

Sunday 10th September 2017

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Oakhill Park, Barnet (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 11.00.a.m

Result: **KEDARES TOWN**..... 1 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 1 Half-Time: 0-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Abz EL-HABASSI		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
17	CB	Ivan BASS		
5	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
6	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH		
8	CM Holding/ACM HT	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		64 Mins.
10	RM	Leon BERNARD	OFF HT	
4	CM	Jack BANGS	OFF HT	
11	LM	Daniel DALEY	OFF HT	
14	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
SUBSTITUTES				
9	RM	Raj BUMBRA	ON HT	
15	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	ON HT	
16	LM	Miles LEVY	ON HT	
7	Not Used	George HOUSE		
12	Not Used	Tom CROAKE		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

ATTENDANCE: 40

REFEREE: Bob Salter

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with strong blustery wind across pitch from corner to corner (against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Big pitch with dips in. Very long grass !

CLUB LINESMEN: Rhys McKay (First Half) / Stephen Roussety (Second Half)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, A.Kriticos, C.Kriticos

UNAVAILABILITY: (9 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Working), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Finger Injury), Curtis Baalam (Rib Injury), Tyrone Petrie (Working), Daniel Cascoe (Broken Metatarsal), Johan Ahipeaud (Injured), Chris Lue (Injured), Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Taurean Bryan (Away), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (3-4-1-2): 1. Chris Whalley (GK); 11. Zach Kyriacou (RCB), 14. Laurence Rispoli (SW), 10. John Christodoulou (LCB); 6. Luke Theodosiou (RWB), 23. Adonis Pratsides (CM), 17. Tommy Marsh (CM...Captain), 16. Harry Kruger (LM); 15. Vince Rispoli (ACM); 9. Alex Holness (CF), 5. Stephen Marsh (CF)

Subs.: Chris Christou, William Martin, Kyri Zapouni, Jay Jadeja (Not Used), Chris Pantelli (Not Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Christodoulou (88 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this first League match of the season having lost four out of our five Pre-Season Friendlies, but most of those were against opponents who we assumed would be better than any team we would face in Division One this season, so we saw that as good preparation. We suffered a blow before the match though when both of our goalkeepers Grant Baker & Stephen Roussety had to drop out because of work commitments and a finger injury respectively, but thankfully we were allowed to sign Abz El-Habassi as an emergency registration before the kick-off, and he was able to take over as a very capable goalkeeper after having had a runout as a right-back the week before. We did have a scare half-way through the First Half though when Abz had to receive lengthy treatment for a knee injury suffered in a collision with Harold Ofori, but he was able to get through the game with very little to do as for the most part we restricted our opponents to harmless long-range shots straight at him. We didn't create too much ourselves in the First Half though as both teams found it difficult to cope with the ridiculously long grass, but we looked much sharper in the Second Half when Manager Tony McKay brought on three of our substitutes at Half-Time and pushed skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay further forward. Indeed it was Leon who gave us the lead in the 64th minute when he just beat Kedares keeper Chris Whalley to the ball after Ayo Matthews had cleverly chipped it through to him, but for 10 minutes before that goal and the rest of the match thereafter we squandered numerous chances with Leon himself and substitutes Raj Bumbra (in particular) & Miles Levy all being guilty after causing the Kedares defence all sorts of problems with their pace. We were then made to pay for that when Kedares defender John Christodoulou made a late run into the area to out-jump our defenders and head a long throw into the bottom corner with the final whistle then being blown by Referee Bob Salter straight on the re-start...in the 88th minute despite there being at least three minutes-worth of added-on-time for various injury stoppages in the Second Half. We only had ourselves to blame for not winning the match though as our finishing let us down for the second week running, but with Kedares having only lost a couple of games since last Christmas, one of them being a Cup Final, they will more than likely be challenging for the title alongside ourselves, and a point from this game on a dreadful pitch may not be a bad result for us anyway.

LAURENCE HUGHES