

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Barnet Sunday League Invitational Cup Group A Match at the Finchley Catholic High School Playing Fields**

**Kick-Off:** 10.30 a.m.

**Result:** **AC FINCHLEY** ..... 2 **EDMONTON ROVERS** ..... 2 **Half-Time:** 1-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 / 4-5-1 72)			GOAL TIMES
1/16	GK/RM 70/CM 72	Josh WAKEFORD	OFF (Inj.) HT/BACK ON (Outfield) 70	
17	RB	Paddy BAYNES		
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU		
20/1	LCB/GK HT	Frankie GEORGE		
12	LB	Max FRANCIS		72 Mins.
15	RM	Renaldo MICHAEL	OFF (Inj.) 70	
10	CM/LCB HT	Max MELANDRI		
8	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
7	LM	Christian ELLIS		
19	CF	Leo PANAYIOTOU		26 Secs.
9	CF/RM 72	Myreon KEANE		
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
4	CM	Tuerrae NORTEY	ON HT	

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford      **CLUB LINESMEN:** Colin Baynes (1<sup>st</sup> Half) / Bob Cleary (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)      **ATTENDANCE:** 24

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Mike Jordanou, Verity Wakeford

**REFEREE:** Hasan Doldur

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly Cloudy with freezing cold strong Northerly wind across pitch.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Rolled flat with very short grass !

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (10 Players): Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Tairique Harrison (Both 'No Shows'), Harry Dorward, Samuel Lerner (Both Injured), Jordan Jordanou, Tobi Charles (Both Away), Archie Madden-Brine, Jack Vanvynck (Both at Fulham v Spurs), Fergus Murray, Sam Pritchett (Both Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1):** 18. James Parkinson (GK); 26. Matthew Chiraya (RB), 22. Finlay Quinlan-Qasim (RCB), 5. Sam Barker (LCB), 16. Damian Proto (LB); 6. Alex Corradi (DCM...Captain), 4. Jake Barraclough (DCM); 61. Sajmir Tahiri (RM), 7. Michael Walsh (ACM), 14. Kian Pardisi (LM); 20. Rob Timanti (CF)  
Subs. 8. Luca Terranera (On for Pardisi...38 Mins.), 11. Sam Barraclough (On at HT for Tahiri), 21. Alex Petty (On for S.Barraclough...63 Mins.)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** J. Barraclough (7 Mins.), Tahiri (80 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT...** With our Division Four matches all completed already, this was another Cup competition we had entered as it was on a Group basis initially, therefore giving us at least three more games, the first of which was against our League rivals AC Finchley, a team we had beaten 4-0 back in November. Both teams came into this match with a number of regulars missing though, in our case Archie Madden-Brine, Fergus Murray, Jordan Jordanou and the still-injured Harry Dorward, so that gave Renaldo Michael a chance to have a rare start while Frankie George had to fill in as a centre-back this time with nobody else available who could play in that position. Although we were a bit depleted with only one substitute turning up, we got off to a great start when Leo Panayiotou fired a spectacular first-time shot over keeper James Parkinson to put us 1-0 up after just 26 seconds and we then dominated possession for the next five minutes or so. However, AC Finchley also scored with their first effort at goal when Player-Manager Jake Barraclough scuffed a shot into the bottom corner past a flat-footed Josh Wakeford after only 7 minutes and at that stage it looked like a high-scoring game would be on the cards, but AC Finchley defended deep for the rest of the half to frustrate us though, although Myreon Keane did get behind them on a couple of occasions to test keeper Parkinson, while our opponents also had the occasional chance in what was a very even First Half. The Second Half then started in much the same vein, even though we had to put defender Frankie George in goal at the break after Josh had injured his hip in a collision towards the end of the First Half and then couldn't dive. However with no other substitutes left after Tuerrae Northey had come on for him at Half-Time, Josh was still able to come back on to play as an outfield player when Renaldo Michael had to come off in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute due to blisters, but that seemed to give us a boost as we regained the lead just two minutes later when Left-Back Max Francis finally scored his first goal for the club with a fortunate goal direct from a corner. Although we had a few half-chances after that, the euphoria from Max's goal didn't last for long though as AC Finchley equalised again in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute with Sajmir Tahiri cutting inside Chris Jordanou's challenge from a long ball and slipping the ball under the advancing Frankie George. 2-2 ended up being the final score in a very close match and we will have to hope that the situation we faced in the Richard Martin Memorial Cup doesn't happen again when we finish second in the Group Phase with two wins, a draw and no defeats but an inferior goal difference to the team we drew against.