

Sunday 16th October 2016

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Bethune Park, Whetstone

Kick-Off: 10.39.a.m. (GTFA late/Referee taking his time)

Result: **GTFA**.....2 **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....4 Half-Time: 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
19	CB	Ivan BASS		
15	CB	Harold OFORI		
12	LB	Tyronne PETRIE		
6	CM Holding/ACM65	Khaheem McKENZIE		
17	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM		
8	RM/LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
7	ACM	Tem ADIL	OFF (Inj.) 58	
3	LM/RM	Aiden KAVANAGH		70, 84 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		25, 64 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	ON 58	
-	Not Used	Tom CROAKE		
-	Not Used	Andreas KRITICOS		
-	Not Used	Hal OZKAN		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 16

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, B.Cleary, C.Kavanagh, D.Daley, B.Ankrah

REFEREE: Bobby Bernini

BOOKINGS: 2 GTFA Players (No.19...Foul (50 Mins.) & No.8...Foul (60 Mins.) & Khaheem McKenzie (Time-Wasting...78 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Sunny & Mild.

STATE OF PITCH: Wet on top after early morning rain.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Injured), Danny Hagan (GK) (Illness), Daniel Daley (Ankle Injury), Connor Kavanagh (Toe Injury), Chris Akinrele (Running a Half-Marathon)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-5-1): 1. Landi Duraku (GK), 2. Almir Isufaj (RB), 5. Ali Taha (CB), 19. Dennis Haldini (CB), 18. Andrew Sutherland (LB); 9. Arnis Memia (RCM) 6. Dori Duraku (CM), 15. Altin Isufaj (LCM); 16. Besmir Sokoli (RW), 10. Togant Papazi (CF...Captain), 8. Indistel Koqiu (LM)

Sub.: 7. Landi Llukovi (On for Memia...68 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Koqiu (12 Mins.), Sokoli (62 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this match having had a frustrating week off the Sunday before when our opponents Majestic dropped out of the League 35 minutes before the kick-off, leaving our players standing on the pitch having to do a training session instead. GTFA on the other hand had sharpened themselves up by playing Premier Division champions Highgate Albion in a Cup match, and although they lost that game 6-0, they started this one seemingly a lot more match-fit than we were. Indeed we had already had two lucky escapes from free-kicks, one of which bounced down and away off the underside of our crossbar before they took the lead after only 12 minutes when their left-sided midfielder ran onto a loose ball to score easily from close range. However, we finally started waking up after 20 minutes when Ayo Matthews' work-rate and persistence as our lone striker saw him start to trouble the GTFA defence and create a number of chances for himself, one of which he took in the 25th minute to equalise with a shot in off the far post after a strong run down the left. However, he did miss a sitter from just 6 yards that would have given us a half-time lead, and that could have proved costly after GTFA regained the lead in the 62nd minute when their right-sided midfielder capitalised on a defensive mix-up after we failed to deal with a long ball over the top. However, Ayo soon brought us level again, making it 2-2 just two minutes later when he headed in Leon McKenzie-McKay's corner at the far post, and from then onwards we were always the more likely side to win, especially after Aiden Kavanagh curled in an excellent free-kick up and over the wall to put us 3-2 up in the 70th minute. With Daniel Cascoe coming on to shore up the centre of midfield, we were much more solid defensively the longer the game went on and we clinched our victory and preserved our 100% record so far this season with a fourth goal in the 84th minute as Curtis Baalam's quickly-taken free-kick put Ayo Matthews clear down the right for him to square the ball back for Aiden Kavanagh to score his second of the game with a simple tap-in. With all the other teams at the top of the table winning as well, we remain in third place but with games in hand on all of them, and with us winning this match without playing particularly well for long spells, all is looking good at the moment.

LAURENCE HUGHES