

Sunday 17th September 2017

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

Kick-Off: 10.40.a.m. (Opponents forgetting to give us the teamsheet)

Result: NEW BARNET 0 EDMONTON ROVERS 5 *Half-Time: 0-1*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Ivan BASS		
16	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Miles LEVY		
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	OFF HT	
14	CM Holding	Tyrone PETRIE		
11	RM	Daniel DALEY	OFF 76	
20	ACM	George HOUSE	OFF 68	
8	LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF 84	61 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF 80	
SUBSTITUTES				
19	CM Holding/LM 84	Anees IKRAMULLAH	ON HT	
10	ACM	Jack BANGS	ON 68	69, 83 Mins.
12	RM	Tom CROAKE	ON 76	
7	CF	Hal OZKAN	ON 80	87 Mins.
6	CM Holding	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 84	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us: Vinnie O'Brien (27 Mins.)				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 17

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, C.Baalam, D.Cascoe, R.McKay, A.El-Habassi, T.Moore (ex-player)

REFEREE: Richard Martin

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Cloudy. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Big pitch with dips in. Grass cut !

UNAVAILABILITY: (9 Players) Stephen Roussety (GK) (*Finger Injury*), Abz El-Habassi (GK) (*Knee Injury*), Leon Bernard (*Other Commitments*), Aiden Kavanagh (*University*), Daniel Cascoe (*Broken Metatarsal*), Rhys McKay (*Injured*), Chris Lue (*Injured*), Khaheem McKenzie (*Working*), Sergio Garcia (*Working*)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Adrian Precop (GK); 2. Asshwin Giridaran (RB), 13. Jonny Miles (CB), 24. Vinnie O'Brien (CB... Captain), 14. Billy Cano (LB); 17. Dan Daly (CM Holding); 11. Tony Reardon (RM), 14. Jon Faupel (CM), 12. Soheil Tavahen (CM), 16. Alin Norocell (LM); 18. Troy O'Sullivan (CF)

Subs.: 14. Jordan Dixon (*On for Giridaran...61 Mins.*), Rob Oxley (*Not Used*)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT

After a disappointing 1-1 draw in our first match of the season the previous week where we were made to pay for squandering numerous chances, we were looking forward to putting matters right in this match while also being able to wear our new Anthonisz Neville-sponsored kit for the first time. We also had 17 very keen and hungry players taking part in the warm-up until Manager Tony McKay suddenly realised he had to leave somebody out at the last minute when we ran out of room on the teamsheet, and it was that competition for places that saw us go on to dominate the match. Unbelievably though, we missed even more clear-cut chances in the First Half of this match than we did in the whole 90 minutes the previous week, and we only had an Own Goal to thank for our 1-0 Half-Time lead when New Barnet skipper Vinnie O'Brien turned a George House corner into his own net in the 27th minute. The Second Half then started in a similar vein, although New Barnet keeper Adrian Precop had certainly made some outstanding saves in frustrating us until the 61st minute when Leon McKenzie-McKay headed in at the far post from Daniel Daley's perfect cross to make it 2-0. That killed off the game really as New Barnet rarely threatened, and when they did, Grant Baker was equal to anything they could throw at him. As was the case in many of our matches last season, it was then time for our substitutes to make an impact in the last 20 minutes or so, with Jack Bangs making it 3-0 with a typical dipping long-range shot just a minute after coming on in the 68th minute. Indeed Jack then scored a second to make it 4-0 after 83 minutes when he fired into the roof of the net from close range with most of New Barnet's players looking completely 'knackered', then it was two more of our substitutes who created and finished our 5th and final goal in the 87th minute as Hal Ozkan ran onto Tom Croake's perfectly-weighted through ball to nutmeg keeper Precop with a cool finish. With a large number of Home matches to come during the rest of September and throughout October & November, hopefully we will be able to maintain this sort of form and start to challenge at the top of the Division One table.

LAURENCE HUGHES