

Sunday 25th November 2018

Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at Oakhill Park, Barnet

Kick-Off: 10.45.a.m. (Referee late)

Result: **NEW BARNET** 2 **EDMONTON ROVERS** 3 **Half-Time:** 0-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	OFF (Inj.) 76	
7	RCB/RB 76	Lexton HARRISON		
5	LCB	Harold OFORI		
15	LB	Troy BLAKE		
10	RM	Jack BANGS	OFF (Inj.) 84	
4	CM/LM 55	Oshade WATSON		42, 76 Mins.
19	CM	Tyronne PETRIE (Captain)		
3	LM/RM 84	Josh BAPTISTE	OFF 55 / BACK ON 84	
12	CF	Tom CROAKE		17 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
SUBSTITUTES				
18	CM Holding	Eni BEZATI	ON 55	
6	RCB	Richard HARRIS	ON 76	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 14

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett

REFEREE: David Cross

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: Ayo Matthews & Gary Ward (New Barnet GK) - 'Violent Conduct' (90+1 Mins.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cold with strong wind across pitch. Sunny at start of match. Cloudy thereafter.

STATE OF PITCH: Bumpy and uneven as usual

UNAVAILABILITY: (20 Players): Leon McKenzie-McKay, Daniel Daley, Nassir Ali, Mohamed Ali, Ivan Bass, Mustafa Farhan, Rafiel Johnson, Nathan Allen, Vishal Patel (All Injured), Furmaan Khan, Jordan Umpire (Both Working), Curtis Baalam, Daniel Cascoe (Both Away), Aiden Kavanagh, Nana Obeng, Said Said, Dave Nguyen, Louis Bennett (All Other Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Henry Akinsanmi & Ashley-James Smith (Both Overslept)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Gary Ward (GK); 12. Adam Stapleton (RB), 2. Shayan Ghamarinezhad (RCB), 3. Asshwin Giridaran (LCB), 6. Amanat Thakar (LB); 8. Colin Ekers (CM Holding), 11. Soheil Tavahen (CM Holding); 17. Jordan Dixon (RM), 10. Godfrey Berko (ACM... Captain), -. Bader Radi (LM); 9. Troy O'Sullivan (CF)

Subs. 6. Lionel Grelet (On at HT for Dixon), Alin Norocell (Not Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Berko (73 Mins.), Stapleton (84 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

After an encouraging performance the week before against unbeaten title contenders Highgate Albion Reserves where we only lost to a last-minute goal, we were hoping to field the same side for this match against weaker opponents, but typical of our season so far, arguably our three best players in that match, midfielders Henry Akinsanmi, Furmaan Khan & Aiden Kavanagh, all made themselves unavailable, while defender Richard Harris could only be named as a substitute with a nigglng injury that Manager Tony McKay didn't want to risk. That saw Oshade Watson start in a central midfield position, while Sam Woolley was playing his first game for over a month and Josh Baptiste his first game since Pre-Season, but we started well with Jack Bangs, Tom Croake and Ayo Matthews all looking fit and sharp, while stand-in left-back Troy Blake had a long-range shot tipped onto the bar early on. We then took the lead after 17 minutes when New Barnet keeper Gary Ward only half-saved Jack Bangs close-range shot with Tom Croake running in to bundle the ball over the line, but a lack of concentration from a number of our players let New Barnet back into the game where we were lucky to escape on a number of occasions towards the end of the half before Oshade Watson hit an excellent first-time shot into the roof of the net in the 42nd minute from well outside the area to put us 2-0 up after running onto the rebound after Ayo Matthews acute-angle shot had rebounded off the post. That was the score at Half-Time, and with our players all happy at the break to see Oshade score his first goal for the club in such a fashion, we were confident of building on that lead as we came out for the Second Half. However, not for the first time this season, poor marking from a set-piece allowed our opponents to pull a goal back with Godfrey Berko making it 2-1 in the 73rd minute after being given a free header from a corner, but Oshade then scored an even more spectacular goal to regain our two goal advantage three minutes later with another long-range strike over keeper Ward's head from even further out this time! We then got sloppy again though and allowed New Barnet right-back Adam Stapleton to run straight through and score in the 84th minute to make it 3-2 and it was then that nerves started jangling and players became a bit uptight, none more so than Ayo Matthews, who over-reacted to a challenge right on the final whistle and got himself sent off along with New Barnet goalkeeper Gary Ward. However, it was good to get back to winning ways after three defeats in a row, although a lack of players from injuries and Ayo's subsequent three-match ban is now a serious concern as we head towards the Christmas break.