

Sunday 4th September 2022

Barnet Sunday League Division Five Match at the Cheshunt Community Sports Park

Kick-Off: 12.35.pm. (5 minutes late as goalnet not tied up properly)

Result: NORTH WEST WOLVES..... 2 EDMONTON ROVERS 0 **Half-Time:** 0-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2)			GOAL TIMES
1 / 10	GK/CF 59/CM 75	Josh WAKEFORD		
2	RB	Roshan SHAH	OFF 75	
5	RCB	Chris JORDANOU		
4	LCB	Natan PAWLACZYK (Captain)		
18	LB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF 70	
11	RM	Harry DORWARD		
17	CM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY		
7	CM	Rafiel JOHNSON	OFF 59	
9	LM	Myreon KEANE	OFF 80	
12	CF	Max MIR	OFF 53	
16/1	CF/GK 59	Harvey ANTONIOU	OFF 53/BACK ON 59	
SUBSTITUTES				
20	CF	Gianni DIPO	ON 53	
14	CF/CM 59/CF 75	Tairique HARRISON	ON 53	
19	LB	Daniel SCHWARTZ- GEE	ON 70	
3	RB	Keith SAVAGE	ON 75	
8	LM	Stuart DORWARD	ON 80	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 36

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Roderick Bennett, Isaac Ness, Keith Charles, Tracey Charles, Tracy Charles, Sarah Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Sarah Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Verity Wakeford, Nik Mir, Pawel Pawlaczyk

REFEREE: Roberto Anastasi

BOOKINGS: Josh Wakeford (Foul...29 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly cloudy with stiff breeze across the pitch **STATE OF PITCH:** Flat and dry, but bare of grass

UNAVAILABILITY: (7 Players): Dapo Alaoye (Playing in a trials match), Lenny Charles (Recovering from an operation), Jack Vanvynck, Kai McAuley (Both Away), Tyler Meader (GK) (Other Commitments), Charlie Savage (Working), Aiden Kavanagh (Training for the London Marathon)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Charles Charion (GK); 3. Louis Abrahams (RB), 24. Kane Murphy (RCB...Captain), 4. Liam Thomas (LCB), 23. Billy Nicoll-Vandyke (LB); 8. David Griffiths (RCM), 21. Ethan Hudson (LCM); 17. Aiden O'Sullivan (RM), 11. Bacari Cousins (ACM), 13. Markie Bell (LM); 16. Harry Tovey (CF) **Subs.** 14. Adam Karim (On at HT for Abrahams), 10. Daniel Bell (On for Cousins...60 Mins.), 22. Ezra Zola (On for Nicoll-Vandyke...60 Mins.), 2. Kyle Murphy (On for O'Sullivan...75 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Markie Bell (50 Mins.) Karim (55 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

This first League match was a repeat of our first game last season against the same opponents except we were the Away team this time. Although we were missing six good players from the squad that we ended last season with, none of those absences were due to the 12.30 pm afternoon kick-off that our opponents had seemingly chosen of their own accord despite there being an unused pitch at the venue for a morning kick-off. In fact we were able to name a full squad of 16 thanks to 34-year-old Rafiel Johnson coming out of retirement, 50+ Veteran Keith Savage volunteering to be a substitute, and another 17-year-old in Daniel Schwartz-Gee signing up to join his many ex-Enfield Youth team-mates who play for us. North West Wolves though were fielding a number of good new young players having played plenty of Pre-Season Friendlies to bed them in, unlike us where most of our players had been away on holiday throughout August, and that lack of match practice showed as we were only able to muster one decent effort at goal in a scoreless First Half with a Harry Dorward free-kick that went narrowly over the bar, while Wolves pinned us back in our own half where we had to defend against a number of set-pieces given against us for fouls that are no longer fouls in the Premier League, but seemingly still are at our level. We were much more solid at the back than in our two matches against the same opponents last season though (when we conceded a total of 15 goals), but we had keeper Josh Wakeford to thank for keeping the scores level at the break with some good confident handling of long-range shots and crosses and one outstanding flying save where he tipped a fierce close-range drive from Wolves Player-Manager David Griffiths over the bar. The Second Half saw Wolves bring on the League's leading scorer in all eight divisions from last season, Adam Karim, at the break though, and not surprisingly he made the difference with Wolves taking the lead after 50 minutes as new signing Harry Tovey outpaced Tobi Charles before delivering a perfect cross to the far post for Markie Bell to tap in before Karim made it 2-0 just 5 minutes later when he out-muscled Roshan Shah to volley in a long throw. We didn't collapse though and we looked a bit more threatening going forward as the game went on, particularly after putting Harvey Antoniou in goal to give Josh Wakeford a runout in attack, but the absence of midfield playmaker Dapo Alaoye was a real blow with Leon McKenzie-McKay & Rafiel Johnson having to play in that position when they are forwards who are far more adept at running onto through balls themselves rather than playing them for others. With Myreon Keane & Harry Dorward not able to get into the game either because of the bone-hard pitch and strong wind constantly blowing the ball out of play, we never really looked like getting anything out of this match.