

Sunday 27th September 2026

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Bethune Park, Friern Barnet (Beaconsfield Road Pitch)

Kick-Off: 10.45 a.m.

Result: AC FINCHLEY 2 EDMONTON ROVERS 0 *Half-Time: 2-0*

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
12	RB	Jordan JORDANOU	OFF HT	
5	RCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF HT	
18	LCB	Louis MILLER		
19	LB	Tobi CHARLES	OFF HT	
2	DCM/RCB HT	Chris JORDANOU		
8	DCM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
20	RM	Frankie GEORGE		
11	ACM	Harry DORWARD		
17	LM	Paddy BAYNES	OFF HT	
10	CF/ACM HT	Max MELANDRI		
SUBSTITUTES				
6	RB	Archie MADDEN-BRINE	ON HT	
14	LB	David MARTINS	ON HT	
4	DCM	Tuerrae NORTEY	ON HT	
7	CF	Micah GREENAWAY	ON HT	
9	Not Used	Samuel LARNER		
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMAN: Various Subs

ATTENDANCE: 21

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Mike Jordanou, Colin Baynes

REFEREE: Alex Bloom

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Warm & Mainly Sunny with increasingly strong breeze across the pitch.

STATE OF PITCH: Bone dry and badly rutted with very little grass (after Summer Heatwaves).

UNAVAILABILITY: (4 Players): Max Francis, Christian Ellis (Both Injured), Myreon Keane, Benji Wackett (Both Away)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 18. James Parkinson (GK); 22. Matthew McAteer (RB), 2. Jake Barraclough (RCB...Captain), 4. Rocco Fiori (LCB), 26. Marco Scuderi (LB); 5. James Turner-Pines (DCM), 8. Freddie Calnan (DCM); 21. Marco Marchetti (RM), 9. Luca Gradoni (ACM), 7. Kavell Lewis-Guthrie (LM); 10. Rick Timanti (CF)

Subs: 6. Alessandro Corradi (On for Calnan - 25 Mins.), 11. Enrico Fiori (On at HT for Turner-Pines), 3. Will Murchison (On for Gradoni)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Calnan (17 Mins.), Timanti (18 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... After losing to Enfield Albion post-50th Anniversary Dinner the week before, we needed to get back on track against an AC Finchley side that we defeated 4-0 the last time we played at this venue two seasons ago. However, we found the Summer Heatwaves-affected pitch in diabolical condition when we arrived, with tractor ruts all along it and very little grass for us to get the ball down and play, which was frustrating as we were fielding a strong squad of 16 with Skipper Charlie Savage returning after missing the previous week's defeat and David Martins signing up again to be named on the subs bench. AC Finchley meanwhile, had won one and lost one of their opening two games and they were fielding a side predominantly made up of graduates from their large and successful Youth setup, so with the extra fitness on both sides, it was always going to be a '100 mph match' with not much time for players to get the ball down and play anyway. Set pieces were therefore likely to be key and AC Finchley cleverly pinned us inside our own half as we kicked slightly uphill in the First Half, forcing us to face numerous long throw-ins, and it was from one of those that they took the lead after 17 minutes when a far post header was sent back across the 6-yard box for the smallest (and youngest ?) player on the pitch, Freddie Calnan, to score with a free looping header into the top corner. It then got even worse for us just 18 seconds after the re-start from that goal when Rick Timanti made it 2-0 after a long ball conveniently sat up for him on the bobbly pitch instead of running through to Josh Wakeford, while Harry Dorward had initially been inadvertently impeded by the Referee in trying to make a challenge, so we were clearly unlucky there. With AC Finchley looking solid defensively, we already had a mountain to climb with it being almost impossible to score from passing the ball along the ground, and indeed we only managed one decent shot at goal in the First Half before Josh decided to bring on four substitutes at Half-Time in an effort to get at least a point out of the game like we had on a previous occasion a couple of seasons ago after being 2-0 down against the same opponents. However, although we certainly improved after the break, we only managed two clear-cut chances where we got a shot on target, both of them where Charlie Savage made late runs in behind the AC Finchley defence to get on the end of quality through balls, but keeper James Parkinson was well positioned on both occasions to make good saves. AC Finchley also had a couple of chances late on which Rick Timanti half-volleyed over the bar, but that was it in a very scrappy game which really should have finished 0-0 on such a bad pitch.