

Sunday 1st April 2018 (Easter Day)

**Barnet Sunday League Division One Match at the Edmonton Sports & Social Club (Pitch One)**

*Kick-Off:* 10.35.a.m. (Curtis Baalam stuck in traffic on A12)

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 THE WINCHMORE..... 3 *Half-Time:* 2-2

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Lexton HARRISON		
2	RB	Oshade WATSON		
20	CB	Tyronne PETRIE		
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)		
3	LB	Aiden KAVANAGH		
14	CM Holding	Curtis BAALAM		
11	RM	Tom CROAKE		23 Mins.
8	CM	Jack BANGS		
16	CM	Daniel CASCOE		
19	LM	Nana OBENG		40 Mins.
9	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS		
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				

*OWN GOALS Scored For Us:*

**MANAGER:** Tony McKay

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Roderick Bennett

**ATTENDANCE:** 25

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

**REFEREE:** Antonio Oliveira

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Cold & Cloudy. No wind. **STATE OF PITCH:** Soft & muddy, but flat

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (17 Players) Grant Baker (GK) (Family Commitments), Leon McKenzie-McKay (Broken Ankle),

Daniel Daley (Working), George House, Ben Boothroyd (Both Left), Anees Ikramullah, Sam Woolley, Ivan Bass, Jamie Mehmet, Vishal Patel, Brandon Solomon (All Away), Godfrey Tay, Tyriquee Solomon (Both Injured), Jordan Umpire (Social Commitments), Henry Akinsanmi, Valentine Laurence, Taurean Bryan (Other Commitments) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 1. Scott Montgomery (GK); 2. Terry Pickhaver (RB), 4. Steve Gibbs (CB), 3. Ben Richardson (CB), 18. Dan Flodin (LB...Captain); 8. David Nicolaides (CM Holding), 16. Rhys Jaggars (CM Holding); 6. Joe Longworth (RM), 19. Neil Hughes (ACM), 14. Billy Farmer (LM); 9. Danny Curbelo (CF)

**Subs.:** 7. Tony Burke, 17. Aaron Cox, 5. Max Barrell, 12. Charlie Curbelo

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Hughes (4 Mins.), D.Curbelo (45, 66 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT**

Our opponents The Winchmore came into this match needing three points to clinch the Division One title while remaining unbeaten so far this season in the process. They therefore turned up with a strong squad of 15 with only two first-choice players missing (through suspension) whereas for our players it was a 'nothing match' with us stuck in mid-table, so the majority of them decided to take advantage of the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and do other things instead...or simply leave the club in some cases ! That left us with just a bare eleven including no recognised goalkeeper and with four players playing their first match for several weeks. However, a goal-less draw with The Winchmore on the same pitch earlier this season had showed that their style of football was very much suited to how we play ourselves, so there was always the chance that we could still give them a decent match as long as our players could all last 90 minutes. We got off to a bad start though when Neil Hughes put The Winchmore 1-0 up after just four minutes with a close-range finish from a loose ball in the area, and at that stage it looked as if we would probably go on to lose heavily. However, The Winchmore failed to really test stand-in keeper Lexton Harrison thereafter and when Tom Croake made it 1-1 in the 23rd minute with a good finish after a quick change of pace had taken him straight through The Winchmore defence, we were by far the better side for the rest of the First Half. Indeed our other teenage winger Nana Obeng then deservedly put us 2-1 up after 40 minutes with a similar run and finish after beating a dodgy offside trap from Aiden Kavanagh's through ball. However, we were then dealt a killer blow when The Winchmore equalised to make it 2-2 right on the Half-Time whistle as their lone striker Danny Curbelo turned just inside the area to fire low into the bottom corner, and with his side re-grouping at Half-Time in making various substitutions when we could not, it was always going to be a backs to the wall job for us in the Second Half if we wanted to get anything out of this match. We then rode our luck a bit from some poor Winchmore finishing, but we did have the occasional chance to regain the lead on the break. However, when Curbelo scored his second of the match with a looping header from Joe Longworth's right-wing cross in the 66th minute, it was always unlikely that we would come back from that with most of our players tiring badly and indeed that was how the rest of the game panned out with us just defending well to avoid a heavier defeat. It was an encouraging performance in the circumstances though and it was certainly good to see Tom & Nana do well against an experienced team of ex-Semi-Pros.