

Sunday 4th October 2020

London F.A. Sunday Challenge Trophy First Round Match at the Ark Academy, Wembley (3G Pitch)

Kick-Off: 10.15.a.m.

Result: **NORTH LONDON RAIDERS**..... 15 **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 0 Half-Time: 11-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-5-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON	
7	RB	Jaydon CHILDS	
4	RCB/LCB 36	Oshade WATSON	
16	LCB	Daniel CASCOE (Captain)	OFF (Inj.) 36
2	LB	George JONES	
12	RM/LM/CM 36	Nana OBENG	
19	CM	Miles McTAGGART	
10	CM/RCB 36	Josh FRANCIS	
8	CM	Tem ADIL	OFF (Illness) 26
11	LM/RM	William RAIOLA	
9	CF	Sedat GEORGE	
SUBSTITUTES			
17	CM	Andrew THEOFANOUS	ON 26
18	LM	Daniel DALEY	ON 36

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Daniel Daley

CLUB LINESMAN: Various Players

ATTENDANCE: 15

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, C.Lue

REFEREE: Oliver Storey

BOOKINGS: Josh Francis (Foul...54 Mins)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cold with constant rain. No wind. STATE OF PITCH: 3G Astroturf

UNAVAILABILITY: (14 Players): Lexton Harrison (Player-Manager) (Covid-19-quarantine), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Johan Ahipeaud, Chris Akinrele, Sam Woolley, Kelvin Eshun (Other Commitments), Leon McKenzie-McKay, Jack Bangs, Chris Lue, Rafiel Johnson (All Injured), Henry Akinsanmi, Tyronne Petrie, Josh Baptiste (All Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Dennis Emeh (Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): No Team Details

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Liron Mannie (6), Nyv Bogaire (3), Charlie Cohen (3), Maxim Green (2), Joshua Bloom (1)

MATCH REPORT

We came into this match with 14 players (including prospective new signing Dennis Emeh) unavailable, with some of them deciding to do other things because they knew the worrying-looking injuries suffered by Leon McKenzie-McKay, Jack Bangs and Chris Lue against FC Lokomotiv Thunder the week before meant that we would be fielding a starting line-up in this match predominantly consisting of players who were nowhere near good enough or fit enough to be playing at Barnet Sunday League Division One level (or in this case Intermediate-standard Sunday League level) against arguably the best team in the Maccabi Sunday League's top division. Predictably enough, with us having no 'proper' defenders available whatsoever and a badly unfit midfield, our super-fit opponents battered us right from the start with quick one and two-touch passing and sprinting where they literally ran rings around us, but we rode our luck with a disallowed goal and some fortunate clearances early on until the first goal came in the 9th minute when George Jones played a forward onside and from then onwards it was a similar combination for most of Raiders other 10 First Half goals where our defence were unable to play as a unit and our midfielders were unable to stop the through balls being played in the first place. It didn't help that two out of our three players who were experienced at playing at this level in Tem Adil and Daniel Cascoe both had to go off through illness and injury respectively during the First Half, leaving us down to a bare eleven for the rest of the match, but Manager Daniel Daley and Assistant Simon Jackson still tried to gee everyone up at Half-Time for a better Second Half. However, when another four goals went in in quick succession and it got to the 70 minutes mark, it was agreed between the Referee and the opposing Team Manager to blow the final whistle (as per the FA's Standard Code Of Rules for the minimum playing time to constitute a result), thereby saving us from the embarrassment of beating our 44-year-old club record 29-0 defeat, even though the 15-0 final scoreline was already our heaviest defeat since we lost 17-2 to Enfield Supporters in an Edmonton Sunday League Division 8 match way back in March 1978 !!! Our only positives from this match were that we did create the occasional chance and put together a few good passing moves going forward while the increasingly-fitter Simon Jackson defied his age to make some more outstanding saves in goal, but in the end it was just our luck that on a day when our Home pitch was called off waterlogged when we needed it to be, we were drawn Away to a team who play on a 3G pitch instead !