

Sunday 12th August 2018

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 9)

Kick-Off: 10.45.a.m. (Car parks shut)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 4 ORACLE RANGERS..... 5 *Half-Time: 2-1*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Ian WHITMORE	OFF HT	
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON	OFF HT	
20	CB	Tyronne PETRIE (Captain)	OFF HT	
15	CB	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF HT / BACK ON 73	84 Mins.
3	LB	Oshade WATSON	OFF HT	
4	CM Holding	Nassir ALI	OFF HT	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF HT	
19	RM	Nana OBENG	OFF HT	22 Mins.
5	ACM	Eni BEZATI	OFF HT	10 Mins.
7	LM	Mohamed ALI	OFF HT	
11	CF	Nathan ALLEN	OFF (Inj.) 22	
SUBSTITUTES				
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 22 / OFF HT / BACK ON 79	
1	GK	Chris THEOCHARI	ON HT	
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	ON HT	
12	CB	Dave NGUYEN	ON HT / OFF (Inj.) 73	
5	CB	Harold OFORI	ON HT	
6	LB	Josh BAPTISTE	ON HT	
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM	ON HT	
18	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL	ON HT	
8	RM	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	ON HT	48 Mins.
10	ACM	Andy AMADI	ON HT / OFF 79	
17	LM	Rafiel JOHNSON	ON HT	
11	CF/ACM 79	Daniel DALEY	ON HT	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Roderick Bennett

ATTENDANCE: 28

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, S.Said

REFEREE: Mark Taylor

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): N/A

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & Windy.

STATE OF PITCH: Hard but reasonably flat.

UNAVAILABILITY: (10 Players) Jack Bangs, Ralph Katikaza, Louie Short (All Injured), Tom Croake, Ivan Bass, Jordan Umpire, Henry Akinsanmi, Richard Harris, Daniel Allen, Stephen Roussety (GK) (Other Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-3-1-1): 1. Hans Meher (GK); 26. Iain Green (RB), 16. Terry Green (RCB), 4. Billy Brownjohn (LCB), 19. Tom Aldrich (LB); 17. Malik Doumbia (CM Holding); 11. Martin Walters (RM), 7. Jake Hammond (CM), 10. Marco Faria (LM); 8. Paul Stevens (ACM...Captain); 12. Alan Green (CF) **Subs.** 2. Ben Russel, 28. Tom Laud, 14. Lewis Edwards (All on at HT)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Stevens (30, 77 Mins.), A.Green (36 Mins.), Russel (58 Mins.), Walters (73 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Despite having 10 players unavailable for this second Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer, such is the interest in joining us (as always at this time of year) that Manager Tony McKay decided to use all 23 players at his disposal, including two new goalkeepers and another two outfield players in Eni Bezati and Mohamed Ali who were also making their Rovers debuts. That saw two completely different teams starting each Half as everybody (apart from Ayo Matthews...as we know what he can do !) was given 45 minutes in which to impress. Our First Half team did that early on by going 2-0 up inside 22 minutes with goals from Eni Bezati (with a simple tap-in) and an outrageous backheeled volley from Nana Obeng, but we then let in a poor goal in the 30th minute when our back four were caught out by a long ball over the top which allowed Oracle skipper Paul Stevens to run on and lob stranded keeper Ian Whitmore. That gave Oracle's players confidence and they made it 2-2 just six minutes later when Alan Green finished easily at the far post after a mistake by Oshade Watson. That was the score at the break, so it was now up to our Second Half team to win the game for us. Once again we started well with Leon McKenzie-McKay side-footing in from close range to put us 3-2 up just three minutes after the break following good work by Daniel Daley and Rafiel Johnson, but we were always going to be disorganised at defending set-pieces with so many new players playing, and that allowed Oracle substitute Ben Russel to level the scores again in the 58th minute with a free header from a corner. With some of our players feeling the pace because of niggling injuries and not having played 'for years', we then conceded two further goals in the space of four minutes as Martin Walters and then Paul Stevens put Oracle 5-3 up with simple finishes, but Ayo Matthews came back on in the 79th minute to hit the post after a mazy solo run while Aiden Kavanagh went one better five minutes later after a similar run past several defenders to notch a fourth goal for us. It wasn't enough in the end, but it was more important that everybody got a run-out, and Manager McKay will have learnt a lot about several players.