

Sunday 11th December 2016

London F.A. Sunday Junior Cup Third Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)

Kick-Off: 10.32.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 1 LONDON RAVENS 1 Half-Time: 1-1

London Ravens won 5-4 on penalties

| SHIRT NUMBER | | TEAM (4-2-3-1) | | GOAL TIMES | PENALTIES |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | GK | Stephen ROUSSETY | | | 9th (Missed) |
| 2 | RB | Lexton HARRISON | OFF (Inj.) 63 | | |
| 17 | CB/RB63 | Ivan BASS | OFF (Inj.) 78 | | |
| 12 | CB | Tyronne PETRIE (Captain) | | | 6th (Scored) |
| 3 | LB | Aiden KAVANAGH | | | 8th (Scored) |
| 14 | CM Holding | Curtis BAALAM | | | 7th (Missed) |
| 16 | CM Holding | Peter AKOM | | | |
| 11 | RM | Daniel DALEY | | | 3rd (Missed) |
| 19 | ACM | Connor KAVANAGH | | 36 Mins. | 2nd (Scored) |
| 10 | LM | Jack BANGS | OFF (Inj.) 74 | | |
| 9 | CF | Ayo MATTHEWS | | | 1st (Missed) |
| SUBSTITUTES | | | | | |
| 15 | CB | Harold OFORI | ON 63 | | 5th (Scored) |
| 6 | LM/RB78 | Chris LUE | ON 74 | | 4th (Missed) |
| 8 | LM | Marley MCKAY | ON 78 | | |
| 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, D.Cascoe, K.McKenzie, A.Kriticos

REFEREE: Rob Ryan

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny & Mild

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (3 Players)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Leon McKenzie-McKay, Daniel Cascoe & Khaheem McKenzie (All turned up too late for the teamsheet)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-5-1): 1. Harrison Seetah (GK); 2. Dale Riley (RB), 15. Filipe Alves (RCB), 5. Liam Omara (LCB), 3.

Arron Riley (LB); 7. Ryan James (RM), 9. Johans Florez (CM), 10. Leigh Cascoe (CM...Captain), 12. Aidan Victorin (CM), 4. Hance Seetah (LM); 11. Ryan Gaughan (CF)

Subs.: 8. Steven Sanchez, 16. Jamie Demetri, 6. Dean Ryan, 14. Charlie Ryan

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Florez (5 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' PENALTIES: Omara (1st...Scored), Victorin (2nd...Missed), A.Riley (3rd...Scored), Cascoe (4th...Missed),

Hance Seetah (5th...Missed), Alves (6th...Scored), Harrison Seetah (GK) (7th...Missed), Sanchez (8th...Scored), Demetri (9th...Scored)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this match looking to preserve our long unbeaten run with the intention of eventually breaking the club record of 28 matches without defeat that was set way back in Season 1979-1980. However, once the London FA Sunday Junior Cup reaches the Third Round stage, invariably our opponents themselves are on a similar run of form and going for their own League title, and that was very much the case with Southern Sunday League Division Three side London Ravens, who despite the long journey from South-West London, turned up bright and early with a strong side and were able to undertake a proper warm-up. Unfortunately though, we couldn't do the same, as Player-Coach, warm-up organiser and Captain Leon McKenzie-McKay overslept after a party the night before and arrived too late to be named on the teamsheet (which has to be given to the Referee 15 minutes before the kick-off). With Daniel Cascoe and Khaheem McKenzie also arriving with Leon at the same time, we were only able to name three substitutes, while Manager Tony McKay had to make a number of last-minute changes to his starting-line up to compensate. That included Jack Bangs coming in for his first match of the season, while Peter Akom was making only his second appearance, this time in a holding role alongside Curtis Baalam, but with Jack and Peter not knowing everybody's names and with those three key players dropping out at such short notice, our heads were down a bit and we were really sluggish all over the pitch in the First Half. Indeed after London Ravens midfielder Johans Flores had given them the lead after just five minutes with a shot that took a wicked deflection off Tyronne Petrie's heel, we were lucky to come off at Half-Time level at 1-1 thanks to Connor Kavanagh's toe-poked shot creeping inside the near post in the 36th minute as we had very few other decent efforts at goal in the first 45 minutes. We played much better in the Second Half though, despite Lexton Harrison, Jack Bangs & Ivan Bass all having to come off with injuries at various stages. Although Ravens had done their homework on Ayo Matthews from our You Tube highlights and stopped him from getting in behind them, we still went the closest to winning the match in the 90 minutes when Connor Kavanagh sent a shot just inches over the bar in the last minute with the keeper seemingly beaten. Having won a penalty shoot-out only three weeks ago, we were confident of doing it again, but unfortunately Jack Bangs and Leon McKenzie-McKay were not on the pitch and five of our nine players who had to step up missed their penalties with three of them (from Daley, Chris Lue and goalkeeper Stephen Roussety) being woeful efforts that just trickled along the ground. Some of Ravens spot kicks were not much better, but substitute Jamie Demetri eventually took the one that mattered to send them into the next round, putting paid to our hopes of becoming Rovers 'immortals' by going the whole season unbeaten. **LAURENCE HUGHES**