

Sunday 2nd October 2016

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

Kick-Off: 10.38.a.m. (Referee taking his time)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....7 HIGHGATE ALBION 3rds.....0 *Half-Time: 2-0*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Zac TROULLOUS		
14	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
11	CB	Ivan BASS		
5	CB	Harold OFORI		73 Mins.
19	LB	Tyronne PETRIE		
6	CM Holding	Khaheem McKENZIE		29 Mins.
16	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	OFF (Inj.) HT	
18	RM/LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		17, 86 Mins.
7	ACM	Tem ADIL		83 Mins.
8	LM	Tom CROAKE	OFF HT	
17	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF 75	
SUBSTITUTES				
10	LM/RM	Chris AKINRELE	ON HT	52, 81 Mins.
4	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON HT	
9	CF	Rhys McKAY	ON 75	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 15

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

REFEREE: Dylan Ossei

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy with cold blustery wind across pitch.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Injured), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Daniel Daley (Ankle Injury), Daniel Cascoe (Hamstring Injury), Danny Hagan (Away), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Connor Kavanagh (Toe Injury), Chris Kriticos (Away), Hal Ozkan (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Martin Cruickshank (Family Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Dave Staniforth (GK); 5. Gareth Brooks (RB), 12. James Dennison (CB), David Bailey (CB), 10. John Woods (LB); 14. Peter Parratt (RM), 2. Tom Woods (CM), 8. Alex James (CM), 15. Gaku Sato (LM); 11. Steve Sullivan (CF), 16. Nicky Paul (CF)

Subs.: 7. Jordan Doyle (On for Parratt...58 Mins.), 18. Dan Wilkins (On for Sato...70 Mins.), 9. Hakan Guven (On for Sullivan...70 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

Although we were missing both our proper goalkeepers and several other good players for this match, we were really looking forward to playing at Home for the first time this season on our immaculate pitch, and with our opponents struggling near the foot of the table we were therefore determined to start on the front foot and get an early goal. Highgate Albion defended well early on though and we had to wait until the 17th minute to take the lead when skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay outpaced a defender to score from Lexton Harrison's long throw-in. However, we then squandered a number of opportunities after that with Ayo Matthews the main culprit, although Albion's 55-year-old goalkeeper Dave Staniforth did make some very good saves. We finally made it 2-0 in the 29th minute though when the ever-improving Khaheem McKenzie made a great run from midfield onto Leon McKenzie-McKay's through ball and then calmly dummied keeper Staniforth to score, but more wasteful finishing from some of our other players saw us only come off at the break with a two-goal lead when it really should have been a lot more. We made amends in the Second Half though with attacking midfielder Chris Akinrele coming on at Half-Time for his first game of the season while Andreas Kriticos replaced the injured Curtis Baalam in a more defensive role. Indeed Akinrele soon made a mark when he put us 3-0 up in the 52nd minute with a clinical finish after Ayo Matthews had unsettled the Albion defence with his pace, then he was involved again in the 73rd minute as we went 4-0 up by catching Albion on the break following a corner, with central defender Harold Ofori sprinting the length of the pitch to tap in Akinrele's low cross after an excellent move with Tem Adil. Albion's players then got really tired in the last 10 minutes, especially after Akinrele made it 5-0 in the 81st minute after linking with fellow substitute Rhys McKay then calmly finishing into the bottom corner as our opponents found they were no match for somebody who has spent the past year competing in a number of marathons. Even Tem got in on the act with a rare goal just two minutes later to make it 6-0 with another good finish after running onto a perfectly-weighted through ball from Andreas Kriticos, then Leon McKenzie-McKay rounded things off with a 7th in the 86th minute with an easy finish from close range after a good spell of pressure. We were so dominant that stand-in keeper Zac Troulous did not have a save to make apart from a few important clearances as a 'sweeper-keeper', and this was a real message of intent from us as we kept up our 100% record so far this season to take over at the top of the Division Two table on goal difference.

LAURENCE HUGHES