

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Bethune Park, Whetstone

Kick-Off: 10.43.a.m. (GTFA late)

Result: **GTFA** 2 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 4 **Half-Time:** 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE	
19	RB/LB 56	Troy BLAKE	
6	RCB	Richard HARRIS	
5	LCB	Harold OFORI (Captain)	6, 39 Mins.
2	LB	Josh BAPTISTE	OFF 56
18	RM/LM 84	Nana OBENG	90+5 Mins.
3	CM	Oshade WATSON	OFF 90+1
8	CM	Furmaan KHAN	
12	LM/RM 84	Tom CROAKE	77 Mins.
9	CF/RB 56/CF 65	Lexton HARRISON	
10	CF	Jack BANGS	
SUBSTITUTES			
11	CF	Daniel DALEY	ON 56 / OFF (Inj.) 58
14	RB	Ivan BASS	ON 65
16	CM	Daniel CASCOE	ON 90+1

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 10

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

REFEREE: Ian Gray

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Blustery wind from corner to corner (against us in the First Half). Showery light rain throughout.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft after heavy rain the day before, but not waterlogged.

UNAVAILABILITY: (19 Players): Ayo Matthews (*Suspended*), Sam Woolley, Leon McKenzie-McKay, Nassir Ali, Mohamed Ali, Ashley-James Smith, Mustafa Farhan, Rafiel Johnson, Nathan Allen, Vishal Patel (*All Injured*), Tyrone Petrie, Eni Bezati, Jordan Umpire (*All Working*), Curtis Baalam (*Away*), Aiden Kavanagh, Dave Nguyen, Said Said, Louis Bennett (*All Other Commitments*)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Henry Akinsanmi (*Overslept*)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-3-2-1): 1. Jayson Pineda (GK); 4. Christian Giraldo-Ruiz (RB), 2. Nick Nicholas (RCB), 3. Andrew Sutherland (LCB...Captain), 32. Gabriel Platt (LB); 14. George Timotheou (CM Holding), 12. Santiago Bravo (CM Holding); -. Arghyros Leonida (RM), 5. Tahla Mallick (ACM); 11. Chidi Odiaka (LM), -. Nuno Juaud Sani (CF...*On after 10 Mins.*) **Subs.** None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Odiaka (67 Mins.), Sani (70 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We were originally due to be playing at Home to Roving Reporters on this date, but our opponents were then suddenly granted a couple of weeks off by the League to sort themselves out following some internal problems, leaving both ourselves and GTFA (who we had already played at Home) without a game. We therefore agreed to bring forward our Away game against them, despite knowing that the Wilder-Fury fight at 5.00 am would more than likely put paid to a number of players, but as it happened, only Henry Akinsanmi failed to turn up because of that, while GTFA fared a lot worse and were only able to field a bare eleven, including two or three who were clearly not regulars. Despite missing 10 players ourselves who would probably have been in our squad of 16 if they were available though, we were well on top early on with GTFA turning up late and then starting the match with only 10 men, and we took a deserved lead after just 6 minutes when skipper Harold Ofori scored with a powerful header from a Nana Obeng corner after being left totally unmarked whilst GTFA's eleventh player was only just putting his boots on over by the changing rooms. Once that player (forward Nuno Sani) came on though, both sides hardly created a thing for the next 33 minutes until we went 2-0 up from another corner which Josh Baptiste took this time for Lexton Harrison to get on the end of, with Harold then diverting the ball in on the goal-line for his second of the match. That was the score at the break, and with three subs on the bench for us to GTFA's none, we were expecting to get on top and increase our lead early in the Second Half when we started bringing them on. Instead though, Ian Whitmore had to make an excellent save in a one-on-one with Chidi Odiaka in the 52nd minute, and then the game got delayed by 6 minutes when a collision between Daniel Daley and GTFA keeper Jayson Pineda saw Daley carried off with what sadly turned out later to be a broken leg. Our players knew it was serious and lost their concentration because of that with GTFA scoring twice in the space of three minutes through Chidi Odiaka and Nuno Sani, both after defensive errors where players missed their tackles or were slithering about from seemingly wearing the wrong boots for the muddy surface and therefore couldn't clear the ball properly. However, we managed to rally ourselves in an effort to win the game for the stricken Daley with Tom Croake putting us back in front in the 77th minute with a neat sidefooted finish before Nana Obeng made sure in the 5th minute of Injury Time, giving us a 4-2 victory with a good finish into the roof of the net after an excellent move on the break from a GTFA corner. This win takes us comfortably into mid-table, but our increasing season-ending injury list is now a major concern and reinforcements may now be needed in the New Year.