

Sunday 26th February 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.30 a.m.

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

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-5-2 / 4-4-2 61)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
3	RCB/RB 73	Lenny CHARLES	OFF 60 / BACK ON 73	
4	CCB/LCB 61	Natan PAWLACZYK (Captain)		
5	LCB/RB 61	Chris JORDANOU	OFF (Spurs) 73	
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD	OFF (Spurs) 55	
18	RCM/LCM 75	Tobi CHARLES	OFF 84	
15	ACM/LM 61/RCM 75	Christian ELLIS		
7	LCM/LM 75	Nana OBENG		
9	LWB/LB 61	Myreon KEANE		
14	RCF/RCM 84	Tairique HARRISON	OFF 55 / BACK ON 84	
16	LCF/RCF 55	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 68	
SUBSTITUTES				
6	RWB/RM 61	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	ON 55	
20	LCF	Gianni DIPO	ON 55	
19	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	ON 60	
12	RCF	Max MIR	ON 68	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

CARETAKER-MANAGER: Roderick Bennett

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 23

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Mike Jordanou, Tracey Charles, Keith Charles, Lorna Bennett, Sarah Bartlett, Nik Mir

REFEREE: Luke Hinchcliffe

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly sunny with freezing cold wind across pitch. **STATE OF PITCH:** Dry & slightly bobbly.

UNAVAILABILITY: (3 Players): Stuart Dorward (Manager), Tony McKay (Assistant Manager), Leon McKenzie-McKay (All Family/Social Commitments), Richard Redgrave (GK) (Injured), Tre Maxwell (Working Abroad for the rest of the season)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1. Anish Amin (GK); 6. Joel Stokes (RB), 2. Tom Roberts (RCB), 15. Lee Butler (LCB), 4. Oshade Watson (LB); 19. Neville Amin (RM), 3. Yaw Arthur (RCM), 16. Jordan Dixon (LCM), 3. Mario Varbanov (LM); 21. Alex Ungureanu (RCF), 10. Godfrey Berko (LCF... Captain)

Subs. 15. Kris Mentor, 19. Marc Davies, 15. Yonnas Semere 9. Alex Eshkeri, -. Ryan Bates, (All used in 2nd Half)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Ungureanu (26, 57 Mins.), Watson (47 Mins.), Varbanov (61 Mins.), Eshkeri (87 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... This was probably our biggest game of the season so far with our opponents New Barnet bottom of the table and having lost 12 of their last 13 matches in all competitions...which included our 3-2 win against them at Oakhill Park way back in October. We knew that we could finish the season as high as 4th with a win from this game, but unfortunately Manager Stuart Dorward and Assistant Manager Tony McKay were both unavailable, while our three most important experienced players from our last match two weeks ago were also missing with goalkeeper Richie Redgrave out injured, Tre Maxwell having gone back to the U.S.A. to work and Leon McKenzie-McKay away with his family. We did have defenders Natan Pawlaczyk, Chris Jordanou & Daniel Schwartz-Gee all returning to the squad for this one though, and that saw us defend well for most of the First Half but we found ourselves a goal behind after 26 minutes when we got caught in possession over-playing at the back from a short goal-kick and Alex Ungureanu ended up lashing a fierce drive in off the crossbar that gave Josh Wakeford no chance. Our best chance of finding an equaliser in the First Half came from a number of goalmouth scrambles, but the ball just didn't fall for us, while at the other end New Barnet's forwards hit numerous efforts high and wide from well outside the area. However, we expected our opponents to tire in the Second Half, so we were still well in the game. Unfortunately though, we found ourselves 2-0 down just two minutes after the break where we didn't close down three successive shots in the same attack quickly enough with Josh making a good save from the first one, Godfrey Berko hitting the post from the second one and our ex-player Oshade Watson side-footing in the third one. We then pushed forward after that in trying to get back into the game, but New Barnet...who appeared to be fielding the strongest squad they had put out all season...defended in numbers and hit us on the break with a third goal in the 57th minute when Chris Jordanou's attempted header back to Josh Wakeford from Oshade Watson's awkwardly-spinning long ball was intercepted by Ungureanu to score his second of the match. It then got even worse just four minutes later when Mario Varbanov raced through onto a long goal-kick to put New Barnet 4-0 up, but with four good substitutes having come on and us switching to a 4-4-2 formation, we did at least finally manage some efforts at goal ourselves but New Barnet keeper Anish Amin was equal to the only two we got on target and they were able to break again to score a fifth goal in the 87th minute when Oshade Watson 'dinked' a left-footed cross on the turn perfectly to the back post for substitute Alex Eshkeri to wrap up the scoring with a simple header. It was a really bad day for us, but with Manager Stuart Dorward due to be back for our next match, hopefully we can regain our momentum and still continue to climb up the table.