

Sunday 10th December 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.40 a.m. (Referee late & taking his time)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 LONDON ORIENT..... 5 **Half-Time:** 3-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
19	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF (Inj.) HT	
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
18	LCB/RCB HT	Tobi CHARLES		
11	RWB/LWB HT	Harry DORWARD		
8	CM	Paddy BAYNES		
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
7	LWB/RWB HT	Christian ELLIS		30, 61 Mins.
14	ACM/CF 86	Tairique HARRISON	OFF 57/BACK ON 86	24 (Pen.) Mins.
17	CF/LCB 73/CF 76	Eddie COX	OFF 86	44 Mins.
9	CF/LCB HT/CF 73/LCB 76	Myreon KEANE		
SUBSTITUTES				
16	CF/ACM 57	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON HT	
4	CF	Jordan AMUSAN	ON 57	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 25

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Lorna Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Keith Savage, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford

REFEREE: Georgios Chalkias

BOOKINGS: Will Tang (London Orient GK) (Foul...12 Mins.), Tairique Harrison (Foul...35 Mins.), Tobi Charles (Throwing Ball Away...72 Mins.), Marius Rusu (London Orient) (Foul...72 Mins.), Shane Foley (London Orient) (Foul...89 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Gusty wind down pitch (against us in 2nd Half). Occasional Heavy Rain.

STATE OF PITCH: Very soft & muddy. Badly churned up.

UNAVAILABILITY: (11 Players): Jack Vanvynck (Illness), Max Francis (No Show), Michael Menzies (Playing Youth Football), Ritchie Redgrave (GK), Kai McAuley (GK), Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Fergus Murray, Joe Attipa (Social/Family/Other Commitments), Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (Both Injured), Sam Pritchett (University)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Will Tang (GK); 11. James Lavan (RB), 10. Tom Downey (RCB), 6. Chris Harte (LCB...Captain), 3. Edward Hartill (LB); 9. David Downey (DCM), 8. Ehi Hayble (DCM); 26. Jake Fallon (RM), 5. Nick Russell (ACM), 14. Gianmarco Torre (LM); 20. Marius Rusu (CF)

Subs. 2. Shane Foley, 4. Tom Silkstone, 11. Sameeh Altanaihy, 5. Charlie Griffith, 14. Alessandro Torre (All Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Lavan (35 (Pen.) Mins.), Rusu (63, 75 Mins.), Silkstone (71 Mins.), Griffith (83 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... Unlike our opponents who had played the week before, we came into this match a bit rusty after having last week's match Away to Mill Hill Club De Futbol Seconds rather suspiciously postponed due to an apparent frozen pitch when every other pitch in the League was deemed playable. That was very frustrating for us as we would have been fielding more-or-less a full-strength side whereas we had loads of problems for this one against the current Division 5 leaders with both goalkeepers and numerous defenders unavailable in addition to in-form attacking midfielder Rashawn Bennett-Dyer. However, with a strong wind behind us in the First Half we were confident early on and we should have taken the lead after 12 minutes when Christian Ellis was brought down by Orient's debutant keeper Will Tang, who then produced a good save to keep out Harry Dorward's spot-kick. We were then awarded another penalty in the 24th minute though when Orient's Gianmarco Torre was adjudged to have handballed Harry's attempted cross, so this time Tairique Harrison stepped up to take it and made no mistake to put us 1-0 up. After a couple of scares when Orient nearly equalised, we then made it 2-0 in the 30th minute when Christian Ellis nipped in front of a defender to volley in Tairique's cross from close range, but Tairique then went and gave a penalty away 5 minutes later with a clumsy challenge in the back of Orient midfielder Ehi Hayble with James Lavan then making it 2-1 from the spot. However, we restored our two-goal lead when Eddie Cox ran onto a deflected long ball from Tobi Charles to put us 3-1 up just before Half-Time with a good finish and when we went 4-1 up in the 61st minute from Christian Ellis volleying in a far post cross from new signing Jordan Amusan it looked as if we would comfortably hold on for a statement victory against the top team in the division. However, defender Daniel Schwartz-Gee had limped off injured at the break and was unable to continue for the Second Half, so with forwards having to play in the back three with no other defenders available there were just too many gaps for Orient to exploit when there had been none for them whatsoever in the First Half. They were also able to bring on five substitutes when we only had two, and that saw them dominate the last 29 minutes on what was a strength-sapping pitch, with four goals in 20 minutes being scored including an 83rd-minute winner from their 60-year-old substitute Charlie Griffith which overhauled our lead to keep them at the top of the table with a 5-4 victory.