

Sunday 6th January 2019

Barnet Sunday League Senior Cup Third Round Match at Enfield Grammar School (Grass Pitch)

Kick-Off: 10.35.a.m.

Result: **ZENIT ST. WHETSTONE RESERVES....4** **EDMONTON ROVERS..... 1** *Half-Time: 3-0*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Louis BENNETT Jr.		
2	RB	Sam WOOLLEY		
6	RCB/LCB HT	Lexton HARRISON		
5	LCB	Harold OFORI	OFF HT	
3	LB/CM Holding 17	Aiden KAVANAGH		
4	CM Holding/LB 17	Oshade WATSON		
14	CM/RM 65	Henry AKINSANMI		
9	RM/CF HT	Ayo MATTHEWS		
10	ACM	Jack BANGS		84 (Pen.) Mins.
8	LM	Leon McKENZIE-McKAY (Captain)		
12	CF/RM HT	Tom CROAKE	OFF 65	
SUBSTITUTES				
11	RCB	Marlon BENNETT	ON HT	
16	CM Holding	Daniel CASCOE	ON 65	
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

MANAGER: Tony McKay

CLUB LINESMAN: Bob Cleary

ATTENDANCE: 16

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, R.Bennett, R.Harris

REFEREE: Ian Gray

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy. No wind.

STATE OF PITCH: Good

UNAVAILABILITY: (21 Players): Richard Harris (*Suspended*), Troy Blake, Daniel Daley, Nassir Ali, Harry Barfoot (GK), Mustafa Farhan, Rafiel Johnson, Vishal Patel (*All Injured*), Curtis Baalam, Tyronne Petrie, Eni Bezati, Furmaan Khan, Jordan Umpire, Dave Nguyen (*Working*), Said Said (*Away*), Nana Obeng, Ivan Bass, Mohamed Ali, Josh Baptiste, Ashley-James Smith, Louis Bennett (*All Other Commitments*) **Sunday Morning Drop-Outs:** None

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (3-1-4-2): 1. Jamie Roberts (GK); 6. Aaron Phillips (RCB), 15. Billy Emanuel (SW), 14. Daniel Johns (LCB); 4. Tony Gunn (CM Holding..Captain); 17. Jamal Farid (RWB), 8. Jamie Stannard (RCM), 16. Dean Rogers (LCM), 13. Frankie Taylor (LWB); 9. Dion Bishop (RCF), 7. Justin Weatherman (LCF) **Subs.** 18. Ramone Senior (*On after 57 Mins.*), 10. Chris Mozo (*On after 65 Mins.*), 3. Jack Taylor (*On after 75 Mins.*)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Bishop (5, 85 Mins.), Weatherman (23, 36 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT

With 19 players turning up to our first training session back after the Christmas break, we should have been raring to go for this League Senior Cup match against Division Three title favourites Zenit St. Whetstone Reserves, but numerous players decided to give the game a miss and do other things instead, while continuing injury problems and the ridiculously harsh sending-off of key defender Richard Harris in our last match before the break ruled him and other important players out as well. That left us with just two substitutes including emergency signing Marlon Bennett, but our opponents were fielding a full-strength side apart from their suspended UK grime star Joe Black, and with them being an ex-Hackney & Leyton Sunday League Premier Division side planted into Zenit St. Whetstone's Reserve team en-bloc once the season had started, we were no match for them and we fell behind after just 5 minutes when forward Dion Bishop chested down a flicked-on goal-kick and turned to run straight through our defence and score with ease in a one-on-one with Louis Bennett Jr. An increasingly inevitable second goal then followed in the 23rd minute when the League's leading scorer Justin Weatherman notched his 26th of the season with a confident first-time finish past Harold Ofori on the line as keeper Bennett ambled back into position after slide-tackling an opponent just outside the area. We were then punished for more sloppy defending in the 36th minute when Weatherman made it 3-0 with a screamer of a half-volley from an acute angle after a quickly-taken free-kick had been flicked on to him while most of our players were standing around complaining about the decision. That pretty much killed the game off already as Zenit's defenders were super-fit and had not given us a single clear-cut chance, which was something that continued for the majority of the match. Some harsh words were said at Half-Time and we showed a bit more fighting spirit in the Second Half, but Zenit still had numerous chances with Louis Bennett Jr. having to make several excellent saves, while the 'woodwork' rescued us on two other occasions as our players looked off the pace all round. We did manage to pull a goal back in the 84th minute though when Jack Bangs scored from the spot after Henry Akinsanmi had been brought down in the area after a mazy run, but Zenit then restored their three-goal margin just 40 seconds later when Bishop scored his second of the match to make it 4-1 after Sam Woolley stopped to appeal for offside when it was ruled that the ball had come off one of our players last. Unfortunately it was a day to forget for us, but we do still have another Cup to play for, and we will have to hope that we can strengthen our squad for that one very quickly.