

Sunday 16th September 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 10)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **ENFIELD UNITED** 9 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 1 **Half-Time:** 3-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE	
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	OFF (Inj.) 64
14	CB	Lexton HARRISON	
20	CB/CM Holding 59	Tyronne PETRIE	
5	LB/CB 59	Troy BLAKE	
15	CM Holding	Alex OKADIGBO	OFF HT
12	RM	Tom CROAKE	OFF 54
8	CM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	
4	CM	Nassir ALI	OFF 59
7	LM	Rafiel JOHNSON	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	
SUBSTITUTES			
18	CM Holding /CM 59	Vishal PATEL	ON HT
19	RM	Mohamed ALI	ON 54
6	LB	Oshade WATSON	ON 59
17	RB	Said SAID	ON 64
1	GK (Not Used)	Albert OKADIGBO	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 30

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, S.Roussety

REFEREE: Jide Ogunba

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): 95

BOOKINGS: Rafiel Johnson (Dissent - 87 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy. Strong wind across pitch

STATE OF PITCH: Hard & Bumpy

UNAVAILABILITY: (15 Players) Aiden Kavanagh, Jack Bangs, Daniel Daley, Nathan Allen, Ivan Bass, Eni Bezati, Jordan Umpire (All Injured), Nana Obeng, Harold Ofori, Josh Baptiste (All Away - Abroad), Curtis Baalam, Richard Harris, Daniel Cascoe, Dave Nguyen (Other Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Michael Nkemakolam (Injured)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-2-2-1): 1. Joe Green (GK); 2. Danny Warn (RB), 26. Dan Gilbert (RCB), 6. Jack Christodoulou (LCB), 4. Lewis Warn (LB); 5. Charlie Jeffrey (CM Holding); 8. Kaci Taylor (RCM), 14. Dan Roles (LCM); 11. Ellis Christodoulou (RW), 10. Max Harrowell (LW...Captain), 7. Laurence Connolly (CF) **Subs.** 15. George Edgley-Smith (On for Jeffrey - HT), 12. Gavin Suddell (On for E.Christodoulou - 53 Mins.), 13. Darren Wickrama On for L.Warn - 57 Mins.), 3. Nick Chawner (On for Connolly - 61 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Roles (39 Mins.), Connolly (40 Mins.), Harrowell (42, 53 Mins.), Suddell (68, 70, 74, 85 Mins.), J.Christodoulou (77 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With our opponents Enfield United having been promoted from Division Two and being one of the favourites for the Division One title this season, we were hoping to field an unchanged side for this match after our convincing 4-0 win in our opening match of the season the previous week, while also having the boost of forward Ayo Matthews being available after a hamstring injury. However, five key players from the previous week dropped out for a variety of reasons, together with holding midfielder Michael Nkemakolam, who was due to be starting in their absence. That left us with a starting line-up full of players who were only half-fit (or half-awake) and no game-changers on the bench either, while Enfield United turned up with a full-strength and fired-up side with several key players returning after missing their narrow 1-0 win against GTFA the week before. Despite that, we actually took a 'shock' lead after just 6 minutes when Tom Croake volleyed into the bottom corner after the United defence had failed to clear a long drop-kick from Ian Whitmore, then we defended well for quite a while in holding onto that lead. United then started wasting numerous chances from half-way through the half onwards though, but two goals in the space of a minute from Dan Roles and Laurence Connolly saw the floodgates open with Max Harrowell making it 3-1 just before Half-Time and further goals coming in quick succession during the Second Half, four of which were scored by 60th-minute substitute Gavin Suddell, a quality new signing for them. Most of the goals came from well-drilled low shots from just inside the area after our players had either given the ball away with bad passes out of defence or had lost 50/50 challenges in midfield, while we had very little teamwork going forward with so many regulars missing, six of whom certainly would have been in the starting line-up for this match. It was our heaviest defeat for eleven years since we lost 10-0 to St. Mary's in a Waltham Sunday League match, and if it had not been for a man-of-the-match performance from Ian Whitmore in goal, we would have suffered our heaviest defeat since our Edmonton Sunday League days back in the late-1970's.