

Sunday 29th October 2017

## London FA Sunday Junior Cup Second Round Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)

**Kick-Off:** 10.40.a.m. (Referee taking his time)

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 0 PANATHINAIKOS..... 5 *Half-Time: 0-3*

| SHIRT NUMBER       | TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 4-1-3-1 <sub>30</sub> / 4-1-2-2 <sub>53</sub> ) |                               | GOAL TIMES  |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1                  | GK  | Grant BAKER                   | SENT OFF 27 |
| 2                  | RB  | Lexton HARRISON               |             |
| 15                 | CB  | Ivan BASS                     |             |
| 5                  | CB/GK 27  | Harold OFORI                  |             |
| 6                  | LB  | Chris LUE                     | OFF 63      |
| 17                 | CM Holding/CB 27  | Curtis BAALAM                 |             |
| 12                 | CM Holding  | Anees IKRAMULLAH              |             |
| 8                  | RM/CM 53  | Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain) |             |
| 18                 | ACM   | Andreas KRITICOS              | OFF 53      |
| 11                 | LM/CF 53  | Daniel DALEY                  | OFF 63      |
| 9                  | CF/CM 53  | Ayo MATTHEWS                  |             |
| <b>SUBSTITUTES</b> |   |                               |             |
| 14                 | CF  | Rhys McKAY                    | ON 53       |
| 19                 | CF  | Tom CROAKE                    | ON 63       |
| 3                  | LB  | Chris KRITICOS                | ON 63       |

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Bob Cleary

**ATTENDANCE:** 26

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.Hughes

**REFEREE:** Andrea Manzini

**BOOKINGS:** Joe Panayiotis (GK) (Panathinaikos) (Handling outside area...59 Mins.), Tom Croake (Dissent...77 Mins.)

**SENDING-OFFS:** Grant Baker (GK) (Denying Goalscoring Opportunity...27 Mins.)

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Cloudy & Cold

**STATE OF PITCH:** Perfect

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (12 Players) Tyronne Petrie (Working), Miles Levy (Working), Jack Bangs (Disappeared), Vishal Patel (Away), Taurean Bryan (Other Commitments ?), Stephen Roussety (GK) (Finger Injury), Abz El-Habassi (GK) (Knee Injury), Aiden Kavanagh (University), Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Roderick Bennett (Asst. Manager) (Working)

**Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** George House (Family Commitments), Sergio Garcia (Working)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Joseph Panayiotis (GK); 2. Harry Zavros (RB), 14. Eduardo Williams (RCB), -. Mahpuool Mohahmed (LCB), 8. Benjamin Tamayo (LB); 16. Nicholas Michael (CM Holding), 5. George Lingi (CM Holding); 15. Anastasi Kasapi (RM), 10. Anthony Constantinou (ACM...Captain), 7. Zac Uribarri (LM); 11. Tom Perkins (CF)

**Subs.:** 4. Andrew Savva (On for Lingi...53 Mins.), 21. Alex Savva (Not Used)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Perkins (16 Mins.), Constantinou (30 Mins.), Michael (45, 53 Mins.), Andrew Savva (72 Mins.)

### MATCH REPORT

After our 5-0 drubbing against Churchbury in the League the week before, we were hoping for an easier match as we took on KOPA League Division Two side Panathinaikos in the London FA Sunday Junior Cup, especially as they had been struggling in their League after being new to mens football this season. However we had numerous players unavailable again, including midfielder George House and in-form forward Jack Bangs, who had both failed to inform us that. We did have a boost with top scorer Ayo Matthews passing a pre-match fitness test on his recent hamstring injury, but with a number of other players in the starting line-up struggling for form and fitness we found ourselves going a goal down after 16 minutes when Panathinaikos' lone forward Tom Perkins was given too much room to look up and curl a shot over keeper Grant Baker and into the far top corner. Apart from that goal, it was a fairly even contest (albeit with very few chances for either side) up until the 27th minute, but then Grant flew out of his area to bring down Perkins as he raced through on goal, leaving Referee Andrea Manzini with little option but to send Grant off and leave us down to 10 men with over an hour of the match still to go. Defender Harold Ofori therefore 'volunteered' to take over between the sticks and after a three-minute delay while he tried to put a shirt and gloves on, he made a great save from Perkins resulting free-kick, only for the rebound to be kept alive and then volleyed into the net from almost on the goal-line by Panathinaikos skipper Anthony Constantinou with our players slow to react all round. Not surprisingly our heads started to go down after that, and even more so when Panathinaikos midfielder Nicholas Michael made it 3-0 just before Half-Time after sliding in to kick the ball out of Harold's hands. Referee Manzini didn't have a clear view of that though, and allowed the goal to stand. We tried to make a game of it as the Second Half started, but it only took eight minutes for us to find ourselves 4-0 down as Michael took advantage of our defence being outnumbered to score with a good finish after a length-of-the-pitch move. It then looked as if we were going to let in a lot more against a very fit side, but at least we had three substitutes to bring on, and that helped in us conceding only one more goal when Panathinaikos substitute Andrew Savva calmly sidefooted home after 73 minutes with several of our players already looking exhausted. Fortunately we managed to escape without any more damage in the last 17 minutes, but with players now seemingly losing interest following these three bad defeats in a row, we will now actively be looking to bring in some new players as soon as we can to shake things up a bit. We still have three more Cups to play for and plenty more League matches left to play.