

Sunday 24th July 2022

Pre-Season Friendly at C.O.N.E.L. Enfield (3G Pitch)

Kick-Off: 10.00.a.m.

Result: ESTUDIANTES (LONDON) 4 EDMONTON ROVERS 3 *Half-Time: 2-2*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 / 4-4-1-1 HT / 4-4-2 63 / 3-4-3 90)			GOAL TIMES
1/12	GK/CF HT	Tyler MEADER		
18	RB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 20/BACK ON HT/OFF (Inj.) 53	
5	RCB/LCB 56	Chris JORDANOU		
4	LCB/RB 53/LB 56/CCB 90	Natan PAWLACZYK (Captain)		
3	LB	Lenny CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 56	
11	RM/CM 78	Harry DORWARD		37 Mins.
17	CM/RB 20/RCB 90	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY	OFF HT/BACK ON 56	
8	CM	Dapo ALAOYE		
9	LM	Myreon KEANE		17 Mins.
16	CF/CM 35/RCB 56	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF (Inj.) 90	48 Mins.
10/1	CF/CM 20/GK HT	Josh WAKEFORD		
SUBSTITUTES				
20	CF/RCB 53/CM 56/CF 63/RM 78	Gianni DIPO	ON 20/OFF (Inj.) HT/BACK ON 53	
14	ACM/CM 63/CF 78	Tairique HARRISON	ON HT	
6	CF	Stuart DORWARD	ON 90	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay (Ref)/Stuart Dorward (Touchline)

CLUB LINESMEN: Roderick Bennett & Mike Jordanou

OTHER CLUB (WhatsApp Group) MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Aiden Kavanagh, Keith Charles, Tracey Charles, Tracy Charles, Dele Alaoeye, Sarah Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Verity Wakeford, Pawel Pawlaczyk

ATTENDANCE: 23

REFEREE: Tony McKay

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Hot & sunny with very strong wind down the pitch (against us in First Half)

STATE OF PITCH: 3G

UNAVAILABILITY: (4 Players): Roshan Shah, Max Mir, Jack Vanvynck, Charlie Savage (All Away/Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Bartlomiej Latusek (GK); 17. Umut Taycur (RB), 4. Joel Camara (RCB), 5. Darren

Wiltshire (LCB), 10. Angel Asenov (LB); 8. Arif Huzaifah (CM), 3. Mateo Ntynekou (CM), 7. Kahsu Gebreslase (RM), 9. Clerys Luka (ACM), 16. Jeremiah Anderson Thomas (LM); 12. Ashley Cooper-Clarke (CF)

Subs. 15. Barnabas, -. Yotam, -. Hagos

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Luka (4, 29 Mins.), Cooper-Clarke (56, 81 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

For our first Pre-Season Friendly of 2022, we decided to have a repeat of our first Pre-Season Friendly from a year ago as we took on Saturday/midweek College team Estudiantes London again on the same pitch at CONEL in Enfield, but this time on a Sunday instead of a Saturday. We still had four players unavailable due to holidays and other commitments though, but the 13 who made themselves available were all regulars from last season where we had showed a massive improvement as the season went on. Estudiantes had beaten us 7-2 last July in what was our new young team's first game together, and with some of Estudiantes better players from that match now having moved on to play in Semi-Pro football on Saturdays, it was always going to be a much closer game this time. Indeed the First Half saw numerous chances at both ends with us hitting the 'woodwork' (i.e. the aluminium crossbar or one of the goalposts) three times and Tyler Meader making four good saves, but we got off to a bad start when Tyler allowed a cross from the right to slip through his fingers and give Clerys Luka a free header to put Estudiantes 1-0 up after just 4 minutes. However, Myreon Keane made it 1-1 after 17 minutes with a well-controlled side-footed volley from a Harry Dorward corner, but Luka put Estudiantes back into the lead in the 29th minute when he was given too much space to hit a fierce long-range drive in off the crossbar. With a water break straight afterwards giving Tony McKay & Stuart Dorward a chance to sort things out defensively though, we managed to equalise again in the 37th minute when a sliced cross from Harry Dorward sailed over keeper Latusek's head at the near post to make it 2-2 and with Latusek looking like he had never played in goal before and not diving for anything, we really should have hit the target more often after being the better side in the First Half. We then gave goalkeeper Tyler Meader a run-out as a lone striker for the Second Half with Tairique Harrison coming on to play in a No. 10 role as we slightly altered our formation, but it was Harvey Antoniou who gave us a 3-2 lead with a deflected shot three minutes after the break and we looked fairly comfortable at that stage. However, injuries then started to play a part with Tobi Charles, Lenny Charles, Gianni Dipo and Harvey all having to come off at various stages of the Second Half, and with us not having enough substitutes available to cope with that, we were never really going to win the game after Ashley Cooper-Clarke made it 3-3 in the 56th minute with a first-time low shot during a spell where Lenny was hobbling about with a groin injury and Gianni was trying to play as a centre-back. Indeed Cooper-Clarke then went on to score the winner in the 81st minute with a far post tap-in with our players far too tired to close down a right-wing cross from one of Estudiantes substitutes. With numerous players on holiday throughout August, it is unlikely that we will play any more Pre-Season Friendlies this Summer, but hopefully we will have a full squad fit and available for our first League match of the season on the 4th September.