

Sunday 18th December 2016

Barnet Sunday League Junior Cup Second Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)

Kick-Off: 10.33.a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....5 LONDON TURKISH MASTERS.....4 *Half-Time: 2-2*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ben ANKRAH		
4	RB	Chris KRITICOS		
17	CB	Ivan BASS		
14	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB/ACM85	Aiden KAVANAGH		
6	CM Holding/ACM42	Khaheem MCKENZIE	OFF 82	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE		74 Mins.
10	RM	Andreas KRITICOS	OFF 73	
5	ACM	Peter AKOM	OFF (Inj.) 42	
11	LM	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		25, 64 (Pen.) Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF 80	7, 73 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
12	CM Holding/ACM82/LB85	Chris LUE	ON 42	
7	RM	Hal OZKAN	ON 73	
8	CF	Marley McKAY	ON 80	
15	CM Holding	Zac TROULLOUS	ON 82	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 26

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett (Until Half-Time), B.Cleary

REFEREE: Michael McPherson

BOOKINGS: Four L.T.M. players

SENDING-OFFS: Bayram Rusit (L.T.M.) (64 Mins....Dissent)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy, but flat.

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Other Commitments), Lexton Harrison (Hamstring Injury),

Tyrone Petrie (Working), Curtis Baalam (Family Commitments), Daniel Daley (Family Commitments), Connor Kavanagh (Away), Jack Bangs (Working), Tem Adil (Left), Danny Hagan (Injured)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Stephen Roussety (GK) (Flu), Tom Croake (No Show), Martin Cruickshank (No Show)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-1-1): 1. Okan Genc (GK); 28. Imam Goztas (RB), 24. Veli Turkmen (CB), 12. Ali Mentese (CB...Capt.), 7. Bayram Rusit (LB); 51. Kursay Erdogan (RM), 25. Samet Dilekkaya (CM), 10. Alpay Yahya (CM), 31. Sezai Tasci (LM); 24. Ferrad Sofiane (ACM); 32. Aytekin Ahmet (CF)

Subs Used.: Ali Dogan, Yildiray Karami, Abdullah Karayilan

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Ahmet (2, 38 Mins.), Sofiane (84 (Pen.) Mins.), Mentese (87 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Having suffered our first defeat of the season the previous week in a penalty shoot-out, we really didn't want to go out of another Cup in that manner (or worse), especially as this League Junior Cup competition was probably our best chance of winning a trophy this season. However, no less than 12 players (including seven regulars) decided to make themselves unavailable, leaving us with a squad that included several players who had never met each other before. Some of our absentees may well have thought that wouldn't have mattered as we were playing a Vets Team again as we had in the First Round, but London Turkish Masters are the top Vets team in the League and apparently one of the best in London, so unlike Alexandra Park Vets they were not going to put 10 men behind the ball, and we found that out when they took the lead after just two minutes with a tap-in from a square ball after we had been far too casual at the back. In fact they very nearly went 2-0 up just a minute later, but stand-in keeper Ben Ankrah made the first of what was to be a number of important saves. Thankfully though, Ayo Matthews calmed us down by equalising after just 7 minutes as he easily beat the L.T.M. keeper in a one-on-one, but we missed the chance to take the lead in the 24th minute when Aiden Kavanagh saw his penalty kick saved after Harold Ofori had been brought down. We shrugged that off to go 2-1 up just a minute later though when skipper Leon McKenzie-McKay volleyed in from an inswinging cross from Chris Kriticos, but our hopes of coming off the pitch at the break with that lead intact disappeared in the 38th minute when a mistake from Peter Akom allowed another cross from the right to come in for L.T.M.'s lone forward to score an almost identical goal to his first. Some harsh words were said at Half-Time but we were not much better in the Second Half and we were fortunate to take a 3-2 lead in the 64th minute when Leon McKenzie-McKay scored from the spot after Ayo Matthews had his heels clipped in the area while in the process of shooting. Our opponents had a man sent off for protesting about that decision, so not surprisingly we ended up going into a 5-2 lead in the space of a minute with just over 15 minutes remaining as Ayo Matthews and Daniel Cascoe both netted amidst heated protests that they were both offside. Referee McPherson had to guess himself though as it was London Turkish Masters own choice not to use Club Linesmen, which is apparently the norm in the Vets Divisions. That should have killed off the match, but Ivan Bass then gave away a penalty in the 84th minute which was easily despatched to make it 5-3, then all of a sudden it was 5-4 after some atrocious defending in the 87th minute. We therefore had an unnecessarily nervy end to the match before the final whistle went to see us through, and although it gave a lot of our other squad members a game, we will need to improve on this showing if we want to progress further in the competition.

LAURENCE HUGHES