Sunday 8th November 2026

Barnet Sunday League John Motson Junior Challenge Cup First Round Match
at the Finchley Catholic High School Playing Fields

Kick-Off: 11.30 am. *(Due to Youth matches taking place first)*

Result: **AC FINCHLEY ..... 2 EDMONTON ROVERS ..... 2** ***Half-Time:*** 1-0

Edmonton Rovers won 5-4 on penalties

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (5-3-2 / 4-3-2 16)			GOAL TIMES	PENALTIES
1	GK	**Josh WAKEFORD**			5th (Scored)
12	RWB	**Jordan JORDANOU**			
6	RCB	**Fergus MURRAY**	OFF (Inj.) 16		
2	SW/RCB 16	**Chris JORDANOU**			2nd (Scored)
5	LCB	**Louis MILLER**		90+3 Mins.	
3	LWB	**Max FRANCIS**			3rd (Scored)
14	RCM	**David MARTINS**			
8	CM/CF 37	**Charlie SAVAGE** (Captain)			
10	LCM/CM 37	**Max MELANDRI**			4th (Scored)
11	RCF	**Harry DORWARD**			1st (Scored)
9	LCF/LCM 37	**Samuel LARNER**		68 Mins.	
SUBSTITUTES					
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:					

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford ***CLUB LINESMAN:*** *Not Required by Referee* ***ATTENDANCE:*** 12
OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Mike Jordanou, John Murray
REFEREE: Harry Yennaris
BOOKINGS: Ryan Head (AC Finchley) *(Foul…81 Mins.)*, Marco Marchetti (AC Finchley) *(Off the ball incident…90+2 Mins.)*
SENDING-OFFS: None
WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & Cold. No Wind. ***STATE OF PITCH:*** Perfect

UNAVAILABILITY: *(14 Players):* Paddy Baynes, Micah Greenaway, Christian Ellis *(All Injured)*, Frankie George, Myreon Keane, Tuerrae Nortey, Tobi Charles, Archie Madden-Brine, Josh Palmer, Freddie Worth, Christianos Georgiou, Jack Vanvynck, Benji Wackett, Caspar Fusco *(All Away/Other Commitments)*

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 18. James Parkinson (GK); 19. Tom Wynne (RB), 2. Jake Barraclough (RCB…Captain), 3. Ryan Head (LCB), 25. Federico Grazioli (LB); 16. Will Murchison (DCM), 21. Marco Marchetti (DCM); 10. Rick Timanti (RM), 14. Silvio Gradoni (ACM), 8. Freddie Calnan (LM); 9. Luca Gradoni (CF)
Subs: 6. Alex Corradi *(On at HT)*, GK. Alex Dellanzo *(Not Used)*

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Timanti *(13 Mins.)*, L.Gradoni *(81 Mins.)*

OPPONENTS' PENALTIES: Head (1st...Scored), Calnan (2nd...Scored), Wynne (3rd... Scored), Barraclough (4th... Scored), Corradi (5th...Missed…Saved)

MATCH REPORT… *We came into this Cup match in great form after four wins in a row in all competitions while only conceding one goal, but disappointingly, that didn't mean a thing to most of the 14 players who made themselves unavailable for this game for one reason or another. At least we did have the whole of our bare eleven turn up in time for the Kick-Off for a change…just about, and with so many defenders available, Player-Manager Josh Wakeford decided to play a back five this time with the intention of making us even more solid defensively against a team who had beaten us 2-0 in a League match earlier this season. However, we found ourselves 1-0 down after 13 minutes when Rick Timanti finished easily at the far post after Luca Gradoni had got in behind wing-back Jordan Jordanou to pull the ball back from the by-line, then things looked really bleak when Fergus Murray pulled a calf muscle just three minutes later, leaving us down to 10 men for the rest of the match. However, with us then being forced to change to our normal back four and our players being younger and fitter than most of AC Finchley's, we were then the better side for the rest of the First Half without any reward, but we really upped a gear after the break and grabbed a deserved equaliser after 68 minutes when Samuel Larner scored his first goal for the club from two yards out after a scramble in the 6-yard box when Louis Miller's header from a Harry Dorward corner rebounded off the crossbar. We then had a setback in the 81st minute when skipper Charlie Savage took a gamble leaving himself and Harry Dorward up front in a 2 v 2 in an effort to find a winner, but with us only having 10 men, that left AC Finchley Right-Back Tom Wynne free to run on and cross the ball for an unmarked Luca Gradoni to put his side back into the lead. We still continued creating numerous chances though, but we left it until the third minute of added-on-time to make it 2-2 and take the game to a penalty shoot-out when Louis Miller also scored his first goal for the club by bundling in the rebound from a Max Melandri free-kick after keeper James Parkinson had made his 11th save of the match. With Parkinson in such great form, it looked as if AC Finchley would win the shoot-out quite comfortably, but in a memorable performance, we converted five outstanding penalties that gave him no chance, including the winning one from Josh Wakeford after he had saved Finchley's 5th attempt.*