

Sunday 26th November 2017

Barnet Sunday League Senior Cup Second Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.50.a.m. (Highgate Albion Reserves late)

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....2 **HIGHGATE ALBION RESERVES** 2 **Half-Time:** 2-1

Highgate Albion Reserves won 4-1 on penalties

SHIRT NUMBER		TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES	PENALTIES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY			
18	RB	Vishal PATEL			
2	CB	Lexton HARRISON			
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)			1st (Missed)
3	LB	Taurean BRYAN			
10	CM Holding	Josh ODUKOYA	OFF 58		
14	CM Holding	Tobi MICHAELS			
16	RM/CF20/ACM49	Rhys McKAY			2nd (Scored)
11	ACM/RM20	Tre MAXWELL			
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	OFF (Inj.) 68	40, 45 Mins.	
7	CF/ACM20	Ben CULORA	OFF 49 / BACK ON 85		
SUBSTITUTES					
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 49 / OFF 85		
8	CM Holding	Khaheem MCKENZIE	ON 58		3rd (Missed)
6	LM	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 68		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMEN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 6

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, J.Mehmet

REFEREE: Gary Lawrence

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny with freezing cold strong wind down pitch (against us in First Half) **STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (16 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Family Commitments), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Broken Ankle), Tyronne Petrie (Working), Daniel Daley (Injured), Jack Bangs (Working), Ivan Bass (Away-Birthday), Anees Ikramullah (Family Commitments), Miles Levy (Working), Aiden Kavanagh (Uni/Futsal), Daniel Cascoe (Away-Birthday), Chris Kriticos (Away-Birthday), Bruce Scott (Away), Lucas Cascoe (Working), Roderick Bennett (Asst. Manager) (Working), Bob Cleary (GK Coach/Club Linesman) (Illness)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Curtis Baalam ('No Show' (Birthday)), George House (Foot Injury), Chris Lue (Family Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Dane Christie (GK/CB); 3. Jordan Ellis (RB), 5. Marc Turpin (CB/GK), 66. Michael Slowey (CB), 14. Matthew Dann (LB); 6. Marlon Jackson (CM), 10. Pele Riley (CM...Captain), 18. Adam Tripp (RM), 11. Anthony Dalton (ACM), 12. Luke Kavanagh (LM); 7. Max St. Hill (CF) **Subs:** None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Dalton (8 Mins.), Tripp (47 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' PENALTIES: St. Hill (1st...Scored), Dalton (2nd...Scored), Tripp (3rd...Scored), Riley (4th...Scored)

MATCH REPORT

We had a ridiculous amount of players making themselves unavailable for this match for various reasons, so much so that we had more-or-less a whole regular starting eleven missing as we took on Premier Division side Highgate Albion Reserves in this League Senior Cup match. Thankfully Highgate had been on an equally poor run of form themselves and turned up with just a bare eleven, so that evened things up with us fielding so many new players that Manager Tony McKay couldn't remember all their names and had to call them by the numbers on their shorts! In addition to that, we had four others in the starting line-up (including goalkeeper Stephen Roussety) who were getting a rare game, while Ayo Matthews and Khaheem McKenzie, two of our 'star players' from last season were only fit enough for a place on the bench. Although it was always going to be difficult for our players to learn each others names and their style of play straight away, we competed well right from the start and we were really unlucky to go a goal down after just 8 minutes when a lucky deflection saw the ball loop over Stephen Roussety off the toe of the onrushing Anthony Dalton. We were not put off by that though, and after switching our attacking players around positionally in the 20th minute, we gradually started creating chances and were the better side for the last 10-15 minutes of the half with Tom Croake equalising in the 40th minute with a close-range scrambled effort after the Highgate keeper had made a mess of what should have been an easy save from a Ben Culora shot. That gave us a lot of confidence with Tom going close again with a well-struck shot just over the bar two minutes later before he put us 2-1 up right on the Half-Time whistle with a good finish into the bottom corner after capitalising on another blunder from a defender slipping over in the area. Highgate came out for the Second Half a lot more determined though, and they made it 2-2 just two minutes after the break when Adam Tripp wrong-footed Taurean Bryan and cut inside to finish well from close range. Although we still had the odd chance here and there, the rest of the Second Half was all about defending well for us, which we just about managed to do despite most of our players (including our four new ones) really struggling to last 90 minutes because they hadn't played 11-a-side football on a regular basis for 'ages'. We held out to take the game into a penalty shoot-out, but as soon as Highgate replaced their goalkeeper for that with an outfield player who must have been nearly seven foot tall (making Stephen Roussety look like a midget in comparison), we just didn't look confident at all, and misses by Harold Ofori and Khaheem McKenzie saw us go out of the competition.