

Sunday 15th April 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Highgate Wood Sports Ground

Kick-Off: 10.40.a.m.

Result: HORNSEY & HIGHGATE 2 EDMONTON ROVERS 0 Half-Time: 1-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 3-5-2 78)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Lexton HARRISON		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	OFF 78	
15	CB	Ivan BASS		
20	CB	Tyronne PETRIE (Captain)		
12	LB/CM Holding HT	Anees IKRAMULLAH		
17	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF HT	
8	CM Holding	Henry AKINSANMI		
11	RM	Daniel DALEY	OFF 55	
10	ACM/CF 85	Jack BANGS	OFF 57 / BACK ON 78	
19	LM	Nana OBENG		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
SUBSTITUTES				
3	LB/CB 85	Oshade WATSON	ON HT	
16	RM	Jordan UMPIRE	ON 55	
18	ACM	Vishal PATEL	ON 57	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary/Roderick Bennett

ATTENDANCE: 26

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes

REFEREE: Ian Fernandes

BOOKINGS: Sam Keenan (H&H) (Foul... 79 Mins)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & Cool. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft, muddy, long grass and badly churned up.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players) Harold Ofori (Toe Injury), Tom Croake (Away ?), Grant Baker (GK) (Playing 5-a-side in Derby), Curtis Baalam (Working), Aiden Kavanagh (University) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None ?

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-1): 1. Andrew May (GK); 17. Finlay Galbraith (RB), 6. Harry Garratt (CB), 5. Richard Wayoe (CB), 23. Nkencho Okonta (LB); 8. Jack Granger (RM), 4. Jesse Hadley (CM...Captain), 16. Sam Keenan (CM), 7. Francis Wayoe (LM); 9. Guy Jacobson-Durham (CF) **Subs.:** None

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Petrie (Own Goal) (37 Mins.), F.Wayoe (52 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

This was our last League match of the season while our opponents Hornsey & Highgate still had four more games to play, but with nothing at stake in this mid-table skirmish, both sides turned up badly under-strength with Hornsey & Highgate only able to field 10 men while we ourselves were down to just 19 interested players from the 54 we have registered. With five of those 19 unavailable for this particular match, we once again fielded a drastically-changed side from the previous week with numerous players in the squad of 14 not having played on a regular basis for several months due to other commitments and injuries, which has been the story of our season. That became evident right from the start when our players produced mis-kicks galore for the first 15 minutes or so because of rustiness, although the dreadful state of the pitch was also a massive hindrance to us for sure. With Hornsey & Highgate's ten men being much fitter and stronger players than most of ours, it meant the game was very even throughout when it shouldn't have been, but we did have a good spell mid-way through the First Half when we started getting in a few shots on-target, although they were all comfortable saves for Hornsey & Highgate keeper Andrew May. It was certainly against the run of play when we went behind after 37 minutes when Tyronne Petrie sent a defensive header from a long free-kick backwards towards his own goal, but we had defender Lexton Harrison having to play in goal again and he saw the ball loop over him and into the net after straying too far off his line. With no sign of us scoring before the break and Hornsey & Highgate even having chances to increase their lead, Manager Tony McKay decided to make a change for the start of the Second Half by bringing on Oshade Watson for Daniel Cascoe and moving left-back Anees Ikramullah into midfield, but we soon found ourselves 2-0 down just seven minutes after the break when Oshade was one of three defenders along with Tyronne Petrie and Sam Woolley who were badly out-paced by Hornsey & Highgate's Francis Wayoe, who sprinted almost the length of the pitch on the break to beat Lexton in a one-against-one from six yards. After that, Hornsey & Highgate defended for their lives by throwing themselves into every challenge, and even though we brought on two further substitutes in Jordan Umpire and Vishal Patel to give us some fresh legs, we ran out of ideas more and more as the game went on, with free-kicks from just outside the area being our only real hope of getting back into the match. They were all hit high or wide by various players though and we had to settle for another defeat in what is now a run of just two wins in 20 matches. We will now be trying out more new players for next season in a Summer Inter-League Cup competition and various Pre-Season Friendlies to see if we can stop the rot, but at least we are not turning up with only 10 men like our opponents and other sides are now doing, so that is a positive sign. We just need to find a settled side of committed players again like we had the previous season in winning Division Two.