

Sunday 17th September 2023

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

Kick-Off: 10.30 a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 MILL HILL CLUB DE FUTBOL 2nds..... 3 **Half-Time:** 1-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-1-4-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD (Captain)		
15	RCB	Fergus MURRAY	OFF 76	
12	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
19	LCB/RCB 76	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF 69/BACK ON 76	
6	RWB/CM 69	Josh GILMORE	OFF 23/BACK ON 69	
8	CM	Dapo ALAOYE	OFF 69/BACK ON 76	
18	DCM/LCB 69	Tobi CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 38/BACK ON 69	
3	CM/DCM 38	Charlie SAVAGE		
7	LWB	Christian ELLIS		
11	CF/RWB 23/CF 76	Harry DORWARD	OFF 58/BACK ON 76	
9	CF/RWB 58	Myreon KEANE	OFF 23/BACK ON 58	
SUBSTITUTES				
10	CF	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	ON 23	42, 79 Mins.
14	CF/CM 38	Tairique HARRISON	ON 23/OFF 76	
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 38/OFF 76	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: John Murray

ATTENDANCE: 26

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Lorna Bennett, Sylvia Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Dele Alaoye, Barry Schwartz-Gee, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Stuart Dorward (After Vets Match)

REFEREE: Arkont Berisha

BOOKINGS: Myreon Keane (Foul...78 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy but Mild. Stiff breeze across pitch.

STATE OF PITCH: Very dry but flat.

UNAVAILABILITY: (9 Players): Sam Pritchett, Oliver Hearn-Leer, Tre Maxwell (All Working), Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo, (Both Injured), Michael Menzies, Leon McKenzie-McKay, Kai McAuley (Other Commitments), Stuart Dorward (Playing for the Vets)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 51. Liam Mullen (GK); 14. Alex Torreiro (RB), 6. Matteo Dughiero (RCB), 23. Nol Regova (LCB), 13. Lucas Short (LB); 32. Lewis Brocklehurst (DCM), 55. Ermir Selmani (DCM); 37. Jaeden Toko (RM), 29. Leke Regova (ACM), 31. JD Musarara (LM); 22. Neil Pabari (CF)

Subs. 39. Denion Zere (On after 42 Mins.), 45. Connor Parkin-Taylor (On after 55 Mins.), 43. Chris Jones

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Short (46 Mins.), Torreiro (56 Mins.), Brocklehurst (89 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

This was our first League match of the season after two Pre-Season Friendly wins and then a win on penalties in the Cup last week. With Dapo Alaoye, Tobi Charles, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer & Harvey Antoniou all returning to the squad for this one after we had struggled to field a side without them the week before, we were in a confident mood as the game kicked off, and apart from an early scare when Josh Wakeford had to make a good save in the first minute, we created numerous clear-cut chances in the First Half from Mill Hill Club De Futbol Seconds playing a high line defensively and giving us plenty of space to run into behind them from early long balls over the top. However, Mill Hill's debutant keeper Liam Mullen was equal to all our efforts at goal with some excellent saves up until the 42nd minute when substitute Rashawn Bennett-Dyer finally broke the deadlock with a close-range header after Harry Dorward had sent over a 'peach of a cross' from the right. We then comfortably held onto that lead until the break, but we had a setback just 42 seconds into the Second Half when a long throw was helped on for Mill Hill Left-Back Lucas Short to make it 1-1 with a far post volley, this being only their second decent effort at goal in the match up until that point. They then went into a 2-1 lead just 11 minutes later though when Josh Wakeford fumbled an attempted catch from a corner and Alex Torreiro fired in the loose ball on the goal-line. We then found it really hard to create chances as Mill Hill raised their game even more in tightening up defensively and making use of set-pieces to put us under a lot of pressure... unlike their high line and pressing game tactics in the First Half, and it needed a 'wonder goal' out of the blue from Rashawn Bennett-Dyer in the 79th minute to draw us level against the run of play as he hit a left-footed shot from way outside the area that went in off the far post to give impressive keeper Mullen no chance again. That was actually our first attempt at goal in the Second Half, although we did have quite a few scrambles in the opposing penalty area where Mill Hill defenders made good last-ditch challenges. It was Mill Hill midfielder Lewis Brocklehurst who scored what proved to be the winner in the 89th minute though with a shot from the edge of the area which fell just right for him to bury into the corner of the net past an unsuspected Josh Wakeford to give them a 3-2 victory in a real 'game of two halves' as regards who was the better team. Despite such a cruel late defeat though, it was another good performance by our team of 17 & 18-year-olds and a game which we probably would have lost by a much bigger margin last season with Mill Hill's Second Half performance showing they were a far better side than most teams we faced in this division last season.