

Sunday 12th November 2023

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

Kick-Off: 10.30 a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 ENFIELD ALBION..... 0 **Half-Time:** 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-5-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Richard REDGRAVE		
6	RCB	Jack VANVYNCK		
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
19	LCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD	OFF (Inj.) 88	
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
4	CM	Paddy BAYNES	OFF 88	
10	CM	Josh WAKEFORD	OFF 77/BACK ON 88	
18	LWB	Tobi CHARLES		12 Mins.
17	CF/RWB 88	Eddie COX	OFF 70/BACK ON 88	
9	CF	Myreon KEANE		22, 87 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 70	89 Mins.
14	CM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 77	
15	Not Used	Kai McAULEY		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 37

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Roderick Bennett, David Ashton, Kieran McGregor, Demetrius Nurse, Sarah Dorward, Lorna Bennett, Louis Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Verity Wakeford, Keith Savage

REFEREE: Sam Rose

BOOKINGS: Tobi Charles (Foul... 63 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: Jon Reader (Enfield Albion) (DOGSO...64 Mins.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with occasional light rain. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Very soft with long grass.

UNAVAILABILITY: (11 Players): Rashawn Bennett-Dyer (Illness), Christian Ellis, Sam Pritchett, Michael Menzies, Max Francis, Gianni Dipo, Fergus Murray, Josh Gilmore, Kieran Ellis, Oliver Hearn-Leer (All Away/Working/Other Commitments), Natan Pawlaczyk (Injured)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Brett Perren (GK); 3. Jon Reader (RB), 13. Alex Puchalla (RCB), 11. Jack Vial (LCB), 2. Ross Bilton (LB); 21. Nathan Grant (DCM), 4. Marcel McKie (DCM); 10. James Reader (RM), 6. Dan Cole (ACM...Captain), 18. Jack Evans; 9. Nicky Codrington (CF)

Subs. 18. Lewis Billington, 19. Nassir Ali, 6. Martin Reader (All Used Roll-On, Roll-Off)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT... After two wins in a row, we came into this match in a mid-table position for a change instead of in the bottom two, and with Enfield Albion being a team we had already beaten twice since our 'Project Re-Start' began in 2021, we were confident of making it three out of three even though we were missing five key players from the previous week's 8-1 win against Atletico Grammar. Thankfully though, Ritchie Redgrave was available to play in goal again for the third time already this season with Whitewebbs Vets having no match again, so that allowed Player-Manager Josh Wakeford to play in midfield while Tobi Charles, Eddie Cox and substitute Tairique Harrison were all back in the squad for this one, meaning we were still able to field a strong side. That saw us take the lead after just 12 minutes when Tobi scored a rare goal by volleying in Myreon Keane's cross from close range after a good spell of pressure, then Myreon himself made it 2-0 just 10 minutes later with a late run in behind the Albion defence to head in a perfectly-flighted cross from Josh Wakeford. However, Albion then created several good chances during the rest of the First Half which they failed to put away and they also suffered a blow in the 30th minute when their Captain Dan Cole limped off with a nasty-looking knee injury. We did manage to tighten up defensively once the Second Half started, but we struggled to create further chances ourselves on a very heavy pitch with long grass that didn't suit our passing game at all. That all changed in the 64th minute though when Albion defender Jon Reader decided to grab Myreon Keane's shirt and pull him back as he raced away to go clean through on goal, leaving Referee Sam Rose with no option but to send him off and give us only 10 men to play against for the final 25 minutes. That immediately saw the game become very open with chances galore at either end as Albion pushed forward trying to get back into the game but leaving themselves open at the back, and after missing several opportunities for us on the break, Myreon finally killed the game off to make it 3-0 in the 87th minute after running onto Ritchie Redgrave's long drop-kick and lobbing the ball past Albion keeper Perren. Harvey Antoniou then scored a fourth goal with just a minute to go as he headed in a perfect deep cross from Eddie Cox and that sent our large crowd of supporters...including some of our 'Greats Of The Past' home (or down the pub) very happy even though the final scoreline may have flattered us a bit in the end with the shots count actually being very even. This was our first clean sheet since our 'Project Re-Start' began though and in this match it was the willingness of our defenders to throw themselves in the way of shots and get their challenges in which was probably the biggest improvement from our previous meetings against the same opponents.