

Sunday 6th August 2017

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Wadham Lodge (3G AstroTurf), Walthamstow

Kick-Off: 10.00.a.m.

Result: FC ALPHA ..... 2 EDMONTON ROVERS ..... 1 Half-Time: 1-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY		
2	RB/CB 84	Lexton HARRISON		
17	CB	Tyronne PETRIE		
16	CB	Harold OFORI	OFF (Inj.) 77	
12	LB	Miles LEVY	OFF 34/BACK ON 53	60 Mins.
10	CM Holding	Taurean BRYAN	OFF 27/BACK ON 51/OFF 68	
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	OFF 29/BACK ON 53/OFF 88	
7	RM/CM Holding68	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
9	ACM	George HOUSE	OFF 32/BACK ON 53	
15	LM	Leon BERNARD	OFF 34/BACK ON 53	
14	CF/RM 68	Rhys McKAY	OFF 27/BACK ON 68	
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
5	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 27	
3	CM Holding/CB 77	Joe AGBOOLA-SILVA	ON 27/OFF 53/BACK ON 77/OFF (Inj.) 84	
4	CM Holding	Zac TROULLOUS	ON 29/OFF (Inj.) 51	
11	ACM	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 32/OFF 53/BACK ON 88	
8	LM	Jack BANGS	ON 34/OFF 53 (58 !)	
19	LB/RB 84	Chris LUE	ON 34/OFF 53/BACK ON 84	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

ATTENDANCE: 20

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A

REFEREE: Lee Addison

BOOKINGS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly sunny with stiff breeze across pitch in Second Half.

STATE OF PITCH: 3G AstroTurf.

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, D.Daley

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

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

SENDING-OFFS: None

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (17 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Working), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Ivan Bass (Away), Curtis Baalam (Away), Johan Ahipeaud (Away), Daniel Daley (Injured), Daniel Cascoe (Injured), Hal Ozkan (Away), Tom Croake (Away), 'Michael' (Trialist), Anees Ikramullah (Away), Chris Kriticos (Injured), Lucas Cascoe (Away), Lawrence Kill (Injured), John Scouller (Family Commitments) Roderick Bennett (Assistant Manager) (Working), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach) (Family Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Khaheem McKenzie (No Show), Marley McKay (No Show)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (3-1-4-2):** 1. Jamie Millard (GK); 8. Johnny Spyrou (RCB), 5. Dan Walker (CCB...Captain), 6. Cameron Williams (LCB); 19. Andre Franklin (CM Holding); 4. Joshua Mills (RM), 23. Jed Wood (CM), 16. Jason Tang (CM), 18. Josh Kelly (LM); 20. Charlie Fromet (CF), 7. Danny Osbourne (CF)

Subs.: 11. Dan Phillips, 10. John Johnson, 21. Danny Unwin

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Mills (5 Mins.), Phillips (59 Mins.)

### MATCH REPORT

We came into this match, our first Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer, with a ridiculous amount of players making themselves unavailable, mainly because of injuries and holidays. That included 12 of our regular squad of 20 players from last season, but as we have so many players wanting to play for us now after finally winning our first trophy for 29 years, we still managed to field a squad of 17 for this game. That included four debutants in the starting line-up, plus two others in Leon Bernard and Rhys McKay who had only played five games for the club between them over the past couple of years or so. Despite that, we actually started really well and were looking the better side until Stephen Roussety let a soft shot from Alpha midfielder Joshua Mills roll under his body to gift them a 1-0 lead after just five minutes, this being almost certainly because we had nobody available to give him a pre-match warm-up...not that we had time for one anyway when well over half our players turned up less than 30 minutes before the kick-off instead of the 60 asked for by Manager Tony McKay. We continued to look the sharper side for most of the First Half though with new signings Taurean Bryan and Vishal Patel doing well in the midfield holding roles and Leon Bernard & new left-back Miles Levy linking well down the left. However, with so many substitutes available who we had to give a game to, as soon as Manager McKay started making alterations towards the end of the half, we became disjointed in midfield where we allowed Alpha's players to run at our defence more and they were the better side after that, which was to be expected as they are one of the top Sunday sides in the North London/East Herts area and were fielding most of their regular players who had played for them for the last couple of years. It was one of those, Dan Phillips, who then put them 2-0 ahead in the 60th minute with a sidefooted shot into the roof of the net, but we did score an excellent goal just a minute later when Miles Levy raced clear onto a Vishal Patel through ball to score at the second attempt with a neat finish after keeper Millard blocked his first attempt. Unfortunately those were our only decent shots on target in the match as Alpha's experienced defenders never looked like making any further mistakes, but it was the sort of test against quality opponents that we needed in order to assess the strength of our squad and we were happy with the performance.

LAURENCE HUGHES