

Sunday 19th May 2024

Friendly Match at Goffs Churchgate Academy ('Blue Pitch'), Cheshunt

Kick-Off: 10.20 a.m. (Was supposed to be 10.00 am, but numerous players late for both teams)

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

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-3-3/4-2-3-1 HT/4-3-3 65)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
18	RB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF HT	
16	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF HT	
2	LCB	Chris JORDANOU		
15	LB	Omari VERMONT	OFF HT	
20	CM/LB HT	Frankie GEORGE		
3	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	OFF (Inj.) 78	
11	CM	Harry DORWARD	OFF HT/BACK ON 78	
9	RCF/LCF 85	Myreon KEANE	OFF HT/BACK ON 85	
12	CF	Leo PANAYIOTOU	OFF HT	
7	LCF/LM HT/LCF 65	Christian ELLIS	OFF (Inj.) 85	
SUBSTITUTES				
4	RB	Renaldo MICHAEL	ON HT	
5	RCB	Fergus MURRAY	ON HT	
14	CM	Archie MADDEN-BRINE	ON HT	47 Mins.
19	RM/CM 65	Max MELANDRI	ON HT	
10	ACM/RCF 65	Jordan AMUSAN	ON HT	
8	CF	Rashawn BENNETT-DYER	ON HT	49 Mins.
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMEN: John Murray

ATTENDANCE: 23

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Lau Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Sarah Bartlett, Sylvia Bennett, Keith Savage

REFEREE: 'Jermaine' ?

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

BOOKINGS: Frankie George (Foul... 65 Mins.), Archie Madden-Brine (Foul... 73 Mins.), Yusef (New Salamis) (Foul... 85 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly sunny with light breeze across pitch. **STATE OF PITCH:** Long grass with weeds & flowers !

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players): Harvey Antoniou, Jack Vanvynck, Paddy Baynes, Max Francis, Jake Geggus, Tairique

Harrison, Gianni Dipo, Sam Pritchett (All Other Commitments), Natan Pawlaczyk (Injured), Michael Menzies (Playing For Opponents)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (5-2-1-2): 1. Walid (GK); 16. Jeron (RWB), 15. Nelson (RCB), 10. Michael Menzies (SW), 6. Ciaran

(LCB), 11. James (LWB); 5. Awal (CM), 15. Dylain (CM); 8. Jaden (ACM); 7. Max (CF), 17. Kiyeene (CF)

Subs. 22. Leth, 19. Muz, 4. Yusef, 17. Rayan

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MATCH REPORT... This Friendly was arranged almost two months after we played our last fixture as we looked forward to next season by bringing some new players into the squad in advance of Pre-Season Training in July. Those were Leo Panayiotou, Renaldo Michael & Max Melandri, while Archie Madden-Brine was making only his second appearance after signing in March, these all being more 18 & 19-year-olds brought along by Player-Manager Josh Wakeford & skipper Charlie Savage. Our opponents were New Salamis, who were also fielding players of the same age group only, including our defender Michael Menzies, who had also been playing for them at Youth level this season with his father Jayson being their Manager, so this was effectively an Under-20's match with every player taking part still being in their teens. With New Salamis re-entering Sunday League football with this particular team in the Barnet Sunday League next season after previously being the best Sunday team in the Country in their previous incarnation before going into the Non-League Pyramid on Saturdays, this was an ideal game to see where both teams were at in their development, and with ourselves fielding a strong starting line-up the First Half was a very good standard which ended goal-less with ourselves defending deep as a back four and forcing New Salamis into hopeful long-range shots straight at Josh while we looked dangerous on the break with Christian Ellis going close on a couple of occasions and also creating several half-chances. It was New Salamis who came closest to breaking the deadlock in the First Half though when a long-range shot crashed off the underside of the bar and bounced down on the line, but after bringing on all six substitutes at Half-Time we managed to take the lead just two minutes into the Second Half when one of those who came on, Archie Madden-Brine, was left unmarked from a short corner to curl an excellent shot into the far top corner. We then went 2-0 up just a couple of minutes later when Jordan Amusan drew a foul from Michael Menzies just outside the area and another substitute Rashawn Bennett-Dyer found the opposite top corner direct from the free-kick. The rest of the Second Half mirrored the First Half though with New Salamis making frequent roll-on, roll-off substitutions while we continued to defend well despite changing three of our back four at Half-Time. In fact Josh only had to make one diving save in the Second Half and that didn't come until the first minute of added-on time at the end of the game and was comfortably beaten away at his near post. Our best chances of the Second Half after those two early goals fell to Jordan Amusan, who twice shot wide from good positions, but with our new players all looking useful against opponents who were probably better than most of the teams we faced in Division Five this season, it was a really encouraging performance with another positive being no verbals from our touchline this time, which was something that marred our last match and needed to be dealt with.