

Sunday 29th January 2017

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the Old Elizabethans Memorial Sports Ground, Barnet

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **ROVING REPORTERS RESERVES....0** **EDMONTON ROVERS..... 3** Half-Time: 0-1

| SHIRT NUMBER                    | TEAM (4-2-3-1) |                               |               | GOAL TIMES   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1                               | GK             | Stephen ROUSSEY               | OFF HT        |              |
| 15                              | RB             | Ivan BASS                     | OFF (Inj.) 80 |              |
| 4                               | CB             | Tyronne PETRIE                |               |              |
| 17                              | CB             | Harold OFORI                  |               |              |
| 3                               | LB             | Aiden KAVANAGH                |               |              |
| 6                               | CM Holding     | Khaheem MCKENZIE              |               | 21 Mins.     |
| 16                              | CM Holding     | Daniel CASCOE                 | OFF 69        |              |
| 11                              | RM             | Leon MCKENZIE-McKAY (Captain) | OFF 83        |              |
| 8                               | ACM/CFHT       | Ayo MATTHEWS                  |               |              |
| 9                               | LM             | Daniel DALEY                  |               | 67, 76 Mins. |
| 12                              | CF/ACMHT       | Johan AHIPEAUD                | OFF 73        |              |
| <b>SUBSTITUTES</b>              |                |                               |               |              |
| 1                               | GK             | Grant BAKER                   | ON HT         |              |
| 14                              | CM Holding     | John SCOLLER                  | ON 69         |              |
| 7                               | ACM            | Hal OZKAN                     | ON 73         |              |
| 19                              | RB             | Andreas KRITICOS              | ON 80         |              |
| 10                              | LM             | Tom CROAKE                    | ON 83         |              |
| <b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b> |                |                               |               |              |

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 17

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, L.Harrison (Late)

REFEREE: Trevor Taylor

BOOKINGS: Johan Ahipeaud (Dissent - 70 Mins.) & Zac Charilaou (Roving Reporters) (Persistent Misconduct - 15 Mins.)

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Rain in First Half, Cloudy & Cold in Second Half

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy, but flat.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (4 Players) Curtis Baalam (Working), Connor Kavanagh (Away), Jack Bangs (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Lexton Harrison (Family Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):** 13. Troy Cornwall (GK); 11. Jack Winter (RB), 6. Mark Pellowe (CB), 16. Simon Beedie (CB), 2. Steve O'Loughlin (LB); 9. Josh Baptiste (RM), 8. Zac Charilaou (CM), 4. Ben Gregory (CM...Captain), 14. Tom Hobbs (LM); 17. Jack Mooney (CF), 10. Bright Iwueke (CF)

Subs Used: 7. Sadra Ansari (On at HT for Baptiste), 15. Remi Morgan (On at HT for O'Loughlin), 1. Gary King (GK) (On after 68 Mins for Cornwall)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** None

### MATCH REPORT

We returned to action after a week off due to a frozen pitch as we faced second-from-bottom Roving Reporters Reserves in a game that we were always the favourites to win. However, we were sensible enough to know that it wouldn't be easy as our opponents had strengthened their squad in recent months and had subsequently had a lot of close matches against other teams in the division. We were also missing a number of key players ourselves including starting line-up regulars Curtis Baalam & Connor Kavanagh, while Lexton Harrison had to drop out on the morning of the match due to family commitments. That meant central defender Ivan Bass had to play out of position at right-back, but other than that we had plenty of cover, including in goal where Grant Baker was available to take a place on the bench after a four-month absence. We also had John Scouller returning for another spell with the club, even though he now lives and works in Derby and is only back in London at weekends. He was therefore given a run-out in the Second Half, but Manager Tony McKay decided to start with his more regular players, and that paid off in the 21st minute when Khaheem McKenzie gave us the lead with an excellent outside of the foot finish after a quality length of the pitch move. To their credit though, Roving Reporters Reserves were much better-organised at the back than a number of other teams we have played recently, and after shutting us out for the rest of the First Half, they very nearly equalised early in the Second Half as they suddenly put us under a bit of pressure, but Grant Baker made a couple of excellent point-blank saves, having replaced Stephen Roussety in goal at Half-Time. We were definitely the better side after that though, with a few tactical changes involving our four attacking players gradually making a difference, but we had to wait until the 67th minute to make it 2-0 when another quality move saw Johan Ahipeaud and Leon McKenzie-McKay set up Ayo Matthews for a simple tap-in. Roving Reporters Reserves then lost their goalkeeper through injury, but we could only manage one further goal past his replacement when Ayo scored his second of the match in the 76th minute with another tap-in after Daniel Daley's chip past the oncoming keeper was cleared off the line onto the post by a defender. Although the fresh legs of our substitutes all made a difference in the last 10 minutes or so, we couldn't finish a number of other chances and had to settle for 3-0 in the end, but if we keep on winning, then goal difference will not be important anyway and on current form we will hopefully clinch the title with games to spare.