

Sunday 24th September 2017

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

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m.

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

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		
5	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Anees IKRAMULLAH	OFF 85	
17	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF 50	
20	CM Holding	Tyronne PETRIE		
11	RM/LM HT	Daniel DALEY	OFF 50	
19	ACM/LM 50	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
4	LM/RM HT	Miles LEVY	OFF 82	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		43, 46 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	ON 50	
10	ACM	Jack BANGS	ON 50	53 Mins.
12	RM	Tom CROAKE	ON 82	
8	LB	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 85	
7	Not Used	Hal OZKAN		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 30

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, D.Cascoe, S.Roussety, R.McKay, T.Bryan

REFEREE: Dave Thomas

BOOKINGS: Jack Bangs (Foul...52 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Sunny. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (9 Players) Stephen Roussety (GK) (Finger Injury), Abz El-Habassi (GK) (Knee Injury), George House (Injured), Leon Bernard (Injured), Daniel Cascoe (Broken Metatarsal), Rhys McKay (Injured), Chris Lue (Injured), Johan Ahipeaud (Injured), Khaheem McKenzie (Working) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Landi Duraku (GK); 6. Shatri Kleris (RB), 5. Ali Taha (CB), 4. Altin Isufaj (CB), 3. Andrew Sutherland (LB); 8. Indistel Kociu (CM Holding); 12. Artan Veseli (RM), 80. Dennis Haldini (CM), 10. Arnis Memia (CM), 2. Lisaid Cengu (LM); 7. Dori Duraku (CF)

Subs.: None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

This was our first Home match of the season and a chance to enjoy ourselves on our 'bowling green/carpet' after having to play our first two games Away on a dreadful Council pitch in Barnet. We also had a photo shoot before the kick-off to celebrate our new kit sponsorship from Anthonisz Neville LLP Chartered Accountants, so we were always going to be fielding a strong side for this one. Our opponents GTFA had three of their better players missing through suspension and were only able to field a bare eleven, so their tactics were very much to sit back and defend in numbers and try and hit us on the break. We therefore had far fewer clear-cut chances in the First Half of this match than we managed in other recent games, but we still squandered some good ones until Ayo Matthews finally broke the deadlock two minutes before Half-Time when he fired in from close range after a scramble in the area from Curtis Baalam's corner. That certainly calmed any nerves we might have had, and after a good team-talk during the break, we really came out firing for the Second Half when Ayo made it 2-0 just 12 seconds after the re-start when he dispossessed midfielder Arnis Memia and ran on to fire an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net after a double step-over to beat the last defender. We then should have gone 3-0 up just three minutes later when we were awarded a penalty after Daniel Daley was pulled back in the area, but skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay hit a weak effort that was easily saved by GTFA keeper Landi Duraku, with Harold Ofori's follow-up then being disallowed for offside. Duraku may have made a good save there, but he was certainly at fault when we did go 3-0 up in the 53rd minute when he allowed a dipping long range shot from substitute Jack Bangs to bounce underneath him into the net. We were never really going to lose from then onwards and we were able to make a number of substitutions that helped us greatly in the warm and sunny weather whereas GTFA were forced to continue defending almost as a damage limitation exercise. They did have a couple of chances to pull a goal back from set-pieces late on, but we fully deserved our win and another clean sheet as we moved up to second in the table.

LAURENCE HUGHES