

Sunday 4th December 2022

Barnet Sunday League Shield First Round Match at the Cheshunt Community Sports Park

Kick-Off: 12.35 p.m. (Referee taking his time. Was supposed to be 12.30 pm)

Result: NORTH WEST WOLVES..... 7 EDMONTON ROVERS 4 **Half-Time:** 3-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-1 / 4-4-1-1 35)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
3	RB	Lenny CHARLES		
11	RCB	Stuart DORWARD		
19	LCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE		
9	LB	Myreon KEANE		
6	RM	Tre MAXWELL		90+4 Mins.
17	CM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		68, 76 Mins.
18	CM	Tobi CHARLES		
14	LM	Tairique HARRISON		56 Mins.
5	ACM	Christian ELLIS	ON 35 (Turned up late)	
16	CF	Harvey ANTONIOU		
SUBSTITUTES				
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

CARETAKER PLAYER-MANAGER: Stuart Dorward **CLUB LINESMAN:** Not Required by Referee **ATTENDANCE:** 16

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Harry Dorward, Sarah Dorward, Tracey Charles, Keith Charles, Lorna Bennett, Sarah Bartlett

REFEREE: Ricardo Reynolds

BOOKINGS: Charles Charion (NWW GK) (Handball outside area...71 Mins.) **SENDING-OFFS:** None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy and very cold. No Wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Soft, muddy & fairly churned up.

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players): Tony McKay (Manager), Roshan Shah (Illness), Harry Dorward, Gianni Dipo, Dapo Alaoye (All Injured), Bob Cleary (Club Linesman), Roderick Bennett (Asst. Coach), Natan Pawlaczyk, Nana Obeng, Max Mir, Chris Jordanou, Tim Wakeford (GK), Isaac Ness (All with Family/Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (3-1-4-2): 1. Charles Charion (GK); 99. Aiden O'Sullivan (RCB), 24. Kane Murphy (CB), 28. Enzo Barone (Captain...LCB); 15. Joe Agunbiade (DCM); 13. Markie Bell (RM), 8. David Griffiths (RCM), 7. Charlie Fordham (LCM), 31. Jake Browne (LM); 9. Bacari Cousins (RCF), 10. Daniel Bell (LCF)

Subs. 14. Adam Karim (On at HT for Browne), 32. Ezra Zola (On at HT for Murphy), 11. Billy Nicoll-Vandyke (On for M.Bell...62 Mins.), 4. Liam Thomas (On for D.Bell...65 Mins.), 19. Shane Bloom (On for Agunbiade...83 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Cousins (32, 34, 83 Mins.), M.Bell (40, 52 (Pen.) Mins.), Nicoll-Vandyke (85 Mins.), Karim (90+6 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT.... For the First Round of this League Shield (for teams in Divisions 5 & 6 only), we were unlucky enough to be drawn Away to Division 5 leaders North West Wolves, a team with a 100% record in the League so far this season, while the afternoon kick-off and a number of injuries and illnesses put paid to a large number of our players and Management, meaning we had to play the first 35 minutes of the match with only 10 men while somebody tried to wake up the oversleeping Christian Ellis and get him along to the ground somehow. This brought back memories of what it was like when we first started the club as 15-17-year-olds back in the late-1970's when this was a frequent occurrence and we would lose by double-figure margins, but some excellent fighting spirit and organisation led by our Veterans Stuart Dorward & Leon McKenzie-McKay saw us keep the score at 0-0 until the 32nd minute when Wolves forward Bacari Cousins headed them into the lead just as Christian turned up and started getting changed. We then found ourselves 2-0 down just two minutes later while half our players were anxiously looking over to the touchline urging Christian to get a move on tying his bootlaces up, thereby losing concentration and getting outnumbered at the back as Cousins fired in again from close range, then with Christian finally coming onto the pitch in the 35th minute to make it 11-a-side, we naturally pushed forward to try and get back into the match but were caught on the break after 40 minutes when Markie Bell made it 3-0 and that ended up being the Half-Time score with us only having managed one shot at goal ourselves in the First Half. We then had a bad start to the Second Half when Myreon Keane tripped Markie Bell in the area which Bell converted himself to make it 4-0 after 52 minutes, but as so often in our matches we then started making a comeback from that sort of scoreline, scoring three goals in the space of 20 minutes thanks to Tairique Harrison and two from Leon McKenzie-McKay including one from the rebound after he had hit the crossbar from the penalty spot. We also had two or three other great chances during that spell while Wolves keeper Charles 'Levi' Charion could easily have been sent off in the 71st minute after Referee Reynolds blew for a handball against him outside the area. When Cousins completed his hat-trick with a glancing header in the 83rd minute to make it 5-3 to Wolves though, it was always going to be hard for us to come back from that with no substitutes to bring on, and further goals by Wolves substitutes Billy Nicoll-Vandyke and Adam Karim in addition to a fourth goal for us from Tre Maxwell eventually saw us suffer our third 7-4 defeat of the season, although the Referee bizarrely playing 13 minutes of added-on-time for some unknown reason certainly contributed to that scoreline.