

Sunday 25th March 2018

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

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m.

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 2 **KEDARES TOWN** 0 **Half-Time:** 1-0

| SHIRT NUMBER | TEAM (4-1-4-1) | | | GOAL TIMES |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1 | GK | Grant BAKER | | |
| 3 | RB | Sam WOOLLEY | | |
| 2 | CB | Lexton HARRISON | | |
| 5 | CB | Harold OFORI (Captain) | | |
| 6 | LB | Oshade WATSON | | |
| 14 | CM Holding | Curtis BAALAM | | |
| 11 | RM | Daniel DALEY | | |
| 17 | CM | Anees IKRAMULLAH | | |
| 16 | CM | Daniel CASCOE | OFF 72 | |
| 7 | LM | Jack BANGS | | 22 Mins. |
| 10 | CF | Ayo MATTHEWS | | |
| SUBSTITUTES | | | | |
| 15 | CM Holding | Ivan BASS | ON 72 | 77 Mins. |
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OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Roderick Bennett

ATTENDANCE: 12

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes

REFEREE: Bob Cleary

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

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): 8

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): TBA

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect except bare through the middle.

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay (Broken Ankle), Tyronne Petrie (Working), Aiden Kavanagh (Futsal), Godfrey Tay, Brandon Solomon, Valentine Laurence, Tyriquee Solomon (All Injured)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: George House, Tom Croake, Henry Akinsanmi, Ben Boothroyd (All 'no shows'), Nana Obeng (Illness)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Chris Whalley (GK); 16. Luke Theodosiou (RB), 6. John Christodoulou (CB), 3. Chris Christou (CB), 8. Adonis Pratsides (LB...Captain); 18. Evangelos Spanovangelis (CM Holding); 7. Stephen Marsh (RM), 21. Apollo Papakis (CM), 10. Laurence Rispoli (CM), 9. Alex Holness (LM); 4. Tommy Marsh (CF)

Subs.: 15. Vince Rispoli (On for Spanovangelis...35 Mins), 11. Kyri Zapouni (On for Holness...40 Mins.), 12. Jay Jadeja (Not Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

With rumours going around that an influx of new teams to the League next season could mean an extra division being formed with the bottom five teams in Division One all ending up being 'relegated' as a result, this was quite an important match for both sides with our opponents Kedares Town lying at the foot of the table but within reach of us if they won all their games in hand. However, the clocks going forward the night before presumably put paid to that sort of commitment for four of our players who simply failed to turn up, thereby forcing Oshade Watson to play at left-back instead of standing on the touchline looking after his toddler son. Meanwhile, another problem was the lack of an official Referee for this match due to several of them being used as Assistants for League Cup Semi-Finals that were taking place at the same time. Thankfully though, our opponents agreed to our own Club Linesman Bob Cleary taking charge once he arrived and the game got under way more-or-less on time. With us having drawn 1-1 with Kedares in our first League match of the season, it was clear straight away that both teams were evenly-matched, and with both playing the same formation, clear-cut chances were few and far between in the First Half. However, with Jack Bangs always capable of swinging in excellent deliveries from corners, we certainly had an extra element to our game there, and it was from one of them that we took the lead in the 22nd minute when Daniel Daley headed in on the goal-line after the ball had looped up in the air off Ayo Matthews. We held onto that 1-0 lead fairly comfortably until Half-Time, but with Oshade now playing in the Second Half on the same side of the pitch as the near touchline that his son was standing on, it meant he kept getting distracted because we had no substitutes or supporters to keep an eye on the youngster with Ivan Bass and Manager Tony McKay concentrating on the play, Assistant Manager Roderick Bennett having to run the line and Laurence Hughes filming the game as usual. That saw Grant Baker having to make a number of good saves to keep us in the lead as Kedares started finding gaps in-between our defenders... while on the touchline our water bottles were all being emptied, our players magnetic discs from the tactics board were all being ripped off and thrown away into the mud, and the ladder-platform for filming was being eyed up as a climbing frame. Thankfully, Manager McKay managed to stop that last one from happening in the nick of time, while on the pitch, substitute Bass had come on to grab a second goal in the 77th minute with a trademark header from another perfectly-delivered corner from Jack Bangs. We then saw the game out with some committed defending to earn a valuable three points which will see us finish comfortably in mid-table if we can win our final two matches.