

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

**Kick-Off:** 10.30 a.m.

**Result:** ENFIELD ALBION ..... 5 EDMONTON ROVERS ..... 7 **Half-Time:** 4-4

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-5-2 / 3-4-1-2 63)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
15	RCB	Sam PRITCHETT	
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU	
3	LCB	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	
7	RWB	Christian ELLIS	24 Mins.
11	CM	Harry DORWARD	
20	CM	Frankie GEORGE	
8	CM	Paddy BAYNES	OFF 63
18	LWB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 23
12	CF	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	19, 87 Mins.
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	32, 35 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
4	LWB	Max FRANCIS	ON 23
14	ACM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 63
16	Not Used	Harvey ANTONIOU	
5	Not Used	Stuart DORWARD	
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b> Alex Puchalla (49 Mins.)			

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford

**CLUB LINESMEN:** Bob Cleary

**ATTENDANCE:** 36

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Lorna Bennett, Sylvia Bennett, Louis Bennett, Keith Savage, Aiden Kavanagh

**REFEREE:** Arkont Berisha

**BOOKINGS:** Frankie George (Foul... 71 Mins.)

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly sunny & mild. No wind.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Very soft & muddy with long grass.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (9 Players): Jack Vanvynck, Jordan Amusan, Eddie Cox, Omari Vermont, Fergus Murray (Other Commitments), Daniel Schwartz-Gee (Working), Michael Menzies (Playing Youth Football), Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (Injured)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Danny Diss (GK); 2. Joe Sanders (RB...Captain), 3. Gabriel Warren (RCB), 15. Alex Puchalla (LCB), 19. Wayne Scott (LB); 8. Nathan Grant (DCM), 14. Ross Bilton (DCM); 11. James Reader (RM), 10. Olu Oyewobi (ACM), 12. Jon Reader (LM); 9. Gabriel Kolnikaj (CF)  
**Subs.** 14. Ryan Pearce, 16. Martin Reader, 35. Mario Pessoa (All Used)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Kolnikaj (36, 37, 40 (Pen.), 43, 59 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT...** With heavy rain falling for several days during the week, this match was in doubt right up until the kick-off with Enfield Council initially calling all pitches off, but fortunately match Referees were eventually allowed to make the decision themselves on the day and the puddles and surface water had disappeared from our pitch (which Enfield Albion were using for their Home game) by the time the game started. That didn't stop a number of our players making themselves unavailable because of the uncertainty though, but our opponents Enfield Albion were in the same boat and having beaten them 4-0 earlier in the season, we started the game confidently and raced into a 4-0 lead after only 35 minutes this time with Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Christian Ellis and Myreon Keane (twice) all getting on the scoresheet after combinations of good pressing to block attempted clearances by Albion defenders, a howler of a mistake by Albion keeper Danny Diss (for Christian's low shot that squirmed under his body) and a quality passing move and finish for our third goal and Myreon's first. At that stage it looked like we could go on and get double figures with us having already created a number of other chances and also dominating possession, while Josh Wakeford had only been tested once up until that point. However, Albion forward Gabriel Kolnikaj, a recent signing for them, had other ideas and suddenly burst into life to pull a goal back just 25 seconds after the re-start from our fourth goal with a strong run and fierce long-range drive that Josh did well to get a hand to but couldn't keep out, and that fired up the rest of Albion's players to suddenly start competing and winning challenges when they had sat back and let us pass the ball around them up until that point. That saw Kolnikaj produce another brilliant finish just 27 seconds after his first goal to make it 4-2 as we needlessly bombed forward and were caught on the break, then Sam Pritchett & Chris Jordanou were both outpaced by Albion midfielder Olu Oyewobi in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute with Chris then bringing him down for a penalty which saw Kolnikaj complete a four-minute hat-trick. It then got even worse for us just three minutes after that when Kolnikaj burst through our challenges again to make it 4-4 with a close-range finish from a right-wing cross and we therefore had to come off at Half-Time for an inquest instead of relaxing with a big lead where we could have brought on the rest of our attacking substitutes for a run-out. Thankfully though, Albion gifted us the lead again when defender Alex Puchalla sliced a Charlie Savage cross into his own net just four minutes into the Second Half, but Kolnikaj then scored his and Albion's 5<sup>th</sup> goal to level the scores again after outpacing Sam Pritchett to run onto a headed flick-on in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute. With Albion fielding a team with an average age of 31 to our 18 though, we proved to be the fitter side as the Second Half went on and we managed to gain another three points in the end thanks to substitute Tairique Harrison making it 6-5 in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute with a good close-range finish and then Rashawn finished off the scoring with a 7<sup>th</sup> goal for us with three minutes remaining in a crazy match as Albion's players (including goalkeeper Diss !) all stood still appealing for offside.