

Sunday 29th October 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)

Kick-Off: 10.30 a.m.

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 NEW BARNET 2 **Half-Time:** 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Richard REDGRAVE		
19	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF 51/BACK ON 60	
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
12	LCB	Michael MENZIES		
11	RWB	Harry DORWARD		30 Mins.
10	CM	Josh WAKEFORD		
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
7	LWB	Christian ELLIS		
6	ACM	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER		44 Mins.
20	CF	Eddie COX		48 Mins.
9	CF	Myreon KEANE		88 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
17	RCB	Gio VASSEL-JACKSON	ON 51/ OFF 60	
16	Not Used	Harvey ANTONIOU		
5	Not Used	Fergus MURRAY		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 28

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Roderick Bennett, Hilary Carey, Sarah Dorward, Lorna Bennett, Sarah Bartlett, Mike Jordanou, John Murray, Tim & Verity Wakeford, Keith Savage, Sylvia Bennett, Dele Alaoye

REFEREE: Stuart Ansher

BOOKINGS: Myreon Keane (Timewasting...90+4 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: MacKenzie Hadley (New Barnet) (Verbal Abuse to Referee...73 Mins.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Heavy Rain. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft with long grass.

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players): Tairique Harrison, Gianni Dipo (Both 'Left' ?), Tobi Charles, Sam Pritchett, Josh Gilmore, Kieran Ellis, Paddy Baines, Jack Vanvynck (Away/Working/Other Commitments), Natan Pawlaczyk, Oliver Hearn-Leer (Both Injured)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Anish Amin (GK); 11. Soheil Tavahen (RB), 12. Asshwin Giridaran (RCB), 15. Lee Butler (LCB), 4. Oshade Watson (LB); 3. Yaw Arthur (DCM); 19. Neville Amin (RM), 3. Mario Varbanov (CM), 6. Joel Stokes (CM), 20. Greg Cornthwaite (LM); 10. Godfrey Berko (CF...Captain)

Subs. 14. Scott Berry, 16. Jordan Dixon, -. MacKenzie Hadley, -. Oli De Wan, 2. Tom Roberts (All Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: N.Amin (57 Mins.), Berko (60 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... After nightmare defeats in our last two matches which resulted in arguments galore, including suggestions from some that we should name 66-year-old Roderick Bennett as Manager and pack our team with older, stronger and more physical players, our 18-year-old current Player-Manager Josh Wakeford and several other 17 & 18-year-olds returned to the starting line-up for this match with a point to prove, especially with our regular bottom-of-the table opponents New Barnet having beaten us 5-0 in the corresponding fixture last season. We started this match by putting together a string of passes all across the pitch almost straight from the kick-off until Josh lost possession by tripping over his own feet, but instead of moans and groans from the touchline, this time there was laughter and a much more relaxed atmosphere and that good team spirit continued for the rest of the First Half where we got back to how we were playing three weeks ago in creating plenty of chances and that saw us take a 2-0 lead by Half-Time after a 30th minute goal from Harry Dorward when he fired into the roof of the net from the rebound after New Barnet keeper Anish Amin had saved well at the feet of Eddie Cox, then Rashawn Bennett-Dyer scored the second a minute before the break where the torrential rain helped his shot squirm through the hands of keeper Amin. We then started the Second Half really well, going 3-0 up in the 48th minute with the wet conditions playing a part again as Amin spilled Josh Wakeford's low shot to the feet of Eddie Cox, allowing him to easily score from the rebound. At that stage we were well in control having created far more clear-cut chances than New Barnet, so new signing Gio Vassel-Jackson, another 17-year-old, was brought on for his debut as part of the back three after 51 minutes. Unfortunately though, New Barnet's Neville Amin quickly pulled a goal back six minutes later with a fiercely-struck shot into the roof of the net after we had given the ball away from a throw-in to leave us exposed at the back, then Godfrey Berko made it 3-2 in the 60th minute after running onto a long drop-kick from keeper Anish Amin. That forced Assistant Manager Stuart Dorward into taking Gio off straight away and bringing Daniel Schwartz-Gee back on to try and ensure we held onto our lead and it was then (for the last 30 minutes of the match) that our young players really showed their worth in scrapping, battling and being physical when they had previously been accused of being anything but. We were certainly helped when New Barnet's debutant substitute MacKenzie Hadley got himself sent off in the 73rd minute for abusing the Referee though and with New Barnet's 10 men pushing forward for an equaliser we caught them on the break several times in the last 15 minutes or so with Myreon Keane eventually killing the game off with a fourth goal for us in the 88th minute as he raced clear onto a Harry Dorward through ball.