

Sunday 11th March 2018

**Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Oakhill Park, Barnet (Pitch 2)**

**Kick-Off:** 10.42.a.m. (Referee taking his time)

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2    **NEW BARNET**..... 3    *Half-Time:* 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER	
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	OFF 68
5	CB	Jamie MEHMET	
15	CB	Curtis BAALAM	
3	LB	Oshade WATSON	OFF (Illness) 26
6	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE (Captain)	
9	RM/LM HT	Ayo MATTHEWS	
8	ACM	Jack BANGS	OFF (Inj.) 72
11	LM/RM HT/ACM 80	Daniel DALEY	OFF 57 / BACK ON 72
17	CF	George HOUSE	47 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
7	LB	Henry AKINSANMI	ON 26
19	RM	Nana OBENG	ON 57
18	RB	Vishal PATEL	ON 68
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b>			

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Bob Cleary

**ATTENDANCE:** 16

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes, R.Bennett, A.Toppin

**REFEREE:** Dave Thomas

**BOOKINGS:** George House (*Dissent... 65 Mins*)

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Cloudy with strong, cold blustery wind down pitch. (Against us in First Half).

**STATE OF PITCH:** Soft & Muddy. Big pitch with dips in.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (12 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay (*Broken Ankle*), Tyrone Petrie (*Working*), Aiden Kavanagh (*Away*), Godfrey Tay (*Hamstring Injury*), Brandon Solomon (*Ankle Injury*), Valentine Laurence (*Injured ?*), Tyriquee Solomon (*Injured*), Tom Croake (*Other Commitments*), Ben Boothroyd (*Mothers Day Commitments*)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** Harold Ofori, Ivan Bass, Lexton Harrison (*All Mothers Day Commitments*)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):** 1. Adrian Precop (GK); 2. Tom Roberts (RB), 8. Colin Ekers (CB), 5. Vinnie O'Brien (CB... Captain), 7. Alin Norocell (LB); 9. Troy O'Sullivan (RM), 14. Jon Faupel (CM), 11. Soheil Tavahen (CM), 23. Tony Reardon (LM); 10. Godfrey Berko (CF) 12. Alexandru Ungureanu (CF)

**Subs.:** 6. Dan Daly, 3. Asshwin Giridaran, 17. Jordan Dixon, 16. Gary Ward (*All used roll-on, roll-off*)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Ungureanu (20, 65, 85 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT**

With a heavy downpour on the Friday before this match rendering our own Home pitch unplayable at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club, the League requested that we play this fixture at our opponents ground instead due to them having a backlog of fixtures. As we had goalkeeper Grant Baker available to play a rare game, we agreed to that, having finally put an end to a dreadful run of 14 matches without a win by beating GTFA in our last match, but unfortunately family commitments due to Mothers Day meant we were fielding a badly under-strength side defensively with numerous key players missing who would normally play in our back four or midfield holding positions. Unlike when we played them back in September to come away with a comfortable 5-0 victory, New Barnet were fielding a full-strength side this time after a number of improved performances in recent matches, and it was one of their many players who didn't play against us last time, forward Alex Ungureanu, who put them into the lead after 20 minutes with an inswinging corner that sneaked straight in at Grant's near post. We then had another setback when defender Oshade Watson had to be replaced at left-back by midfielder Henry Akinsanmi due to illness, but that actually saw us improve from an attacking viewpoint as the game went on, especially after Henry's strong run down the left in the 31st minute set up George House for a low cross which Daniel Daley converted at the far post to equalise. After missing two or three good chances before the Half-Time break, we then took the lead just two minutes into the Second Half when George outjumped keeper Precop from a high bouncing ball to head into an empty net, and after that it looked like we would win fairly comfortably. However, the game then became really stretched with both sides missing good chances until New Barnet's front two combined in the 65th minute to give our defenders the runaround with Godfrey Berko cutting inside Curtis Baalam's challenge to rattle a shot against the crossbar with his fellow striker Ungureanu half-volleying in the rebound to make it 2-2. We were then unlucky not to regain the lead within the space of a few minutes when George House was brought down just inside the area for what should have been a penalty, but Referee Thomas awarded a free-kick outside the box instead, then George had another free-kick in a better position brilliantly saved by keeper Precop shortly afterwards. Unfortunately for us it was New Barnet who took their chance to win the game in the 88th minute though when a mistake from substitute Vishal Patel presented Ungureanu with an open goal to complete his hat-trick and secure the three points which gives them a good chance of finishing above us in the table if they win their games in hand.