

Sunday 23rd April 2017

**Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the St. Aloysius Sports Ground, Highgate**

**Kick-Off:** 10.35.a.m.

**Result:** **HIGHGATE ALBION 3rds.....0** **EDMONTON ROVERS.....5** **Half-Time:** 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	EDMONTON ROVERS (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		86 (Pen.) Mins.
15	CB	Tyronne PETRIE		
14	CB/LB 73	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF 73	67 Mins.
8	CM Holding	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 49	
6	RM/LM	Jack BANGS	OFF 58	
7	ACM	Hal OZKAN	OFF 53	
12	LM/RM	Tom CROAKE		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		36, 66 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
10	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 49	
19	ACM	Johan AHYPEAUD	ON 53	
11	LM	Daniel DALEY	ON 58	79 Mins.
17	CB	Ivan BASS	ON 73	

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay **CLUB LINESMAN:** Not Required **OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes **ATTENDANCE:** 9

**REFEREE:** Dylan Ossei

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly Sunny.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Bone dry and a bit bare & bumpy.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (6 Players) Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Connor Kavanagh (Away), Anees Ikramullah (Away), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Roderick Bennett (Asst. Manager) (Working), Bob Cleary (GK Coach/Club Linesman) (Family Commitments)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Curtis Baalam (Illness), John Scouller (No Show)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-5-1):** 1. Dave Staniforth (GK); 7. Isaac Adomako (RB), 12. Gareth Brooks (CB), 2. Francis Maitland (CB), 8. Charlie Mason (LB); 3. John Eager (RM...On after 56 minutes), 14. Nic Dunlop (RCM), 6. Gordon Anderson (CM), 17. Gaku Sato (LCM), 10. John Woods (LM...Captain), 9. Connor Lee (CF) **Subs.:** None

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** None

**MATCH REPORT**

This was our last game of the season and a chance for us to become the 'invincibles' by going the whole campaign unbeaten in Division Two, but with our opponents Highgate Albion 3rds having only won once in their last 18 matches and turning up with just 10 men, we pretty much knew we had already achieved that feat even before the game had started! Highgate did show a bit more willingness to compete than they had back in October when we beat them 7-0 back at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club though, but even though we were missing regulars Connor Kavanagh, Curtis Baalam & Khaheem McKenzie and were giving other players a start, we still created chances straight away. However, an incredible series of bad misses and continually being 'wrongly' given offside by a Referee not using Club Linesmen...because there weren't any with our own Bob Cleary unavailable...really frustrated our four attacking players in the first 35 minutes, especially Ayo Matthews, who needed to score five goals in this match to finish as the division's leading goalscorer. However, Highgate's veteran goalkeeper Dave Staniforth did make some very good saves, while one or two of their defenders also made some timely interventions, so fair play to them for keeping us out in that respect. Ironically though, when Ayo finally gave us the lead in the 36th minute after racing clear from Hal Ozkan's through ball, he actually was offside and the Referee guessed that one wrong! We deserved the lead anyway, but after more squandered opportunities, we had a bit of a scare early in the Second Half when Grant Baker actually had to make a save by tipping over a well-struck free-kick and then Highgate suddenly found an 11th player from somewhere a couple of minutes later. However, playing against eleven men actually seemed to help us, and after bringing on some fresh legs ourselves, we finally went 2-0 up in the 66th minute when Ayo scored his second of the match with a simple finish into an empty net after substitute Johan Ahipeaud had set him up. Aiden Kavanagh then made it 3-0 just a minute later with a similar goal amidst more appeals for offside, but Daniel Daley's sidefooted goal that made it 4-0 in the 79th minute was very different as Leon McKenzie-McKay's setup was bizarre where he missed a header from a loose high ball just inside the area but backheel-flicked it straight into Daley's path at the same time. The next few minutes were then spent debating whether Leon meant it or not, until we were then awarded a penalty in the 86th minute for a foul on Ayo which started a debate about who was going to take it. With it now being too late in the match for Ayo to score the five goals he needed, it was decided that a player who had not yet scored so far this season should be given the chance, so up stepped Lexton Harrison to sneak the ball in to make it 5-0, even though keeper Staniforth guessed the right way and got a hand on it. With our most successful season for 29 years now over, we can now look forward to picking up the Division Two trophy at the League's Presentation Dinner on the 19th May and then celebrating properly at our own AGM/Presentation Night on the 30th June before we concentrate on doing the same in Division One next season.