

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

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

**Kick-Off:** 10.40 a.m. (New Barnet waiting for goalkeeper to turn up)

**Result:** **NEW BARNET** ..... 0 **EDMONTON ROVERS** ..... 7 **Half-Time:** 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
6	RCB	Jack VANVYNCK	OFF 77
2	SW/LCB 68/SW 77	Chris JORDANOU	
15	LCB	Michael MENZIES	OFF 68/BACK ON 77
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD	OFF 79
8	CM	Paddy BAYNES	
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	
4	LWB/RWB 85	Max FRANCIS	OFF 57/BACK ON 79
9	ACM/CF 68	Frankie GEORGE	
12	CF/ACM 68	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	30 (Pen.), 71 Mins.
10	CF	Jordan AMUSAN	OFF 68
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
7	LWB	Christian ELLIS	ON 57 65, 79, 90+1 Mins.
19	SW/RCB 77	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	ON 68
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 68
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b> Marc Davies (2 Mins.), Asshwin Giridaran (59 Mins.)			

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford

**CLUB LINESMEN:** Not Required by Referee

**ATTENDANCE:** 24

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Bob Cleary, Roderick Bennett, Myreon Keane, Sarah Dorward, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Sylvia Bennett, Keith Savage

**REFEREE:** Pasquale Acierno

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Cloudy with occasional blustery wind across pitch.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Soft and bobbly.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (7 Players): Myreon Keane, Tobi Charles, Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (All Injured), Tairique Harrison, Eddie Cox, Omari Vermont (All Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Ethan Perotti (GK); 21. Marc Davies (RB), 24. Asshwin Giridaran (RCB...On after 7 minutes), 22. MacKenzie Hadley (LCB), 15. Lee Butler (LB); 20. Greg Cornthwaite (DCM), 18. Alex Eshkeri (DCM); 6. Joel Stokes (RM), 16. Jordan Dixon (ACM), 12. Oshade Watson (LM); 10. Godfrey Berko (CF...Captain)  
**Subs.** 19. Neville Amin (On at HT for Hadley), 14. Yaw Arthur (On for Davies - 68 Mins.)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** None

**MATCH REPORT...** After two wins in a row since the Christmas break without conceding a goal, we came into this match against bottom team New Barnet as the clear favourites, even though we were missing a lot of firepower in attacking areas with Myreon Keane, Tairique Harrison, Eddie Cox & Gianni Dipo all unavailable and Christian Ellis being rested as a substitute after receiving a slight knock playing in a match on the Friday before this game. We were helped though by New Barnet fielding a weaker side than the one they put out against us when we beat them 3-0 at the same venue in a Cup match only two weeks ago, and when we took the lead after just two minutes with defender Marc Davies scoring an Own Goal for us from Jordan Amusan's low cross, it came while New Barnet only had 10 men due to several of their players turning up late. Their 11<sup>th</sup> player entered the pitch five minutes later though and we then struggled to create chances for a long period until Rashawn Bennett-Dyer made it 2-0 from the penalty spot in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute after being brought down by New Barnet keeper Ethan Perotti as he ran onto a long drop-kick from Josh Wakeford. Neither side then looked like scoring for the rest of the half and the pattern continued early in the Second Half with us dominating possession while looking rock-solid in defence but creating no more clear-cut chances until Christian Ellis was brought on after 57 minutes to give us more impetus going forward. That seemed to give the rest of our players a boost and we finally went 3-0 up in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute when Jordan Amusan ran onto a perfect through ball from Michael Menzies to force New Barnet defender Asshwin Giridaran into another Own Goal in trying to cut out another dangerous low cross, then Christian got in on the act himself by making it 4-0 in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute with an excellent solo goal after dribbling his way past three defenders and the goalkeeper. New Barnet's players then started tiring after that and we finally started playing the attractive attacking football we had been showing in most of our other games so far this season with Rashawn scoring our 5<sup>th</sup> goal after 71 minutes with a first-time shot from outside the area that flew past a flat-footed Perotti into the roof of the net before Christian also scored his second goal of the match with a similar long-range effort to make it 6-0 in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute, although we may have been a bit fortunate that the Referee didn't spot a foul by Frankie George in the build-up to that one. We had to wait until the first minute of added-on-time at the end of the match for our final goal though as Christian completed his hat-trick from the rebound after keeper Perotti had saved his first close-range attempt from Rashawn's low cross. It was a very comfortable win where we boosted our goal difference and ensured that all three of our substitutes had a decent run-out, whilst moving up to third in the table with games against teams above us to come.