

Sunday 11th September 2016

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Firs Farm (Pitch 4)

Kick-Off: 10.37.a.m. (Leon late finishing the warm-up !)

Result: GRANGE PARK 1 EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 Half-Time: 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY	
14	RB/CB47	Lexton HARRISON	
15	CB	Curtis BAALAM	
2	CB	Harold OFORI	OFF (Illness) 47
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH	
4	CM Holding	Danny HAGAN	OFF (Inj.) HT
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 75
8	RM/LM	Hal OZKAN	OFF (Inj.?) 32
7	ACM	Tem ADIL	
10	LM/RM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	
11	CF	Daniel DALEY	OFF 65
SUBSTITUTES			
9	LM	Zac TROULLOUS	ON 32
12	CM Holding	Khaheem McKENZIE	ON HT
6	RB	Chris KRITICOS	ON 47
19	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 65
17	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 75

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 19

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

REFEREE: Terry Barnes

BOOKINGS: Daniel Cascoe (Dissent... 75 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Sunny. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Slightly long grass but otherwise perfect.

UNAVAILABILITY: (7 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Working & Injured), Connor Kavanagh (Other Commitments),

Ivan Bass (Other Commitments), Benji Ricketts (Injured), Stefan Antoniou (Injured), Rhys McKay (Injured)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Tyrone Petrie (Working)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-5-1): 1. Jamie Davis (GK); 3. Kieran Jackson (RB), 8. Tom Sullivan (CB), 5. Ricky Brennan (CB), 6. Kartal Berkhan (LB); 14. Josh Johnson (RM), 16. Donadoni Jones (CM...Capt.), 15. Matt Line (CM), 7. Andrew Folan (CM), 13. Edward Badu (LM); 4. Jimmie Brennan (CF)

Subs.: 12. Darin Rodrigo (On after 71 Mins. for Johnson), 10. Jack Bedinfield (On after 76 Mins. for Jackson)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: J. Brennan (63 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With our first Barnet Sunday League match the previous week having to be abandoned due to a broken leg for one of our opponents after only 18 minutes, Manager Tony McKay quite rightly decided to give another chance to those who started that match if at all possible, but defenders Ivan Bass and Tyrone Petrie had both declared themselves unavailable, so that meant recalls for Curtis Baalam into the starting line-up and Chris Kriticos into the squad of 16 as a substitute. We still had the likes of Martin Cruickshank, Jack Bangs and Tom Croake having to be left out altogether because others had been more active in Pre-Season, and the strength of our squad this season showed in the first 10 minutes when we created several chances already with attacking left-back Aiden Kavanagh combining well with our attacking players and causing our opponents all sorts of problems. However, Grange Park then seemed to switch some of their players around into different positions and that made it a very even match after that in which they matched us for fitness and commitment, much to our surprise as we had been told the bottom division of the Barnet Sunday League wouldn't be like this ! We were certainly caught out by that in the 27th minute when their lone forward Jimmie Brennan got in behind Harold Ofori to 'win' a penalty, but thankfully Stephen Roussety made an excellent save to keep out Brennan's spot-kick. Fortunately Danny Hagan showed them how to do it just two minutes later when he gave us what was to be a 1-0 Half-Time lead with a far more accurate spot-kick after Leon McKenzie-McKay had been brought down, but with us having to make a couple of enforced substitutions at the break and just after, Grange Park got on top early in the Second Half and finally equalised in the 63rd minute when Jimmie Brennan toe-poked the ball in from close range after a scramble in the area. However, the introduction of substitute Ayo Matthews for the tiring Daniel Daley up front in the 65th minute eventually changed the game in our favour with Ayo putting us 2-1 ahead in the 76th minute with a really good finish after turning a defender inside out, while also having two or three other chances to increase our lead. We then battled really well defensively to secure the three points despite some naivety from some of our five inexperienced substitutes in 'bombing forward' in the last five minutes when we didn't need to, but they will learn as the season goes on and everything looks promising at the moment.

LAURENCE HUGHES