

Sunday 27th November 2016

## Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch Two)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....3 **ST. JOHNS DEAF**.....1 Half-Time: 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER		TEAM (4-1-3-2 / 4-2-3-1)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Stephen ROUSSETY		
2	RB	Lexton HARRISON		
12	CB	Curtis BAALAM		
15	CB	Harold OFORI		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
4	CM Holding	Tyronne PETRIE		
16	RM	Chris LUE	OFF 72	
7	CM	Tem ADIL		
10	LM/RM75	Andreas KRITICOS	OFF 56 / BACK ON 72	
14	CF	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)	OFF 64	14 Mins.
11	CF	Daniel DALEY	OFF 64	34, 56 Mins.
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
8	LM	Ryan DOBSON	ON 56	
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	ON 64	
19	CM Holding	Connor KAVANAGH	ON 64	
5	Not Used	Ivan BASS		

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

ATTENDANCE: 23

REFEREE: Harry Barfoot

BOOKINGS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cold & Cloudy

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, K.McKenzie

SENDING-OFFS: None

STATE OF PITCH: Soft & Muddy, but flat.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (4 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Family Commitments), Danny Hagan (GK) (Injured), Hal Ozkan (Working)

Sunday Morning Drop-Outs: Rhys McKay (Social Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):** 1. Elton Jose (GK), 11. Byron Down (RB), 15. Matthew Wheeler (CB), 13. Ridwan Ojetola (CB), 17. Enam Hussain (LB); 5. Marios Costi (RM), 10. Yaseen Miah (CM), 14. Omid Khanbabighara (CM), 7. Maimoon Chowdury (LM); 2. Ayomide Akindahunsi (CF), 8. Memnos Costi (CF)

Subs Used: 12. Rahat Ahmed, 6. Samir Gathani, 16. William Matewele, 4. Kevin Oladimeji (All roll-on, roll-off)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER:** Akindahunsi (79 Mins.)

### MATCH REPORT

With our opponents St. Johns Deaf being bottom of the Division Two table and having lost 14-0 and 7-1 to our title rivals Northaw already this season, we decided to give regulars Khaheem McKenzie, Ayo Matthews, Connor Kavanagh & Ivan Bass a rest and bring seven players into the starting line-up who had not played the week before, therefore giving them valuable match practice and showing faith in our squad. Of course having done that, little did we know that St. Johns' much-stronger First Team had not had a game the day before in the Essex Alliance League and they were therefore fielding the majority of those players for this match, including five Great Britain Deaf Internationals, two of whom were making their Barnet Sunday League debuts. We were therefore up against a side who would probably be in the top half of the table somewhere if they were playing every week, but with most of our players fighting for a regular place in the starting line-up, we started well and had already tested St. Johns keeper Elton Jose on more than one occasion before Leon McKenzie-McKay gave us the lead in the 14th minute with a neat finish from Andreas Kriticos's through ball. St. Johns attacking players were certainly giving us more problems than some of our other recent opponents though, and we were really lucky not to concede a penalty in the 30th minute when Curtis Baalam clearly brought down forward Memnos Costi. Thankfully Referee Barfoot waved play on for some reason and we then went on to extend our lead in the 34th minute when Daniel Daley ran onto another Andreas Kriticos through ball to get behind a square defence and finish easily. We came off at Half-Time only 2-0 up though, as we managed to hit the 'woodwork' twice as well as missing two or three other good chances, although St. Johns forward Ayomide Akindahunsi put a free header wide which he should have scored from in what was a very open First Half. The Second Half saw a lot fewer chances though as both teams made a number of substitutions while tightening up defensively, but we killed the game off in the 56th minute when Leon McKenzie-McKay and Daniel Daley rushed in to capitalise on a fumble by keeper Jose from a Harold Ofori free-kick with Daley tapping in the loose ball on the goal-line to make it 3-0 with his second of the match. We really should have scored more though, as Connor Kavanagh had a header cleared off the line while substitute Ryan Dobson hit the angle of post and crossbar with a good long-range effort on his Rovers debut. However, it was St. Johns who scored the best goal of the match in the 79th minute to make the final score a bit more respectable when Ayomide Akindahunsi hit a perfectly-placed free-kick into the top corner. Although Northaw will gain a big advantage with their goal difference at the top of the table thanks to St. Johns not fielding this sort of side against them, at least the 3-1 scoreline extended our current unbeaten run to 13 matches, and we were happy enough with that at the end.

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