

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 5)

Kick-Off: 10.45 a.m. (15 Minutes late after clearing puddles & holes from the pitch)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 5 ENFIELD ALBION..... 4 *Half-Time: 2-1*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Richard REDGRAVE		
3	RCB	Lenny CHARLES	OFF HT/BACK ON 75	
8	CCB	Sam PRITCHETT (Captain)		90+12 Mins.
19	LCB/RCB HT/LCB 75	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD	OFF 64	
18	RCM	Tobi CHARLES		
15	ACM	Christian ELLIS		46, 78 Mins.
7	LCM	Nana OBENG		
6	LWB	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	OFF 77	
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 64	5, 44 Mins.
9	CF/LWB 77	Myreon KEANE	OFF HT/BACK ON 77	
SUBSTITUTES				
4	LCB	Natan PAWLACZYK	ON HT/OFF 75	
20	CF	Gianni DIPO	ON HT	
12	CF	Max MIR	ON 64	
14	RWB	Tairique HARRISON	ON 64	
17	Not Used	Stuart DORWARD		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Stuart Dorward

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 24

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Bob Cleary, Trevor Hughes, David Ashton, Sarah Dorward, Keith Charles, Tracey Charles, Hilary Carey, Tracy Charles, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Nik Mir, Sylvia Bennett-Dyer, Lexton Harrison (Later)

REFEREE: Tunde Badejo

SIN-BINNED (10 Mins.): Tobi Charles (90+9 Mins.) **SENT OFF:** Bobby Bartlett (Enfield Albion) (After Final Whistle)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with cold wind across pitch (from the North). **STATE OF PITCH:** Soft & muddy with long grass.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players): Tony McKay (Assistant Manager), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Family Commitments), Josh Wakeford (Other Commitments), Chris Jordanou (Injured), Teddy Carter-Leay (GK), Sonny Schroder (Both Away)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Robert Oxley (GK); 3. Jon Reader (RB), 19. Bradley Pinto (RCB), 12. Ross Bilton (LCB), 14. Wayne Scott (LB); 15. James Reader (RM), 2. Joe Sanders (RCM...Captain), 4. Marcel McKie (LCM), 9. Jack Evans (LM); 10. Nicky Codrington (CF), 11. Bobby Bartlett (CF) **Subs.** None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Bartlett (25, 52 (Pen.) Mins.), James Reader (69, 90+2 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... With our pitch at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club being called off waterlogged yet again, we gave up with waiting for the weather to improve enough for this game to be re-arranged for a future date and agreed to play at our opponents ground instead, even though puddles and a fox-hole had to be cleared from the centre-circle first. That was because goalkeeper Ritchie Redgrave's Vets team match had been postponed, so he was therefore able to play for us instead, while new signing Sam Pritchett was available to make his debut as part of a strong squad of 16 even though we were still without several good players. Enfield Albion surprisingly turned up with just a bare eleven despite beating us 5-0 at the same venue just three weeks earlier, but it was a strong starting line-up they put out and we did well to take an early lead after just five minutes from Harvey Antoniou's tap-in after Myreon Keane had headed a Harry Dorward free-kick back across goal, while we were also the better side in dominating possession for the first 25 minutes. However, Albion then equalised from their first worthwhile effort at goal when Bobby Bartlett struck a low shot into the bottom corner via keeper Redgrave's fingertips after we had been caught on the break and they then had three other clear-cut chances after that which we somehow managed to survive before Harvey put us back into the lead against the run of play just a minute before Half-Time with a long-range curling shot which sailed over the head of Albion's diminutive keeper Robert Oxley. We then scored arguably one of the best goals in the club's long history from a tactical viewpoint when we used the width of the pitch to keep possession for a full 60 seconds straight from the kick-off for the Second Half with Christian Ellis eventually timing his run perfectly to put us 3-1 up from Rashawn Bennett-Dyer's through ball, but Albion pulled a goal back in the 52nd minute when Bartlett scored his second of the match from the penalty spot after Ritchie Redgrave had been harshly penalised for a supposed foul in his follow-through after clearing an underhit back-pass from Sam Pritchett. They then made it 3-3 in the 69th minute when James Reader volleyed in from close range after they had put together just about their first decent move of the match, but we regained the lead in rather fortunate circumstances in the 78th minute when Referee Badejo allowed Max Mir to get away with a late challenge that left Albion keeper Robert Oxley concussed on the floor as Christian Ellis put us 4-3 up by hammering the loose ball into an empty net. Oxley then had to be replaced in goal by midfielder Jack Evans for the rest of the match, leaving Albion down to 10 men, but that didn't stop them making it 4-4 in the second minute of added-on-time when James Reader ran onto a through ball to produce a good finish amidst heated appeals for offside. Thankfully though, we managed to notch only our fourth League win of the season with just a minute of added-on-time to go when Sam Pritchett's deflected shot made the final score 5-4, taking us off the bottom of the table....probably temporarily.