

Sunday 7th January 2024

Barnet Sunday League Shield Second Round Match at Oakhill Park, Barnet (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.35 a.m. (Slightly late due to puddles & holes on the pitch)

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

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-2 / 3-4-3 82)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
6	RCB	Jack VANVYNCK		
2	SW	Chris JORDANOU		
5	LCB	Omari VERMONT		
11	RWB/CM HT	Harry DORWARD		36 Mins.
8	CM	Paddy BAYNES	OFF HT	
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
7	LWB/RWB HT	Christian ELLIS		40 Mins.
12	ACM	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	OFF 82	62 Mins.
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	OFF HT/BACK ON 82	
19	CF	Frankie GEORGE	OFF 68	
SUBSTITUTES				
4	LWB	Max FRANCIS	ON HT	
17	CF	Jordan AMUSAN	ON HT	
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 68	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: Not Required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 28

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Louis Bennett, Mike Jordanou, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Sylvia Bennett, Keith Savage

REFEREE: George Yerosimou

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny with freezing cold Northerly wind across pitch. **STATE OF PITCH:** Soft, muddy and bobbly.

UNAVAILABILITY: (12 Players): Daniel Schwartz-Gee, Tobi Charles, Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (All Injured), Kai McAuley (GK), Joe Attipa (Morning of the match 'No Shows'), Michael Menzies (Playing Youth Football), Ritchie Redgrave (GK) (Playing Vets Match), Tairique Harrison, Eddie Cox, Fergus Murray, Sam Pritchett (Not Selected or Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Anish Amin (GK); 20. Greg Cornthwaite (RB), 23. Joe Glyn-Davies (RCB), 7. MacKenzie Hadley (LCB), 12. Ashwin Giridaran (LB); 11. Soheil Tavahen (DCM), 19. Neville Amin (RM), -. Oliver De Wan (CM), 18. Alex Eshkeri (CM), 3. Mario Varbanov (LM); 10. Godfrey Berko (CF...Captain)
Subs. 8. Sam Matthews-Boehmer, 15. Lee Butler, 14. Scott Berry, 6. Joel Stokes, 17. Reece Dixon (All Used)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT... After a couple of bad defeats just before the Christmas break, we could have done without defenders Daniel Schwartz-Gee and Tobi Charles having to drop out with injuries, especially with several other defenders already unavailable, but thankfully we were able to sign up Bishop's Stortford Under-19's centre-back Omari Vermont in time for this match while forward Frankie George was also now able to make his debut after finally serving a suspension following a sending-off in Youth football. We also had Jordan Amusan available on the bench after he had looked very promising in his one appearance for us so far, so we were in a positive mood despite the fixture having to be moved to New Barnet's pitch with our own pitch at Enfield Playing Fields waterlogged. With New Barnet also having bolstered their defence with a good new signing though, the first 35 minutes of this match saw both teams struggle to create clear-cut chances, but we broke the deadlock in the 36th minute when Frankie George's first-time shot from Christian Ellis's cross was well saved by New Barnet keeper Anish Amin, but the rebound fell straight into the path of Harry Dorward who rifled it into the bottom corner, giving Amin no chance. Amin clearly should have done better just four minutes later though when he dropped a Myreon Keane corner straight at Christian's feet for an easy tap-in on the goal-line to give us a 2-0 Half-Time lead, then with us bringing on two good substitutes for the start of the Second Half and New Barnet having had several players hobbling off with injuries during the first 45 minutes, we were able to create a lot more chances after the break with Jordan Amusan hitting the bar with an excellent lob, Frankie George being brought down for what should have been a penalty and Christian Ellis being thwarted twice by keeper Anim after going clean through on two separate occasions. Rashawn Bennett-Dyer finally made it 3-0 in the 62nd minute though after outpacing the New Barnet defence in a race from inside his own half before finishing into the bottom corner, then it was a real end-to-end game after that with New Barnet pushing players forward in an effort to get back into the match. That saw Josh Wakeford having to make a few good saves, but New Barnet keeper Amin was twice as busy as we ended up having 14 shots on target to New Barnet's six and we were deserved winners in the end.