

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the New River Sports Centre, Wood Green (Grass Pitch)

Kick-Off: 11.05.a.m.

Result: **ST. JOHN'S DEAF**0 **EDMONTON ROVERS**..... 12 **Half-Time:** 0-5

SHIRT NUMBER		TEAM (4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON (Captain)	OFF 61	
15	CB	Tyronne PETRIE		
14	CB	Harold OFORI	OFF (Inj.) 73	
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		38, 60 Mins.
4	CM Holding/RB 61	Curtis BAALAM		19 Mins.
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	OFF 56	
11	RM	Daniel DALEY	OFF 53	
6	ACM	Khaheem MCKENZIE	OFF 58	
19	LM/CB 73	Connor KAVANAGH	OFF 70 / BACK ON 73	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		36 (Pen.), 39, 45, 69 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
8	RM	Jack BANGS	ON 53	77, 84 Mins.
5	CM Holding	Peter AKOM	ON 56	79 Mins.
7	ACM	Hal OZKAN	ON 58	71, 88 Mins.
17	CM Holding	John SCOULLER	ON 61	
10	LM	Andreas KRITICOS	ON 70	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, L.McKenzie-McKay, T.Hughes, I.Bass, J.Ahipeaud, T.Croake

ATTENDANCE: 26

REFEREE: Ian Fernandes

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly warm & sunny with no wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Bone dry & bumpy.

UNAVAILABILITY: (3 Players) Leon McKenzie-McKay (Injured), Anees Ikramullah & Grant Baker (GK) (Anees' Wedding)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 19. Ali Er (GK); 2. Rahat Ahmed (RB), 7. Omid Khanbabighara (CB), 5. Kevin Olamideji (CB), 15. Ridwan Ojetola (LB); 12. Okan Demirci (CM Holding), 16. Ayomide Akindahunsi (CM Holding); 17. Enam Hussain (RM), 19. Marios Costi (ACM), 11. Maimoon Chowdury (LM); 4. Yaseen Miah (CF) **Subs Used:** 14. Vagner Xavier, 8. William Matewele.

MATCH REPORT

We came into this match in a confusing situation where we already knew that we were 'probably' already the Division Two Champions because of our superior goal difference, but we still couldn't be officially confirmed as such because our recently-postponed fixture Away to Highgate Albion 3rds was to be the subject of a League Management Committee decision the following evening as to whether or not we would be awarded the three points from that match that would give us the title anyway. With St. Johns Deaf being bottom of the table with only one win all season, we therefore decided to treat this fixture as definite confirmation of our first trophy win for 29 years as we knew that it would be an even bigger miracle than us ourselves beating that 29-year hoodoo at last if St. John's actually managed to beat us. That saw a squad of 19 all turn up well before the kick-off in addition to injured Player-Coach Leon McKenzie-McKay and also former Manager and Club Vice-President Trevor Hughes, who had come all the way from Cyprus via a three-week holiday in Australia to watch the match and join in the celebrations. We actually started rather nervously though, as St. John's very skilful young players were all very keen and didn't give us any time on the ball on a difficult dry bobbly pitch. Even after Curtis Baalam scored his first goal for the club to put us 1-0 up in the 19th minute with a fierce shot that swerved straight through the St. John's keeper's hands, we found it hard to create enough clear-cut chances to increase our lead because of St. John's players' work-rate until they gave away a penalty in the 36th minute with a shirt-pull on Ayo Matthews, who stepped up himself to make it 2-0 from the spot. We were then able to relax a lot more though and the goals then rained in for the rest of the match as St. John's started making some bad mistakes at the back and then started to tire. Aiden Kavanagh punished the first of those mistakes with a simple finish through the keeper's legs just two minutes later, then Ayo made it 4-0 after a mazy solo run past four players in the 39th minute with skipper Lexton Harrison bellowing out for him to 'do it simple'. The goal that completed Ayo's hat-trick to make it 5-0 just before Half-Time was simple though, after Connor Kavanagh had set him up for a close-range finish. It wasn't until Manager Tony McKay started bringing on our five Second Half substitutes that we scored a 6th goal though, as Aiden Kavanagh volleyed in from close range for his second of the match after Harold Ofori's shot had been saved. Ayo Matthews then notched his fourth goal to make it 7-0 in the 69th minute with a rather scuffed low shot into the bottom corner, then our substitutes started getting in on the act when Hal Ozkan profited from a comical fumble by the keeper from Jack Bangs low cross to make it 8-0 after 71 minutes. Jack then got on the scoresheet himself to put us 9-0 up in the 77th minute after making the most of a bad backpass straight to him, then Peter Akom scored his first goal for the club two minutes later with a close range scrambled effort to give us double figures. We then finally scored a couple of Goal Of The Season Top 10 contenders as the game drew to a close, with Jack Bangs cleverly lobbing the keeper to make it 11-0 in the 84th minute and Hal Ozkan finishing off a great solo run to give us a 12-0 win with the final goal of the game four minutes later. Although we ran out of time to threaten our all-time club record win of 15-1 set way back in 1980, it was a great way to confirm the Division Two title and we all had a good on-pitch celebration afterwards.