

Sunday 16th April 2017 (Easter Day)

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 5)

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....3 GRANGE PARK 1 *Half-Time: 1-1*

SHIRT NUMBER	EDMONTON ROVERS (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB/CB 84	Lexton HARRISON		
16	CB	Ivan BASS		
17	CB	Harold OFORI	OFF (Inj.) 85	
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM		
4	CM Holding	Tyronne PETRIE		
11	RM	Daniel DALEY		66 Mins.
19	ACM	Connor KAVANAGH		
15	LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		45+5, 65 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
10	RB	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 85	
8	Not Used	Jack BANGS		
7	Not Used	Hal OZKAN		
12	Not Used	Tom CROAKE		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Roderick Bennett

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes

ATTENDANCE: 15

REFEREE: Bobby Bernini

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Sunny.

STATE OF PITCH: Bone dry, but flat.

UNAVAILABILITY: (6 Players) Khaheem McKenzie (Social Commitments), Anees Ikramullah (Away), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Daniel Cascoe (Away), Chris Kriticos (Other Commitments), Bob Cleary (GK Coach/Club Linesman) (Family Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Chris Lue (Injured)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Shaun Moore (GK); 6. Harry Pell (RB), 11. Joe Purvis (CB), 14. Stephen Casey (CB), 15. Kartal Berkhan (LB); 16. Donadoni Jones (CM Holding...Capt.), 13. Joe Stone (CM Holding); 8. Josh Johnson (RM), 12. Matt Line (ACM), 4. Jimmie Brennan (LM); 10. Dale Reilly (CF)

Subs Used: 3. Kieran Jackson, 9. Jack Bedinfield, 5. Ricky Brennan (All Roll-On, Roll-Off)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Stone (38 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With our mid-table opponents Grange Park having only lost once in their last eleven League matches and also having recently reached the Final of the League Junior Cup, we knew they would be fired up for this match to knock us off our perch and ruin our unbeaten record. Manager Tony McKay therefore took no chances and named what was more-or-less a full-strength starting line-up based on regular appearances this season, and that resulted in the first 35 minutes of the First Half being very scrappy with numerous offsides, fouls and injury stoppages. However, we then finally started creating some clear-cut chances which top scorer Ayo Matthews in particular should have buried, and we were made to pay for that in the 38th minute when midfielder Joe Stone put Grange Park ahead from their first real chance of the match after out-jumping Harold Ofori to head in a Jimmie Brennan free-kick. We then had all those injury stoppages to thank for us equalising just before Half-Time though, as Ayo made it 1-1 from the rebound in the 5th minute of added-on-time after Grange Park keeper Shaun Moore had saved Connor Kavanagh's shot after a quality through ball from Curtis Baalam had set up the chance. We clearly needed to play better in the Second Half if we wanted to preserve our unbeaten record, and we produced a real quality move just 30 seconds after the break, but unfortunately Ayo put the chance wide with only keeper Moore to beat. In fact we went on to miss a number of other chances with woeful finishes, but thankfully Ayo did manage to put us 2-1 ahead in the 65th minute with a good finish after running onto a perfectly weighted long ball over the top from Aiden Kavanagh. Daniel Daley then made it 3-1 just 90 seconds later with a thumping close-range finish after running onto an even better first-time outside-of-the-foot long ball straight into his path from Harold Ofori...assuming Harold meant it of course !?...and at that stage it looked like we might go on to record the sort of seven-goal scorelines we had managed against two other mid-table opponents in Calcio and Northaw this season with Grange Park's defence in real disarray. However, clever use of the roll-on, roll-off substitution rule saw Grange Park fight back by creating a number of chances and we had keeper Grant Baker to thank for keeping our two-goal cushion intact. 3-1 to us was certainly a fair scoreline on the overall balance of play and chances created though, and it was another good solid performance in the end. We now go on to our final match of the season Away to Highgate Albion 3rds having overcome what was probably our biggest challenge in our current unbeaten run...which now stretches to 28 matches in normal play (not including penalty shoot-outs).