

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Barnet Sunday League Richard Martin Memorial Cup First Round Match at Clowes Sports Ground (Pitch 4)**

**Kick-Off:** 10.30 a.m.

**Result:** NORTHUMBERLAND PARK RANGERS.....4 EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 *Half-Time:* 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1-1 / 3-4-1-2 15)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU	
3	SW	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	
18	LCB	Tobi CHARLES	
11	RWB/CM 75	Harry DORWARD	
16	CM/ACM 75	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 82
20	CM	Frankie GEORGE	
7	LWB	Christian ELLIS	88 Mins.
14	ACM	Tairique HARRISON	OFF (Inj.) 75/BACK ON 82
9	CF	Myreon KEANE	28 Mins.
10	CF	Stuart DORWARD	ON 15 (Turned up late)
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
17	RWB	Keith SAVAGE	ON 75 (Turned up late)
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b>			

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford

**CLUB LINESMEN:** Not Required By Referee

**ATTENDANCE:** 28

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurence Hughes, Bob Cleary, Roderick Bennett, Jack Vanvynck, Sarah Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Tim Wakeford, Verity Wakeford, Lorna Bennett, Louis Bennett, Tracey Charles

**REFEREE:** Lior Koskas

**BOOKINGS:** Ashraf Sabir (N.P.R.) (Kicking Ball Away... 42 Mins.), Stuart Dorward (Kicking Ball Away... 53 Mins.)

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly Cloudy. No wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Very soft & muddy with long grass.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (14 Players): Ritchie Redgrave (GK) (No Show), Jack Vanvynck (Illness), Paddy Baynes, Daniel Schwartz-Gee, Eddie Cox, Omari Vermont, Fergus Murray (Other Commitments), Max Francis, Sam Pritchett (Working), Michael Menzies (Playing Youth Football), Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Jordan Amusan, Natan Pawlaczyk, Gianni Dipo (All Injured)

**OPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Mihai Zidaru (GK); 2. Richard Burrell (RB), 9. Sonny Edwards (RCB), 8. Dillon Lee (LCB), 3. Jamie Sermidi (LB); 4. Javed Akbari (DCM), 16. Charlie Edwards (DCM); 7. Jordan Cumins (RM), 19. Can Kayserili (ACM), 14. Junior Collier (LM); 18. James Hendle (CF)

**Subs.** 10. Ashraf Sabir, 17. Bradley Browne, 12. Shea Davis, 11. Kanye Thompson, 20. Ramond Grant (All Used)

**OPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Kayserili (1, 85 Mins.), Collier (66 Mins.), Thompson (82 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT...** We came into this match having had two games in a row postponed due to waterlogged pitches and half our squad expecting another one after a week of more heavy rain, so most of them therefore decided to do other things or rest injuries instead. That saw us having to start the match with only 10 men and then fill in with Veteran Dads Stuart Dorward and substitute Keith Savage once they both finally arrived, so even though our opponents were bottom of the Division Three table, it wasn't too much of a surprise when we found ourselves 1-0 down from the first shot of the match after just 57 seconds as a first-time low effort from the edge of the area by midfielder Can Kayserili squirmed under Josh Wakeford, who had not been given a warm-up as we had all been expecting Veteran Ritchie Redgrave to turn up and play in goal. Instead of our heads going down though, our 10 men scrapped and battled for every ball until Stuart turned up to come on as a forward in the 15th minute to give us a bare eleven, and we were rewarded for that good defensive work with an equaliser after 28 minutes as Myreon Keane ran onto a missed defensive clearance to outpace N.P.R.'s back four and produce an excellent finish in a one-on-one with keeper Zidaru. We only managed one other shot in the First Half as N.P.R.'s near full-strength side piled the pressure on and forced us to defend in numbers, but the Second Half saw us have a good spell where we created some clear-cut chances only to be foiled by the crossbar and the ridiculously churned-up pitch which made shooting on target a lottery. N.P.R. managed to get three shots on target from the same corner-kick in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute though with the first of them being tipped onto the crossbar by Josh Wakeford and the third being prodded in by Junior Collier to put N.P.R. 2-1 up after Josh had fumbled the second shot. Despite that, we continued to look more than capable of maybe nicking another equaliser and taking the game to a penalty shoot-out, but injuries and a lack of substitutes was always going to be a major factor and when 50-year-old Keith Savage had to come on towards the end to join his fellow Veteran Stuart Dorward on the pitch, it clearly favoured N.P.R. when they were able to bring on five much younger replacements and rotate their players all game. One of those substitutes, 19-year-old Kanye Thompson, was brought on in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute and he managed to score with a close-range side-footed finish just 10 seconds after play resumed to kill off the game at 3-1 and not surprisingly give a massive boost to his team-mates, then when Kayserili scored his second of the game with a tap-in to make it 4-1 just three minutes later after Josh had made a good save to stop Tobi Charles scoring an Own Goal, it looked like we would concede a few more in the last five minutes. To our credit though, we didn't give up and made the final scoreline a bit more respectable when Christian Ellis ran through to finish well in the 88th minute.