

Sunday 9th December 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Clowes Sports Ground

Kick-Off: 10.34.a.m.

Result: **GRANGE PARK** 3 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 2 **Half-Time:** 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Lexton HARRISON		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
6	RCB	Richard HARRIS		
5	LCB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Oshade WATSON		
20	CM Holding	Tyronne PETRIE		
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE		
19	RM/LM HT	Nana OBENG		
8	ACM/RM HT	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
10	LM/ACM HT	Jack BANGS		
12	CF	Tom CROAKE		22, 62 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 10

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

REFEREE: Alex Flett

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Strong blustery wind from corner to corner (against us in the Second Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Fairly soft and muddy, but flat with grass cut. Big slope against us in the Second Half.

UNAVAILABILITY: (22 Players): Ayo Matthews (*Suspended*), Daniel Daley, Eni Bezati, Nassir Ali, Mohamed Ali, Ashley-James Smith, Mustafa Farhan, Rafiel Johnson, Vishal Patel (*All Injured*), Aiden Kavanagh (*Family Commitments*), Furmaan Khan, Jordan Umpire (*Both Working*), Curtis Baalam, Harry Barfoot (GK) (*Both Away*), Troy Blake, Josh Baptiste, Ivan Bass, Dave Nguyen, Said Said, Louis Bennett (*All Other Commitments*)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Henry Akinsanmi (*Dead Leg*), Ian Whitmore (GK) (*'No Show'*)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (3-5-2): 1. Michael Fajardo (GK); 2. Joe Purvis (RCB), 20. Ricky Brennan (SW), 17. Dan Lyne (LCB); 13. Joe Stone (CM Holding...Captain); 8. Ruben Joseph (RWB), 16. Tom Andrews (CM), 5. Donadoni Jones (CM), 14. Tom Casey (LWB); 4. Jimmie Brennan (CF), 10. Tarkan Kartal (CF) **Subs.** 11. Reece Karpha (*On after 35 Mins.*), 3. John Addison (*On after 62 Mins.*), 6. Harry Pell (*On after 70 Mins.*), 15. Joe Wheeler (*Not Used*)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Lyne (25 Mins.), J.Brennan (71 Mins.), R.Brennan (88 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this match on the back of three good performances in a row which had taken us into mid-table security, while our opponents Grange Park had failed to field a team the week before. We were therefore hoping for another win, but instead, Grange Park had signed up a number of good new players during the week while a large number of ours decided to give this one a miss, leaving us without a proper goalkeeper and fielding just a bare eleven, several of whom were struggling with injuries which they ideally needed to rest. Indeed with our opponents very fired-up, we were lucky not to concede a goal after just 12 seconds when stand-in keeper Lexton Harrison allowed a shot from Tarkan Kartal to trickle past him, but Referee Alex Flett rightly ruled that another forward had strayed offside and was in Lexton's line of vision. However, we defended well after that and weathered the storm, and that allowed us to take the lead against the run of play in the 22nd minute when skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay immediately made a difference in his much-awaited return from a long injury absence by running onto a long throw from Sam Woolley to send over a perfect cross for Tom Croake to head in at the far post. Not for the first time this season though, we then threw a lead away by conceding a silly goal from a corner when Dan Lyne was left completely unmarked to equalise with a free header just three minutes later, but the rest of the First Half was fairly even with no chances for either side and we came off at Half-Time feeling we could get a result despite our lack of players. With the wind and slope behind them though, Grange Park pinned us back in our own half for the first 17 minutes of the Second Half, forcing 10 corners, but we defended really well and then hit them on the break again in the 62nd minute when Tom Croake once again scored with a header from a Leon McKenzie-McKay cross to put us 2-1 up. We then looked well in control for the next 10 minutes and could easily have added to our lead during that time, but then a clever first-time ball over the top in the 71st minute saw Grange Park Player-Manager Jimmie Brennan go clear to lob Lexton Harrison and make it 2-2 before his brother Ricky moved up front in the dying minutes to score a winner almost with the last kick of the match with Lexton appearing to think the shot was going wide, although he may have been a bit unsighted. It was a good effort by our players but we need to get more players back as soon as possible, otherwise we will get dragged into a relegation battle again.