

Sunday 8th April 2018

Friendly Match at Old Parkonians F.C., Barkingside

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m. (Lexton & Jack late)

Result: VALENTINE UNITED 1 EDMONTON ROVERS 1 Half-Time: 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-1-4-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Grant BAKER		
7	RB	Sam WOOLLEY	OFF HT / BACK ON 69	
2	CB/RB HT	Lexton HARRISON	OFF 69	
5	CB	Harold OFORI (Captain)	OFF HT	
3	LB/CM HT	Aiden KAVANAGH	OFF 81	
16	CM Holding	Ruairi COLES	OFF HT / BACK ON 84	
4	RM	Marc McAULEY	OFF HT	
8	CM	Sean DERRICK	OFF HT / BACK ON 81	
6	CM	Keiran KAVANAGH	OFF HT	
9	LM	Henry AKINSANMI	OFF HT	
14	CF	Ayo MATTHEWS	OFF HT / BACK ON 66	2 Mins. (Pen.)
SUBSTITUTES				
17	CB	Richard HARRIS	ON HT	
20	CB	Tyronne PETRIE (2nd Half Captain)	ON HT	
12	LB	Oshade WATSON	ON HT	
18	CM Holding	Anees IKRAMULLAH	ON HT / OFF 84	
11	RM	Tom CROAKE	ON HT	
10	CM	Jack BANGS	ON HT	
19	LM	Nana OBENG	ON HT	
15	CF	Bruce SCOTT	ON HT / OFF 66	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Roderick Bennett / Henry Akinsanmi

ATTENDANCE: 17

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes

REFEREE: Abu Taher

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

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

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

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with occasional drizzle. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: Daniel Daley (Illness) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-3-2): 1. Lee Patten (GK); 2. Barrie Watts (RB), 16. Remiah Cobbson (CB), 17. Adam Illingworth (CB), 3. Sean Doxle (LB); 6. Stefan Attfield (CM Holding); 4. Ben Craig (RM), 10. Jimmy McCann (CM), 7. Mark Jones (LM); 8. Chris Blohm (CF...Captain), 9. James Gibbings (CF)

Sub.: 15. Mike Waring

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORER: Jones (36 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With only one League match left to play (on the 15th April), we decided to use this date for our third Friendly since the start of the New Year in order to have a look at some prospective new players for next season. That included Aiden Kavanagh's younger brother Keiran and his two ex-schoolmates Ruairi Coles and Sean Derrick, plus central defender Richard Harris and experienced midfielder Marc McAuley, while forward Bruce Scott re-surfaced again for a runout along with several others who have not been playing regularly in recent months. With our opponents Valentine United (from Division One of the Essex Sunday Corinthian League) fielding nine regulars in their squad of 12, they were always likely to have the better teamwork with a lot of our players having only just met each other, but it was us who took the lead after just two minutes when Ruairi Coles was tripped in the area and Ayo Matthews converted from the spot despite Valentines keeper Lee Patten diving the right way and getting a hand to it. However, the rest of the First Half saw hardly any clear-cut chances for either side until Valentines equalised in the 36th minute when Grant Baker spilled the ball whilst diving at the feet of Mark Jones, who was then left with an easy tap-in. We had been the better side in terms of passing and possession though, which was very encouraging, but with so many players turning up for a game, Manager Tony McKay had to make eight changes at Half-Time and we had to start all over again as regards our teamwork. The pattern of play turned out to be very similar to the First Half though with not too many clear-cut chances, although Grant did have to make one good save, while he was also left facing a couple of one-on-ones which were fortunately hit wide. Tom Croake probably had our best chance for a winner in the 63rd minute, but Valentines keeper Patten made an excellent point-blank one-handed save, but just as we were getting on top as the game went into the last five minutes, Referee Taher blew his whistle early for Full-Time due to perceived verbal abuse from some of Valentines players, which seemed a bit odd to us as he had not warned anybody beforehand by getting his book out. That was a shame for those of our players who were playing in the Second Half only, but at least everybody had done enough to impress Manager McKay, who certainly liked what he saw in preparation for next season.