

Sunday 28th October 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 2 **HORNSEY & HIGHGATE**..... 3 **Half-Time:** 0-3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE		
2	RB/CM Holding 50	Oshade WATSON	OFF (Inj.) 51	
5	RCB	Lexton HARRISON		
6	LCB	Richard HARRIS		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
15	CM Holding/RB 50	Curtis BAALAM (Captain)		
17	CM Holding	Nassir ALI		52 Mins.
7	RM	Mohamed ALI	OFF HT	
10	ACM	Jack BANGS		81 (Pen.) Mins.
11	LM	Daniel DALEY		
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
SUBSTITUTES				
12	RM	Tom CROAKE	ON HT	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	ON 51	
19	Not Used	Said SAID		
8	Not Used	Ashley-James SMITH		
20	Not Used	Dave NGUYEN		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 23

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, L.McKenzie-McKay

REFEREE: James Smith

BOOKINGS: Jesse Hadley (H & H) - Foul (34 Mins.) **SENDING-OFFS:** None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Occasional sun with cold blustery wind across pitch. **STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay, Eni Bezati, Ivan Bass, Rafiel Johnson, Nathan Allen, Vishal Patel (All Injured), Troy Blake (Away), Tyronne Petrie, Furmaan Khan (Both Working), Sam Woolley, Nana Obeng, Louis Bennett (All Other Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Ant Manoli (GK); 8. Adam Alon (RB), 16. Joe Higgins (RCB), 6. Harry Garratt (LCB), 9. Guy Jacobson-Durham (LB); 4. Jesse Hadley (CM Holding...Captain); 17. Michael Hamilton (RM), 7. Sam Fowler (CM), 3. Sam Craft (CM), 11. Jack Granger (LM); 12. Sam Keenan (CF)

Subs. 8. Danny Alon, 23. Nkencho Okonta, 5. Alf Ryan-Inkson, 2. Jamil Popat (All roll-on, roll-off)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Keenan (15 (Pen.) Mins.), Hamilton (19 Mins.), Fowler (24 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Although we had won four matches in a row coming into this fixture, we knew this game was going to be a lot harder than any of those previous victories as Hornsey & Highgate had beaten us twice in Division One last season...and with only 10 men all match in one of those games. On both occasions they outmuscled and bullied our players, so we were determined not to let that happen again and the first 15 minutes were played at a frantic pace as we competed for every ball and made it a midfield battle with no shots at goal from either side. However, Lexton Harrison then made a terrible mistake (having turned up late and not warmed up properly) when he let the ball bounce under his foot from a drop-kick by Hornsey & Highgate keeper Ant Manoli, resulting in Curtis Baalam having to make a desperate last-ditch 'man & ball challenge' to put Sam Fowler off his eventual shot. Referee James Smith saw that as a penalty though, which their lone striker Sam Keenan easily despatched to put his side 1-0 up. It then got worse for us just four minutes later when Harrison and his fellow central defender Richard Harris both got out-muscled by Keenan, who flicked the ball on for Michael Hamilton to lose his marker Aiden Kavanagh and easily lob over the stranded Ian Whitmore to make it 2-0. It didn't help that we were without defenders Sam Woolley, Tyronne Petrie & Troy Blake for this match, as another mistake at the back cost us a third goal after just 24 minutes when Oshade Watson was beaten to a loose ball and then out-battled in the subsequent scramble that led to Sam Fowler getting in a low shot that squirmed its way in past defender Harris and keeper Whitmore. Although we had been unlucky to find ourselves 3-0 down from the only three chances created by either side at that stage of the match and we then started creating chances of our own towards the end of the First Half, Manager Tony McKay was furious at Half-Time and demanded we show more bottle and fight in the Second Half. That worked to some extent as we certainly played a lot better, with Nasser Ali's spectacular curling shot into the top corner in the 52nd minute making it 3-1 to give us a lifeline, but our second goal in the 81st minute from a Jack Bangs penalty after a handball in the area came too late in the game really, and although we still created several half-chances in the last 21 minutes (which included 12 minutes of 'added-on time' by the Referee for injuries and time-wasting), Hornsey & Highgate had a number of chances in the Second Half as well that were more clear-cut, and they proved to be a much better side than our last four opponents, managing to see out the win with us not having enough attacking options on the bench to come on and find an equaliser.