

Sunday 21st August 2016

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 9)

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m.

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....2 **HIGHGATE ALBION 2nd XI** 1 Half-Time: 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-3-3 / 4-4-2 HT)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER	OFF HT	
12	RB/CM Hold 30	Tyronne PETRIE		
16	CB/RB 30	Lexton HARRISON		
5	CB	Harold OFORI		
19	LB/LM HT	Connor KAVANAGH	OFF 83	
10	RCM/RCF15	Joshua GUSTAVE	OFF 76	
6	CM/LCM 30/LM 83/LB 86	Khaheem MCKENZIE	OFF 54/BACK ON 83	
7	LCM	Tem ADIL	OFF 30	
9	RCF/RCM15/RM HT	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
11	CF/RCF76	Zac TROULLOUS	OFF 29/BACK ON 76	
8	LCF/LM86	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF HT/BACK ON 86	
SUBSTITUTES				
14	CF	Daniel DALEY	ON 29	
15	CB	Ivan BASS	ON 30	
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH	ON HT/ OFF 86	47, 59 Mins.
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY	ON HT	
4	CM	Scott JENKINS	ON 54	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 17

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, C.Baalam, R.McKay, B.Ricketts

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE: Nick Nicolaou

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with stiff breeze down pitch (against us in Second Half)

STATE OF PITCH: Dry, but flat with grass cut.

UNAVAILABILITY: (14 Players) Danny Hagan (Injured), Martin Cruickshank (Working), Hal Ozkan (Away), Curtis Baalam (Injured), Tom Croake (Away), Andreas Kriticos (Away), Chris Kriticos (Away), Stefan Antoniou (Injured), Rhys McKay (Injured), Daniel Cascoe (Family Commitments), Jack Bangs (Family Commitments), Chris Akinrele (Marathon Training), Daniel 'Paul' Coldwell (Away)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Benji Ricketts (Aggravated Injury in Warm-Up)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. John Hartfield (GK...Captain); 2. Gareth Brooks (RB), 6. Charlie Mason (CB), 16. Remi Pierre (CB), 12. Ian Kirby (LB); 4. Ricky Rose (CM Holding); 3. Marc Turpin (RM), 9. Pele Riley (CM), 10. Scott Buddington (CM), 14. Nic Dunlop (LM); 18. Adam Tripp (CF)

Subs.: 11. Jordan Doyle (On after 36 Mins. for Dunlop), 7. Tom Woods (On at HT for Mason)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Tripp (3 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Our third Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer saw us take on Barnet Sunday League opposition for the first time in Highgate Albion's Second XI, who had finished Runners-Up in Division One last season. We had numerous players missing due to injuries, holidays and other commitments, but goalkeeper Grant Baker managed to bring along three new players to make their debuts and sign up, these being imposing centre-back Harold Ofori and attacking midfielders Ayo Matthews and Joshua Gustave. With Grant himself making a comeback after injury and our other proper goalkeeper Stephen Roussey on the bench, our problems from the first two Friendlies had now been solved in that respect, but Grant could do nothing about a screamer from Adam Tripp after just three minutes that dipped and swerved all over the place to give Albion the lead. With Zac Troulous also playing outfield for the first time, we were a bit disjointed in the First Half because of an understandable lack of teamwork and we deserved to come off at Half-Time 1-0 down. However, a number of substitutions did the trick, particularly the introduction of left-back Aiden Kavanagh at the start of the Second Half with his twin brother now pushing further forward ahead of him. That saw us equalise just two minutes after the break when Aiden got forward from a throw-in to pounce on a bad mistake by Albion substitute Tom Woods and sidefoot into an empty net from a tight angle. That gave us confidence and we played really well as a team thereafter with several good chances being created. It was Aiden Kavanagh once again whose finishing was spot-on in the 59th minute though as he put us 2-1 up from an even tighter angle by drilling the ball under keeper John Hartfield at his near post. Admittedly Highgate Albion did have to put a number of 3rd team players in their squad for this match, but bearing in mind their 3rds are in our Division this season, the fact that we were able to create a lot of chances bodes well for us. Our Second Half keeper Steve Roussey did have to make one excellent point-blank save to ensure we kept our lead intact though and Albion did have a few other chances towards the end, but we battled really well and showed good fitness and determination in putting an end to a miserable run of nine matches without a win stretching all the way back to December last year !

LAURENCE HUGHES