring. It was therefore time for us to dig deep and battle, which is something we have not had to do too often since joining the League, but we managed to get on top and find what turned out to be the winner in the 70th minute when defender Ivan Bass made up for his mistake for Blades second goal by tapping in on the goal-line after Lexton Harrison's long-throw had been allowed to bounce through the Blades 6-yard box. Although we did give away a few free-kicks in dangerous positions towards the end, we defended well in hanging on to that lead and just about deserved the three points in the end, but it was certainly a much tougher game than we expected.