

Sunday 16th April 2023

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

Kick-Off: 10.35 a.m. (Waiting for players to turn up)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 0 NORTH WEST WOLVES 21 **Half-Time:** 0-10

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-4-1 / 3-4-1-1 13 / 4-3-2 60 / 4-4-1 69)			GOAL TIMES
1/2	GK/LB 60	Bob CLEARY		
18	RCB/RB 60	Tobi CHARLES		
19	CCB/RCB 60	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF (Inj.) 66	
3	LCB	Lenny CHARLES		
11	RM	Harry DORWARD		
16	CM	Harvey ANTONIOU		
15	ACM/LM 60/CM 69	Christian ELLIS	ON 13	
14	LM	Tairique HARRISON	ON 69	
10/1	CM/GK 60	Josh WAKEFORD (Captain)		
9	LM/CF 60	Myreon KEANE		
16	CF/RCB 66	Roderick BENNETT		
SUBSTITUTES				
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

CARETAKER PLAYER-MANAGER: Roderick Bennett

CLUB LINESMAN: Keith Charles

ATTENDANCE: 10

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Sarah Dorward, Tracey Charles, Tracy Charles, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Verity Wakeford

REFEREE: Jeron Smith

BOOKINGS: Reece Effer (N.W.W.) (Foul...90+6 Mins.)

SENT OFF: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy but very mild. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: (15 Players): Stuart Dorward (Manager) (Working Abroad), Tony McKay (Asst. Manager) (Social Commitments), Ritchie Redgrave (GK) (Playing Vets Football), Sam Pritchett (Refereeing in Youth Football), Natan Pawlaczyk (Illness), Nana Obeng, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Chris Jordanou (All Injured), Gianni Dipo, Teddy Carter-Leay (GK), Sonny Schroder (All 'No-Shows'), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Family Commitments), Max Mir, Isaac Ness, Dapo Alaoye, Roshan Shah (Other Commitments/Away)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-3-3): 1. Keith Sullivan (GK); 2. Louis Abrahams (RB), 7. Charlie Fordham (RCB), 24. Kane Murphy (LCB), 92. Reece Effer (LB); 4. Ethan Hudson (RM), 8. David Griffiths (CM), 11. Malik Vidal (LM); 13. Markie Bell (RW), 14. Adam Karim (CF), 28. Enzo Barone (LW...Captain) **Sub.** 9. Shaki Innocent (On at HT)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Barone (22 Secs, 2, 31, 50, 90 Mins.), Karim (4, 41, 52, 63 Mins.), Bell (7, 32, 81 Mins.), Abrahams (24 Mins.), Murphy (25 Mins.), Griffiths (42, 68 Mins.), Innocent (58, 87, 89 Mins.), Fordham (59 Mins.), Effer (79 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... After a win in our last match two weeks ago when we fielded one of the strongest squads of 16 that we had put out all season, we should have been expecting more of the same for this penultimate Home fixture, particularly with our pitch being in immaculate condition for this time of year. Instead though, we had player after player drop out with 15 in total making themselves unavailable, leaving 66-year-old Roderick Bennett having to play a full 90 minutes as a lone striker and 65-year-old Bob Cleary having to play in goal so that we could at least start the game with nine men against Division 5 title contenders North West Wolves, who actually turned up without a full squad themselves but were still able to field a very strong starting eleven. With Manager Stuart Dorward working abroad and Assistant Manager Tony McKay asleep at home after social commitments the night before, it was left to our band of loyal Mums on the touchline to be more-or-less joint-Managers for the day with Roderick & Bob both busy out on the pitch, but predictably we conceded the first goal after just 22 seconds and then found ourselves 4-0 down after just 7 minutes with Bob then making five good saves to keep the scoreline the same before Christian Ellis finally arrived in the 13th minute to boost our line-up to 10 and at least give us half a chance of having a shot at goal ourselves...which we finally managed just as the Half-Time whistle blew. However, we were still only really effectively playing with 8 men as Bob & Roderick were understandably nowhere near agile enough and we conceded a further 6 goals to come off at Half-Time 10-0 down. Manager Stuart Dorward then phoned us from Dubai suggesting that four of our players should feign injury to get the match abandoned from not having the minimum 7 players required, but to their credit, our players all unanimously decided to carry on and basically treat the rest of the game as a training session. That saw us concede a further four goals early in the Second Half before Bob swapped places with Josh Wakeford so that he could have a breather as an outfield player, but of course that left us even more understrength and when Daniel Schwartz-Gee went off injured in the 66th minute with the score at 15-0, certainly most teams in our predicament would have walked off and abandoned the game at that point. Thankfully Tairique Harrison finally turned up to play the last 20 minutes though and we were able to see the game out with 10 men (including Bob & Roderick), but the eventual 21-0 final score was the club's heaviest-ever defeat in adults football stretching back for 46 years and although the players who turned up and played were not too disillusioned, it remains to be seen how many of those who decided to give this game a miss will make themselves available for our next match.