

Sunday 8th January 2023

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at Aylands Open Space, Enfield (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.35 a.m. (Both teams 'late')

Result: NORTH LONDON PANTHERS 2 EDMONTON ROVERS 6 **Half-Time:** 0-3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-1-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
3	RB	Lenny CHARLES	OFF 86	
19	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
5	LCB	Chris JORDANOU		
9	LB	Myreon KEANE		
11	RM/LM 21	Harry DORWARD	OFF 74	
17	CM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
18	CM/RB 86	Tobi CHARLES	OFF (Inj.) 21/BACK ON 86	
15	LM/CM 21	Christian ELLIS		
16	ACM	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 60	49 Mins.
20	CF	Gianni DIPO	OFF 88	1, 40, 88 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
6	RM	Tre MAXWELL	ON 21	68 Mins.
12	ACM	Max MIR	ON 60	
14	LM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 74	
4	CF	Stuart DORWARD	ON 88	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us: Ahmed Jega (28 Mins.)

CARETAKER PLAYER-MANAGER: Stuart Dorward **CLUB LINESMAN:** Bob Cleary **ATTENDANCE:** 21

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Sarah Dorward, Tracey Charles, Keith Charles, Lorna Bennett, Sarah Bartlett, Mike Jordanou, Nik Mir

REFEREE: Ian Fernandes

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy with occasional heavy rain.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft, muddy & fairly churned up. Slope (and wind) against us in Second Half.

UNAVAILABILITY: (5 Players): Tony McKay (Manager) (Illness), Natan Pawlaczyk, Dapo Alaoye, Roshan Shah, Nana Obeng, Tim Wakeford (GK) (All Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-2-3): 1 Dilan Munga (GK); 14. Abdirahman Haybe (RB), 7. Nathaniel Gray (RCB), 17. Abdullahi Ahmed Jega (LCB), 3. Aaron Menichelli (LB); 20. Eben Mbona (DCM); 15. Yusuf Mahamed ? (RCM), 8. Mohamed Mahomud (LCM); 29. Imran Haybe (RCF), 4. Kareem Williams (CF...Captain), 24. Stephane Arthur (LCF)

Subs. 19. Baboucarr Gaye (On for No.15 ... 28 Mins.), 15. Sulaimani Kigundu ? (On for Gray...68 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Arthur (81 Mins.) Gaye (83 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... This was our first match for five weeks after two postponed matches and then the Christmas break, but we managed to field a decent side for this one even though four of our better players were unavailable. We were boosted by the return of Harry Dorward and Gianni Dipo after recovering from injuries, while defender Chris Jordanou was back to play his first match for three months, and with North London Panthers starting the match with only 10 men due to players turning up late, we managed to take the lead after just 63 seconds while they were in disarray at the back with Gianni running through a big gap onto Leon McKenzie-McKay's through ball to score with ease. Once Panthers had eleven men on the pitch from the 9th minute onwards though, we had goalkeeper Josh Wakeford to thank for keeping us in the lead throughout the First Half as he made a number of good saves as our defence came under siege from arguably the most attack-minded side in the division. Fortunately for us though, at the other end Panthers keeper Dilan Munga and some of their defenders had an absolute nightmare whenever we managed to threaten their goal with Abdullahi Ahmed Jega scoring an Own Goal for us with a backheel from Myreon Keane's corner in the 28th minute before Munga slipped over in the 40th minute attempting a clearance on the sodden surface, allowing Tre Maxwell to set up Gianni for a tap-in into an empty net to give us a 3-0 Half-Time lead. That third goal then gave us a lot more confidence and we actually had three other good chances to increase our lead in the last five minutes of the First Half, but the Second Half was more a case of us defending in numbers with the wind, rain & slope against us and hitting our opponents on the break. We were gifted a 4th goal just four minutes into the Second Half though when a comical mix-up between Panthers keeper Munga and two of his defenders gave Harvey Antoniou the chance to sidefoot into an empty net, then we went 5-0 up after 68 minutes when Harry Dorward put Tre Maxwell in on goal with Munga again letting the eventual shot go straight through him. Although our back four all played really well throughout the match despite the absence of skipper Natan Pawlaczyk, we still had to rely on Josh Wakeford in goal for some even more top quality saves during the Second Half, but Panthers finally pulled a goal back in the 81st minute when Stephane Arthur fired low into the bottom corner after running at our defence for the umpteenth time in the match and we were then made to worry a bit when substitute Baboucarr Gaye made it 5-2 just two minutes later with a tap-in during a scramble from a corner. However, Gianni completed his hat-trick in the 88th minute with a casual side-footed finish from Tairique Harrison's pass to give us an eventual 6-2 win that takes us off the bottom of the table.