

Sunday 27th August 2017

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 9)

Kick-Off: 10.40.a.m. (Referee taking his time)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 5 NORTHAW 1 Half-Time: 2-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 3-4-2-1 80)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
2	RB/CB 80	Lexton HARRISON		
18	CB	Tyronne PETRIE		
17	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)	OFF 85	
3	LB/ACM 82	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF 57/BACK ON 82	8 Mins.
4	CM Holding/LB 57/CB 85	Chris LUE	OFF 80/BACK ON 85	
6	CM Holding	Lucas CASCOE	OFF HT	
8	RM/ACM 80/CF 82	Hal OZKAN	OFF HT/BACK ON 80	
16	ACM	Johan AHIPEAUD	OFF HT	
12	LM	Tom CROAKE	OFF 72	
11	CF/LM 72	Daniel DALEY	OFF HT/BACK ON 72	
SUBSTITUTES				
19	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH	ON HT	
10	ACM	Leon BERNARD	ON HT	
15	RM	Raj BUMBRA	ON HT	83 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON HT/ OFF 82	47, 74 Mins.
7	CM Holding	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY	ON 57	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us: George Leeds (25 Mins.)				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 17

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

REFEREE: Dave Thomas

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

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny & Warm. No Wind. STATE OF PITCH: Dry. Grass getting long again !

UNAVAILABILITY: (13 Players) Stephen Roussety (GK) (Family Commitments), Curtis Baalam (Rib Injury), Daniel Cascoe (Broken Metatarsal), Lawrence Kill, Vishal Patel, Miles Levy, Sergio Garcia (All Social Commitments), George House, Taurean Bryan, Joe Agboola-Silva, Chris Kriticos (All Away), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach) (Family Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Ivan Bass & Rhys McKay (Both overslept from watching Boxing)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 1. Tom Festa (GK); 2. Callum Ovell (RB), 7. George Leeds (CB), 5. Ben Whittingham (CB), 3. Ian Marshall (LB); 10. Alex Hughes (CM Holding); 4. Josh Holmes (RM), 9. Daniel Morris (CM), 14. Barry-Lee Hastings, 16. Jack Reed (LM); 11. Vince Hall (CF)

Subs.: 8. Ronnie Manning, 17. Max Adams

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Hughes (16 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

This was the fourth of our five Pre-Season Friendlies this Summer and a chance to give a number of players a run-out who had either been out injured or away for our previous three matches, all of which we had lost against top-quality opponents. We had finished well above Northaw, our opponents for this match, in the Barnet Sunday League Division Two table though, so we were fully expecting to win this game, and we made a good start by taking the lead after just 8 minutes when Aiden Kavanagh went up on a typical run into the opposing area from left-back to divert Daniel Daley's low shot into the net almost on the goal-line. However, Northaw hit back to make it 1-1 after just 16 minutes when midfielder Alex Hughes embarrassed Grant Baker by whipping a free-kick over his head from out near the touchline, but Baker then redeemed himself by making a number of good saves as Northaw got on top with several of our players showing some real rustiness having hardly played at all recently. We then needed a bit of luck to regain the lead in the 25th minute when Hal Ozkan's low cross was diverted into his own net by Northaw defender George Leeds to put us 2-1 up. That remained the score until Half-Time, but Northaw continued to have by far the better chances in the First Half and we really rode our luck at times. That all changed in the Second Half though when Manager Tony McKay brought on four of our five substitutes at the break, all of whom were match fit whereas the players they replaced were not, and we then dominated the rest of the match with Northaw only having two substitutes while losing a couple of players early on in the half through injuries. We managed to go 3-1 up just two minutes into the Second Half when Grant Baker's long drop-kick was allowed to bounce by the Northaw defence and Ayo Matthews pounced to score with a good finish into the bottom corner. Ayo then scored his second and our fourth in the 74th minute after running onto a Raj Bumbra through ball and cutting inside to sidefoot in left-footed, then Raj rounded off the scoring himself with a solo goal to make it 5-1 in the 83rd minute as he took advantage of a very tired Northaw defence.

LAURENCE HUGHES