

Sunday 13th September 2020

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

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m. (Was supposed to be 10.15, but Referee didn't know)

Result: ENFIELD UNITED 4 EDMONTON ROVERS 0 Half-Time: 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON		
15	RB	Kelvin ESHUN	OFF HT/BACK ON 78	
6	RCB	Oshade WATSON		
3	LCB/CM 78	Aiden KAVANAGH (Captain)		
12	LB	Josh BAPTISTE	OFF (Inj.) 31	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 78	
11	RM	Jaydon CHILDS	OFF 17/BACK ON 69	
10	CM/CF 69	Jack BANGS		
18	CM/LB 31	Chris AKINRELE		
20	LM	William RAIOLA		
17	CF/RM 17/CM 69	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY	OFF 78/BACK ON 85	
SUBSTITUTES				
19	CF	Sedat GEORGE	ON 17/OFF 69	
8	CM	Tem ADIL	ON 31/OFF 85	
4	RB/CM Holding 78	Josh FRANCIS	ON HT	
7	RCB	Henry AKINSANMI	ON 78	
5	Not Used	Andrew THEOFANOUS		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Daniel Daley

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 31

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, T.McKay, R.Bennett, J. Brown, R.Johnson, T.Petrie, R.McKay

REFEREE: Fabian Robertson

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Sunny. Stiff breeze down pitch (against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: 3G

UNAVAILABILITY: (8 Players): Lexton Harrison (Player-Manager), Sam Woolley, Nana Obeng (All Covid-19-related reasons), Omar El Issaoui (Other Commitments), Daniel Daley (Not fit enough), Miles McTaggart (Away), Darren Wiltshire (Injured)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: George Jones (Illness)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Joe Green (GK); 2. Danny Warn (RB), 26. Dan Gilbert (RCB...Captain), 27. Jack Christodoulou (LCB), 11. Michael Owusu (LB); 4. Charlie Jeffery (RCM), 6. Dan Roles (LCM); 8. Kaci Taylor (RM), 10. Max Harrowell (ACM), 12. Kasey Jagers (LM); 5. Laurence Connolly (CF) Subs. 3. Tobi Asseez, 7. Ellis Christodoulou, 14. Jamie De Souza, 15. Mark Safro, 28. Joe Turrell (All Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Dan Roles (40 Mins.), Kasey Jagers (44 Mins.), Kaci Taylor (46 Mins.), Mark Safro (52 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this our first League match of the season with only one Pre-Season Friendly having been played (which we lost 8-2) and with a real mish-mash of a squad, including very few regulars from last season and with numerous players either badly out of shape from the Covid-19 lockdown or having to be thrown in at the deep end in making their Rovers debuts against one of the favourites for the Division One title. In addition to that, we had key players Sedat George and Henry Akinsanmi having to be named as substitutes after being delayed by train cancellations and oversleeping respectively, while Manager Daniel Daley arrived right on the kick-off after getting stuck behind an accident on the A406. Our preparation was therefore far from ideal, but Enfield United on the other hand were all warming-up in plenty of time and were fielding a stronger side than the one they put out the week before when they surprisingly lost 3-1 to newly-promoted AFC Oakwood, so with us having lost all four previous meetings with them including 9-1 and 5-0 thrashings, the omens really didn't look good for us at all. However, maybe the fact that our opponents knew very little about most of our players on this occasion actually did us a favour as we defended really well as a team for 40 minutes with 45-year-old goalkeeper and former Manager Simon Jackson only having a couple of saves to make where he had to dive. However, he was punished for his first mistake (a weak punch from a long throw) when Dan Roles put United into the lead five minutes before the break with a good finish on the turn and they then scored a quality second goal just four minutes later through Kasey Jagers after outsprinting Kelvin Eshun & Oshade Watson cutting in from the left to fire home from close range. When United then made it 3-0 just 60 seconds into the Second Half through Kaci Taylor's well-struck low shot from just inside the area after a 12-pass one and two-touch move, it then looked as if we would suffer a worse defeat than those two previous thrashings during the past two seasons with so many new and inexperienced (or unfit) players playing, but we only conceded one more goal which came after 52 minutes when substitute Mark Safro ran onto a cross from Dan Roles which eluded both Aiden Kavanagh and Josh Francis before beating Simon Jackson easily from close range. After that it was the 'Jacko Show' as he saved us from a certain ten-goal drubbing with a string of excellent saves that brought back memories of his outstanding performance Away to Charlton United in the London Cup many years ago rather than his last League match for us back in 2016 when he let in a number of comical goals in an 8-2 defeat to Cheshunt Town back in our Waltham Sunday League days. We did have one or two chances of our own in the Second Half but it was the usual lack of fitness and key players no longer wanting to play that let us down once again and it will be a long hard season unless we improve very quickly.