

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.45.a.m. (Both teams late)

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

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-1 / 4-2-3-1 14)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Louis BENNETT Jr.		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
17	RCB	Ivan BASS	OFF HT	
20	LCB	Tyronne PETRIE		
4	LB	Oshade WATSON		40 Mins.
18	CM Holding	Chris THEOCHARI	ON 14 / OFF 23	
3	CM/CM Holding 14	Aiden KAVANAGH		
8	RM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
10	CM/ACM 14	Jack BANGS		
19	LM	Nana OBENG		
12	CF	Tom CROAKE		52 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
7	CM Holding	Henry AKINSANMI	ON 23	
16	RCB	Richard HARRIS	ON HT / SENT OFF 80	
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b>				

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Bob Cleary

**ATTENDANCE:** 15

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes, R.Bennett

**REFEREE:** Dario Zavagno

**BOOKINGS:** Jake Cawdery (Enfield United...Foul - 68 Mins.)

**SENDING-OFFS:** Richard Harris (D.O.G.S.O.... 80 Minutes)

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly Sunny. No wind.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect (despite heavy rain the day before).

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (21 Players): Ayo Matthews (Suspended), Daniel Daley, Eni Bezati, Nassir Ali, Ashley-James Smith, Mustafa Farhan, Rafiel Johnson, Vishal Patel (All Injured), Lexton Harrison (Family Commitments), Jordan Umpire (Working), Curtis Baalam, Harold Ofori, Harry Barfoot (GK), Said Said (All Away), Furmaan Khan, Daniel Cascoe, Mohamed Ali, Josh Baptiste, Dave Nguyen, Louis Bennett (All Other Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Troy Blake (Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Joe Green (GK); 7. Danny Warn (RB), 4. Adam Mistretta (RCB), 2. Jack Christodoulou (LCB), 8. Lewis Warn (LB); 14. Jake Cawdery (CM Holding), 26. Dan Roles (CM Holding); 3. Jamie De Souza (RM), 12. Kaci Taylor (ACM), 11. Ellis Christodoulou (LM); 10. Laurence Connolly (CF) **Subs.** 6. Joe Turrell (On after 28 Mins.), 5. Charlie Jeffrey (On after 37 Mins.), 15. Ryan Jenkinson (On at H-T)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** E. Christodoulou (6 Mins.), Cawdery (23 (Pen.), 90 Mins.), D.Warn (87 Mins.)

### MATCH REPORT

With torrential rain falling for several hours during the afternoon & evening before this match, a number of players from both teams assumed the game would be called off and therefore either arranged to do something else or stayed in bed waiting for the 9.00 am pitch inspection. That included Richard Harris & Henry Akinsanmi, both of whom live in Romford, so when we found out that the Edmonton Sports & Social Club's verti-dRAINER machine had done it's job superbly and the pitch was perfectly playable, it ended up with them both arriving at the ground 20 minutes after the kick-off...which had already been delayed by 15 minutes due to the lateness of others...and us having to start the game with only 10 men with no less than 12 players unavailable who would normally be picked for the squad of 16. That saw League leaders Enfield United not surprisingly take the lead after just 6 minutes when 18-year-old debutant keeper Louis Bennett Jr got his angles wrong and allowed Ellis Christodoulou to calmly place a shot inside his near post to make it 1-0, but then Bennett started making a number of excellent saves as United piled on the pressure in looking to gain another nine-goal victory like they did against us back in September and we could easily have found ourselves 5-0 down in the first 15 minutes if it wasn't for that. With still no sign of Harris & Akinsanmi turning up, Manager Tony McKay then decided to bring on 55-year-old backup goalkeeper Chris Theochari as an outfield player to give us a bare eleven, but United increased their lead in the 23rd minute anyway when Ivan Bass handballed an attempted cross just inside the area and Jake Cawdery easily made it 2-0 from the spot. However, our two latecomers had just turned up by then and when Akinsanmi was immediately brought on for Theochari, the game changed completely and we were by far the better side for the rest of the match with Oshade Watson pulling a goal back in the 40th minute with an excellent free-kick and then Tom Croake making it 2-2 seven minutes into the Second Half with a tap-in after Richard Harris had been brought on at Half-Time to strengthen us even further. However, Jack Bangs then uncharacteristically blazed a penalty over the bar in the 63rd minute just after we had suffered from a Leon McKenzie-McKay goal being disallowed for offside, and we were made to pay for that when Richard Harris was sent off with 10 minutes remaining after bringing down Kaci Taylor with his trailing leg whilst winning the ball in a slide challenge. Although Tom Croake still missed a chance to win the game for us when clean through on goal, United took advantage to score two late goals with Danny Warn pouncing on a mistake from Tyrone Petrie to make it 3-2 in the 87th minute before Louis Bennett Jr left a gap at his near post again three minutes later for Jake Cawdery to make it 4-2 with his second of the game and almost the last kick of the match. Although our opponents had more shots at goal than us, they all came when we only had 10 men on the pitch. When it was 11 v 11 we dominated the game and it was a very encouraging performance.