

Sunday 6th September 2020

Pre-Season Friendly at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 ESTUDIANTES (LONDON)..... 10 Half-Time: 0-7

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-5-2 / 4-4-2 14 / 4-4-1-1 42)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON	OFF HT	
2	RWB/LCM 28/RCM HT	Miles McTAGGART	OFF 14/BACK ON 28	
18	RCB/LCB HT/LB 76	Chris AKINRELE		
4	SW/LCB 14/RCM 42/LM HT	Aiden KAVANAGH (Captain)	OFF 76	
3	LCB/RWB 14/GK HT	George PLEASANTS	OFF 25/BACK ON (As GK) HT	
8	LWB/LB 14	George JONES	OFF 76	
5	CM Hold/LM 14/RCB HT	Oshade WATSON	OFF 40/BACK ON HT	
10	RCM/IF 42	Jack BANGS		
7	LCM/LM 40/LCM HT/LM 76	Tem ADIL	OFF 28/BACK ON 40	
11	CF/LCB 76	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY	OFF 74/BACK ON 76	70 Mins.
9	CF/RM 14	Jaydon CHILDS	OFF 74/BACK ON 76	
SUBSTITUTES				
15	CF/LCB 42/CF 74	Joseph BROWN	ON 14/OFF (Inj.) HT/BACK ON 74	83 Mins.
17	RB	Andrew THEOFANOUS	ON 25	
16	LCM	Daniel CASCOE	ON 74	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Daniel Daley

CLUB LINESMAN: Various Players

ATTENDANCE: 20

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

REFEREE: Bob Cleary

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

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Sunny. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect !

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players): Lexton Harrison (Player-Manager), Henry Akinsanmi, Sedat George, Nana Obeng (All Covid-19-related reasons), Sam Woolley, Omar El Issaoui (Both Working), Daniel Daley (Not fit enough), Josh Baptiste, Josh Francis (Neither Selected Initially) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Johan Ahipeaud (Injured), Kasharne Smith (No Show) Andrea Bevilacqua (No Show)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Elliot Brocklehurst (GK); 2. Abdullah Ghanim (RB), 6. Darren Wiltshire (RCB), 5. Tenzin Palden (LCB), 3. Isam Belmoudden (LB); 15. Sinhani Quade (CM Holding); 14. Mohsin Mohammed (RM), 9. Samuel Preko (RCM), 8. Daniel Gebrehiwet (LCM), 10. Kedir Yimer (LM); 11. Musa Mboup (CF... Captain) **Subs.** 17. Levin Dookhun, 7. Louis Maitland, 16. Osama Kastal, 12. Omar Mansoor, 15. Serigne Mboup, 13. Haju Juma (All Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Mohsin Mohammed (5, 28, 40, 45 Mins.), Musa Mboup (9, 42 Mins.), Daniel Gebrehiwet (44, 59 Mins.), Isam Belmoudden (49 Mins.), Louis Maitland (79 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

This was our first match back after the coronavirus lockdown in early March, but it would have been arranged for a few weeks earlier had 80% of our players from last season not walked out on the club during the past six months, thereby resulting in us frantically having to find new players from somewhere in order to survive. Indeed only two players in the squad for this match (skipper Aiden Kavanagh and the long-serving Leon McKenzie-McKay) remained from the 14 that we used in our last match back in March with everybody else from that memorable 5-1 victory over AC United having departed. In their place for this match came six players returning to the club after either coming out of 'retirement' or having failed to win regular places in the starting line-up under former Manager Tony McKay, while the other six were all friends of Jack Bangs who had never played competitive 11-a-side football before and in most cases were nowhere near match fit. The idea of arranging this Friendly though was because of the possibility of some of our opponents good young players joining us, as Estudiantes (London) are a newly-formed Under-21's Saturday side who also play Futsal on Sunday evenings, while their Manager/Coach Darren Wiltshire has agreed to join our Management Committee as our Club Welfare Officer, which is a new F.A. ruling for this season for adult teams playing 16 or 17-year-olds. With Estudiantes having played numerous Pre-Season Friendlies already and training almost every day at Haringey 6th Form College under Darren's tutelage though, it was a bit like us having to face Rising Ballers, as they were all super-fit and very skilful on the ball. Caretaker/Assistant Manager Daniel Daley therefore set us up to defend deep, but Estudiantes still took the lead after just 5 minutes through right midfielder Mohsin Mohammed, who then went on to score three more in the First Half as his side scored seven without reply before the break, with four of them coming within the space of five minutes just before Half-Time as they punished any sort of mistakes with some quality finishing. Thankfully for the Second Half they took off the two players who had scored six goals between them in the first 45 minutes, but two more spectacular long-range strikes made it 9-0 by the 59th minute before our new players finally started getting a bit more of a grip on what competitive 11-a-side football was all about and we were able to have a bit more of an even last 30 minutes. Indeed Leon McKenzie McKay scored arguably the best goal of the match in the 70th minute after finishing off a length-of-the-pitch 6-man move with a superbly-controlled half-volley, but then we let in a sloppy 10th goal before Joseph Brown netted a second goal for us in the 83rd minute with a bit of a mis-hit to finish off the scoring. Although it was an embarrassing final scoreline for us, at least we know that some of Estudiantes players seem to be interested in joining us, and with numerous key players due to return in the next couple of weeks, we shouldn't be in a position to suffer this sort of result once we start our Barnet Sunday League Division One campaign.