

Sunday 18th February 2018

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

**Kick-Off:** 10.35.a.m.

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 **FC LOKOMOTIV THUNDER** ..... 2 **Half-Time:** 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Lexton HARRISON		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
15	CB	Jamie MEHMET		
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)		
4	LB	Brandon SOLOMON	OFF 75	
18	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH		
20	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF (Inj.) 80	
8	RM	Jack BANGS	OFF (Inj.) 64	20 Mins.
14	ACM	George HOUSE	OFF 54	
10	LM	Valentine LAURENCE	OFF 61	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
7	ACM	Tyriquee SOLOMON	ON 54	
11	LM	Daniel DALEY	ON 61	
19	RM	Nana OBENG	ON 64	90 Mins.
3	LB	Oshade WATSON	ON 75	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	ON 80	

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Oshade Watson/Nana Obeng/George House

**ATTENDANCE:** 12

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

**REFEREE:** Harry Barfoot

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly sunny & fairly warm. No wind

**STATE OF PITCH:** Badly churned-up in places.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (11 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Working), Taurean Bryan ('GK') (Away), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Broken Ankle), Tyrone Petrie (Working), Ivan Bass (Injured), Vishal Patel (Ankle Injury), Godfrey Tay (Hamstring Injury), Aiden Kavanagh (Futsal), Tom Croake (Family Commitments), Ben Boothroyd (Social Commitments), Bob Cleary (GK Coach) (Illness)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Henry Akinsanmi (Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1):** 1. Luke Howard (GK); 3. Jared Gow (RB), 4. Brandon Eastwood (CB), 5. Jack Scott (CB...Captain), 17. Scott Mohan (LB); 6. Jamie Hesketh (CM Holding); 11. Jamie Davies (RM), 10. George Martin (CM), 7. Pedro Medeiro (CM), 14. Fraser Ballantyne (LM); 9. Max Quelch-Woolls (CF)

**Sub.:** 15. Tom Carpenter

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Quelch-Woolls (16, 60 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT**

This was our first Home game since we lost 6-0 against Zenit St. Whetstone in the League Junior Cup way back on the 3rd December. Since that nightmare result, we had gone on to lose all five Away matches, while for this match we had at least six players missing who probably would have been in the starting line-up had they been available. We were also still without a proper goalkeeper with Lexton Harrison having to volunteer again, but at least we had five good substitutes available, including yet another new signing in Tyriquee Solomon, while Curtis Baalam was able to play after getting off work at the last minute. With our opponents FC Lokomotiv Thunder having beaten second-placed Churchbury 4-0 in their last match despite playing the whole game with only 10 men, we knew this would be a similarly tough match comparable to the Double-Header we played against Grange Park the week before, and indeed FC Loko were the better side early on as we struggled to string two passes together and ended up being vulnerable to the long ball over the top from losing possession too easily. Indeed that was how they went 1-0 up after just 16 minutes when Curtis Balaam gave the ball away and Max Quelch-Woolls raced clear to beat Lexton easily with a good finish. However, Jack Bangs then managed to equalise against the run of play just four minutes later when he deflected in a George House corner at the near post, and the rest of the First Half was fairly even after that. The unusually poor playing surface didn't help us though, especially six minutes into the Second Half when the ball stuck in the mud just as Jack was about to put us 2-1 up from just six yards out. The shot was therefore sliced wide, and we were made to pay for that when Quelch-Woolls scored his second of the game in the 60th minute to put FC Loko 2-1 up with another good finish as our defenders found it difficult to turn in the muddy conditions. We then had Lexton to thank for making some good saves as our stand-in keeper, but we gradually got back into the match with the introduction of all five substitutes at various stages of the Second Half, and it was two of them who combined in the last minute to earn us a well-deserved point with Daniel Daley running onto Anees Ikramullah's through ball to beat a defender and cross it into the middle for Nana Obeng to score with a good first-time finish. Although we are still not playing well, we are at least being competitive and less likely to suffer the heavy defeats we had over the previous few months, although we do still need a proper goalkeeper to be playing regularly if we want to avoid relegation.