

Sunday 8th January 2017

**Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)**

**Kick-Off:** 10.38.a.m. (Northaw Late)

**Result:** **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....7 **NORTHAW**.....1 **Half-Time:** 4-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSEY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
16	CB	Ivan BASS	OFF 72	
17	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		69 Mins.
14	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 54	
12	CM Holding/CB72	Tyronne PETRIE		
10	RM	Andreas KRITICOS	OFF 49	
6	ACM	Khaheem MCKENZIE	OFF 50	1 Min.
19	LM/CM Holding72	Connor KAVANAGH		16, 40 Mins.
7	CF/RM49	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF 67	31 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
8	CF/ACM54	Hal OZKAN	ON 49	
5	ACM/CM Holding54	Curtis BAALAM	ON 50	
11	CF	Johan AHIPEAUD	ON 54	63 Mins.
4	RM	Jack BANGS	ON 67	
15	LM	Tom CROAKE	ON 72	81 Mins.

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Bob Cleary

**ATTENDANCE:** 21

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes, R.Bennett, A.Matthews

**REFEREE:** Bobby Bernini

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly Cloudy. No Wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Soft & Muddy, but flat

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (3 Players) Ayo Matthews (Away), Daniel Daley (Illness), Chris Kriticos (Away)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None (Babysitting)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1):** 1. Tom Festa (GK...Captain); 2. Callum Ovell (RB), 6. Jack Kenny (CB), 11. Neil Hughes (CB), 3. Ian Marshall (LB); 14. Matthew Morris (CM Holding); 7. Jack Leighton (RM), 4. Barry-Lee Hastings (CM), 10. Alex Hughes (CM), 8. Charlie Walton (LM); 9. Vincent Hall (CF) **Subs Used:** None

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER:** A.Hughes (24 Mins.)

### **MATCH REPORT**

With our opponents Northaw top of the table and this being a match where we would over-take them if we won, we were fully expecting them to turn up an hour before the kick-off with a full squad as they had always been a well-run club whenever we had played them in the past in our Waltham Sunday League days. However, injuries to key players meant they could only scrape up a bare eleven including one of their central defenders in goal, while they had no time for a proper warm-up (unlike ourselves) after only arriving at the ground 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off. Even though we were missing both our current top goalscorers in Ayo Matthews (who had only just got off a plane) and Daniel Daley (due to illness), we still had a squad of 16 including plenty of forward options on the bench, but we certainly weren't expecting to take the lead after just 21 seconds when Khaheem McKenzie dispossessed a defender to roll the ball into an empty net! That set the tone for the rest of the match and we went 2-0 up after just 16 minutes when Connor Kavanagh cleverly drilled in a low half-volley from Leon McKenzie-McKay's cross. However, Northaw finally woke up half-way through the First Half and started to make a game of it when their No.10 Alex Hughes scored from close range in the 24th minute to make it 2-1. They were clearly struggling for numbers defensively though and it was all too easy for us to create clear-cut chances. Leon McKenzie-McKay put us 3-1 up in the 31st minute with a clever turn and flick over the keeper from Lexton Harrison's long throw, then Connor Kavanagh killed the game off with a fourth before half-time as another long throw from Lexton caused problems in the Northaw 6-yard box in the 40th minute. The Second Half saw us bring on all five substitutes at various stages, and although Northaw were pushing forward and creating plenty of chances, a number of which were well saved by Stephen Roussety, it was our fresh legs that really made a difference. New signing Johan Ahipeaud made it 5-1 in the 63rd minute with a goal on his debut as he ran onto Lexton Harrison's through ball to beat the keeper in a 50/50 challenge before rolling the ball into an empty net, then left-back Aiden Kavanagh got in on the act by making a run up the pitch in the 69th minute to make it 6-1 with a tap-in after Jack Bangs shot had been saved. With four substitutes now all playing in the attacking positions, we put together some excellent moves in the last 15 minutes as Northaw's defenders really started to tire, and we could have scored any number of Goal Of The Season contenders. Indeed our final substitute 18-year-old Tom Croake scored arguably our best goal of the game to wrap up the scoring in the 81st minute, making it 7-1 after dispossessing a defender and drilling an excellent finish into the bottom corner. Although Northaw were clearly not at full strength, this was another quality performance from us, but there are a lot of teams in the division who have improved lately, and we know full well that we have some tough matches coming up and we not won anything yet. The competition for places in the starting line-up should help to keep us on our toes though.

**LAURENCE HUGHES**