

Sunday 13th August 2017

Pre-Season Friendly Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 9) 3 x 30-Minute Periods

Kick-Off: 10.40.a.m. (10 mins late due to long team-talk & Rhys forgetting his shinpads !)

Result: EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 RIVERSIDE CORINTHIANS 3

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER	OFF 30/BACK ON 74	
3	RB	Curtis BAALAM	OFF (Inj.) 18	
7	CB	Lexton HARRISON		
15	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)	OFF 69	7 Mins. (Pen.)
4	LB	Miles LEVY	OFF 64	12 Mins.
19	CM Holding/RB 34/LB 75	Anees IKRAMULLAH	OFF 30/BACK ON 34	
14	CM Holding	Vishal PATEL		
10	RM/ACM 68	Lawrence KILL	OFF 30/BACK ON 68	
8	ACM/LM 65	Jack BANGS	OFF 42/BACK ON 65	
11	LM/LB 64/RB 75	Leon BERNARD	OFF 51/BACK ON 64	
17	CF	Rhys MCKAY	OFF (Inj.) 28	
SUBSTITUTES				
5	RB	Robert LATTY	ON 18/OFF (Inj.) 34	
12	CF	Tom CROAKE	ON 28/OFF 60	
1	GK	Zac TROULLOUS	ON 30/OFF 74	
2	CM Holding	Lucas CASCOE	ON 30/OFF 86	
6	RM	Raj BUMBRA	ON 30	
16	ACM/CM Holding 86	George HOUSE	ON 42/OFF 68/BACK ON 86	
18	LM/CB 69	Taurean BRYAN	ON 51/OFF 65/BACK ON 69	
9	CF	Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY	ON 60	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required

ATTENDANCE: 21

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, D.Daley, D.Cascoe

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): N/A

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE: Alex Flett

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

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny & Warm.

STATE OF PITCH: Long Grass !

UNAVAILABILITY: (14 Players) Stephen Roussety (GK) (Working), Tyrone Petrie (Working), Ayo Matthews (Away), Aiden Kavanagh (Away), Ivan Bass (Family Commitments), Johan Ahipeaud (Family Commitments), Daniel Daley (Injured), Daniel Cascoe (Injured), Hal Ozkan (Injured), Chris Lue (Family Commitments), Khaheem McKenzie (Working), Andreas Kriticos (Away), Chris Kriticos (Away), Marley McKay (?), Joe Agboola-Silva (Injured), Bob Cleary (Goalkeeping Coach) (Family Commitments)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-5-1): 1. James Brandon (GK); 2. Liam Abrams (RB), 5. Ali Lemoudni (CB), 6. Chris Brandon (CB), 16. Dwayne Wilson (LB); 13. Steve James (RM), 7. Tashan Lewis (CM), 8. Mitchell Ellis (CM), 12. Faysal Lemoudni (CM), 11. Luca Rizzo (LM); 10. Courtney Lewis (CF)

Subs.: 14. Chaz Bayford, 4. Nicky Seghal, 9. Naz Kaya

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Ellis (30, 66 Mins.), Bayford (74 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

Our second Pre-Season Friendly of the Summer was against East Herts Corinthian Sunday League Division One side Riverside Corinthians, who like us had a successful season last year in winning promotion, but were also fielding half a team-full of new players for this match due to the unavailability of several regulars. In our case we had four debutants in a 19-man squad, namely Laurence Kill, Lucas Cascoe, Raj Bumbra and Robert Latty, while four others in Grant Baker, Curtis Baalam, Anees Ikramullah & Tom Croake all returned after missing the previous week's first Friendly against FC Alpha. Despite most of our players not knowing each other as a result of that, we started the match well and took the lead after just 7 minutes when Harold Ofori confidently fired home from the penalty spot after Leon Bernard was up-ended after a strong run into the area. We then went 2-0 up just five minutes later when new signing Miles Levy again proved to be the perfect attacking left-back replacement for the University-bound Aiden Kavanagh this season by firing into the top corner after sprinting onto Vishal Patel's through ball. However, we then started losing players through injuries, and with numerous substitutions having to be made from the 18th minute onwards we became vulnerable defensively with Riverside Corinthians firstly pulling a goal back in the 30th minute when Mitchell Ellis fired low into the bottom corner after a good spell of pressure, then Ellis managed to make it 2-2 in the 66th minute with a long-distance shot that swerved over substitute keeper Zac Troullous's head into the top corner. The last 24 minutes of the match was then a case of us squandering numerous chances while Riverside Corinthians took one of theirs in the 74th minute to win the match after substitute Chaz Bayford capitalised on us being unable to clear the ball after a goalkeeping mistake by Zac. Another defeat was disappointing, but at this stage of Pre-Season it was far more important to see what our new players were like.

LAURENCE HUGHES