

Sunday 20th November 2022

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.38 a.m. (Players late...thinking the game would be called off waterlogged pitch)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 NORTH LONDON PANTHERS 7 **Half-Time:** 3-3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1 / 4-4-2 58)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Tim WAKEFORD		
3	RB/LB 44	Lenny CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 58	
18	RCB/LB 58	Tobi CHARLES		
4	LCB	Natan PAWLACZYK		8 Mins.
9	LB/RB 44	Myreon KEANE		
17	DCM/CM 58	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		44 (Pen.), 68 (Pen.) Mins.
20	RM/CF 56	Gianni DIPO	OFF 85	
6	CM	Tre MAXWELL		
10	CM/RCB 58	Josh WAKEFORD		
5	LM	Christian ELLIS		34 Mins.
12	CF	Max MIR	OFF 56	
SUBSTITUTES				
14	RM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 56	
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU	ON 58	
15	CF	Isaac NESS	ON 85	
6	Not Used	Stuart DORWARD		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

CARETAKER-MANAGER: Stuart Dorward

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 23

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Tracey Charles, Keith Charles, Lorna Bennett, Nik Mir, Verity Wakeford

REFEREE: Abdelwahid Touileb

BOOKINGS: Lenny Charles (Foul... 30 Mins.), Josh Wakeford (Foul... 63 Mins.), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Foul... 72 Mins.), Abdullahi Ahmed Jega (N.L.P.) (Foul...88 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny with stiff breeze down pitch in the Second Half (against us)

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy, but flat.

UNAVAILABILITY: (8 Players): Tony McKay (Manager) (Illness), Harry Dorward, Dapo Alaoye, Eddie Cox (All Injured/Unfit), Roshan Shah, Chris Jordanou, Daniel Schwartz-Gee, Jack Vanyvynck, Nana Obeng (All with Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-2-3): 1 Dilan Munga (GK); 11. Jordan Akorah (RB), 7. Nathaniel Gray (RCB), 15. Mohammed Abdurahman (LCB), 3. Aaron Menichelli (LB); 17. Abdullahi Ahmed Jega (DCM); 29. Imran Haybe (RCM), 20. Mohamed Mahomud (LCM); 24. Stephane Arthur (RCF), 4. Kareem Williams (CF...Captain), 9. Eben Mbona (LCF)
Subs. 29. Solomon Smith, 20. Suliamani Kigundu (Both on for same numbers in Second Half)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Arthur (19, 39 (Pen.), 77, 83 (Pen.) Mins.), Mbona (28, 80 Mins.), Williams (65 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... This was only our second Home game of the season and following another downpour the night before, many of our players assumed the game would be called off and they therefore either turned up late or didn't bother making themselves available in the first place. With our mid-table opponents North London Panthers bringing a full squad of 16 including two of our former players from our Division One days three seasons ago in Eben Mbona and Stephane Arthur, we were always going to be up against it with those two being far too good for Division Five and scoring goals for fun so far this season. However, we actually took the lead after just 8 minutes when Natan Pawlaczyk toe-poked a shot into the top corner from just inside the area after a mis-kicked clearance from a corner, and with our opponents having conceded almost as many goals as us so far this season, it was obvious that this was going to be a high-scoring game. Sure enough, Panthers then went into a 2-1 lead with goals from Arthur in the 19th minute and Mbona after 28 minutes where they were too quick, strong and skilful for our defenders, but then Christian Ellis volleyed in a simple equaliser from a corner 5 minutes later and was then later brought down for a penalty just before Half-Time which Leon McKenzie-McKay converted for a second equaliser after being on the wrong end of a Premier League VAR-style handball decision in the 39th minute from which Arthur had given Panthers a 3-2 lead. The first 15 minutes or so of the Second Half started with both sides evenly matched, but then Arthur 'rolled' an attempted challenge from Tobi Charles to run on and cut the ball back for Kareem Williams to make it 4-3 to Panthers with a good finish. However, Tobi made up for that error with an excellent long ball for Gianni Dipo to beat keeper Munga to it and draw a foul which led to Leon McKenzie-McKay converting his second spot kick of the match to equalise for us again in the 68th minute. However it was thereafter that an earlier injury to Lenny Charles had an effect as we had been forced to change to a 4-4-2 formation due to having no defenders on the bench, and that just made it even easier for Mbona and Arthur to run through to create and score chances at will. Arthur completed his hat-trick to make it 5-4 to Panthers in the 77th minute after rolling Josh Wakeford to run on and score at Tim Wakeford's near post, then Mbona scored his second and Panthers 6th three minutes later despite keeper Wakeford making a great save in attempting to keep it out, with the shot only just trickling over the line. Arthur then wrapped up the scoring from the penalty spot in the 83rd minute after Josh Wakeford had body-checked Mbona to the ground and we were lucky not to end up with an even heavier defeat as our badly-understrength side became more and more frustrated.