

Sunday 13th November 2016

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

Kick-Off: 10.42.a.m. (GTFA late)

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....5 **GTFA** 1 Half-Time: 3-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
17	CB	Ivan BASS		
15	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF (Inj.) 27	
19	CM Holding	Connor KAVANAGH		
11	RM	Daniel DALEY		23, 27 Mins.
6	ACM/CM Holding27	Khaheem McKENZIE	OFF 81	
12	LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF (Inj.) 61	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		16, 63 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
7	ACM /CM Holding81	Tem ADIL	ON 27	
10	LM	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 61	
8	ACM	Hal OZKAN	ON 81	82 Mins.
4	Not Used	Tom CROAKE		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 24

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, R.McKay, M.McKay, D.Green, C.Lue

REFEREE: Michael McPherson

BOOKINGS: 3 GTFA Players & Khaheem McKenzie

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect. Wet on top.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Family Commitments), Danny Hagan (GK) (Injured), Tyronne Petrie (Working)

Daniel Cascoe (Family Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Chris Akinrele (Marathon Training)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Landi Duraku (GK), 2. Almir Isufaj (RB), 5. Ali Taha (CB), 4. Altin Isufaj (CB), 3. Yisaid Cengu (LB); 10. Arnis Memia (RCM Holding) 80. Dennis Haldini (LCM Holding); 7. Dori Duraku (RM), 8. Indistel Koqiu (ACM), 99. Togant Papazi (LM...Captain); 9. Besmir Sokoli (CF)

Subs.: Landi Llukovi, Arben Krasniqi

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Dori Duraku (68 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With GTFA having given us our most difficult match of the season so far back on the 16th October when we were fortunate to come away from their ground (Bethune Park) with a 4-2 victory, we were well aware before this match that we would have to improve a lot on that performance to come away with the three points this time with GTFA having won all three matches since, including a 6-2 win against Brotherhood, who we could only draw 1-1 with recently. Although midfield holding players Tyronne Petrie & Daniel Cascoe were both unavailable, we still managed to field a strong side with Curtis Baalam & Connor Kavanagh capably filling in for those positions, and we started really positively by not allowing GTFA's skilful attacking players any space in which to run at our back four while pressing their two holding midfielders at the same time. Playing on a perfect pitch at our Home ground and not having to wait an hour for the changing rooms to be opened also helped with our preparation of course, and we took the lead after just 16 minutes when Ayo Matthews controlled a long throw-in from Lexton Harrison, then turned and rifled an excellent finish into the far bottom corner. That gave us a lot of confidence and we increased our lead in the 23rd minute with a quality team goal that ended with Daniel Daley scoring with yet another header, this time from Matthews' pinpoint cross. Daley was looking really sharp after finally overcoming some injury problems earlier in the season, and he then made it 3-0 in the 27th minute with a good close-range finish from Leon McKenzie-McKay's pass inside. Although we then lost Curtis Baalam with a re-occurrence of a shoulder injury straight after that goal, we could have even increased our lead on a number of occasions before Half-Time as GTFA looked shell-shocked, while at the other end Stephen Roussety was almost a spectator. Not surprisingly, GTFA tried to mount a fight-back early in the Second Half, and when Leon McKenzie-McKay had to go off in the 61st minute with a suspected broken collarbone, we could have easily lost our momentum and started to struggle. However, Ayo Matthews killed the game off just two minutes later when he made it 4-0 with his second goal of the match by bundling in Aiden Kavanagh's free-kick from close range. GTFA did pull a goal back in the 68th minute when Dori Duraku raced away down the right to beat Aiden Kavanagh to the ball and bury a good low shot into the bottom corner, but they only had one other chance after that when Stephen Roussety made a great save to tip away a header from a corner. Our three substitutes used all played their part in our victory though, and one of them, Hal Ozkan made it 5-1 in the 82nd minute with a neat finish after a one-two with fellow sub Andreas Kriticos. 5-1 was how it finished, and this result will have most definitely sent out a warning to the rest of the division as we maintained our unbeaten record this season.

LAURENCE HUGHES