

Sunday 29th March 2026

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Muswell Hill Playing Fields (Pitch 4)

Kick-Off: 10.40 a.m. (Should have been 10.30 am. Our fault - Several players late)

Result: AFC MUSWELL HILL 2 EDMONTON ROVERS 1 *Half-Time:* 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-3-3 / 4-4-1 16)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
12	RB	Jordan JORDANOU	
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU	
10	LCB	Max MELANDRI	
14	LB	David MARTINS	38 Mins.
4	CM	Tuerrae NORTEY	
19	CM/RM 16	Tobi CHARLES	
8	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	
9	RW	Samuel LARNER	OFF (Sick) 16
11	CF	Harry DORWARD	
7	LW/LM 16	Christian ELLIS	
SUBSTITUTES			

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMAN: Not required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 8

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Bob Cleary, Mike Jordanou, Myreon Keane

REFEREE: Ronnie McGibbon

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & Cold. Strengthening wind down pitch in Second Half (against us).

STATE OF PITCH: Bone dry, bobbly & long grass !

UNAVAILABILITY: (15 Players): Myreon Keane (Suspended), Archie Madden-Brine, Frankie George, Freddy Gibson (All Injured), Max Francis, Leo Panayiotou, Paddy Baynes, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Tom Gubb, Archie Gubb, Fergus Murray, Sam Pritchett, Charlie Redmond, Jack Vanvynck, Marco Costi (All Other Commitments)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): 1. Chris Mathers (GK); 18. Ben Corlett (RB), 5. Joe Bear (RCB), 4. Dan Jorgenson (LCB), 14. Andy Rose (LB); 6. Joe Offer (DCM...Captain), 9. Regys Badi (DCM); 11. Jeffrey Querido (RM), 12. Connall Burchell-Royle (ACM), 7. Jared Morton (LM); 10. Ardit Korbi (CF)

Subs: 15. Antonio Trivino, 16. Ezra Zebib, 8. Will Chung (All on at HT for Offer, Morton & Burchell-Royle)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Trivino (78 Mins.), Max Melandri (Own Goal) (87 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... After fielding a strong squad of 14 in beating second-placed AFC Oakwood 3-2 in our last match two weeks ago, we were hoping for the same sort of commitment again as we took on League leaders AFC Muswell Hill, a side who had won eleven matches in a row including three walkover wins where their opponents had 'bottled it'. We could have done the same when we realised that Archie Madden-Brine, Frankie George & Freddy Gibson had all dropped out injured and Max Francis had chosen to play for another team in another League, all of them joining the suspended Myreon Keane, who was watching frustratedly on the touchline while a very drunken Samuel Larner had to start the match in his place as part of a bare eleven. Needless to say, Larner lasted only 16 minutes before he staggered off the pitch (without telling the Referee ?) to go and sit down on a park bench half a mile away holding his head, leaving us with 10 men for the rest of the match. However, our remaining players really knuckled down and played superbly as a team for the rest of the First Half, and we even managed to come off at Half-Time with a 1-0 lead after a Muswell Hill defender flicked on a Charlie Savage long throw for David Martins to score with an excellent half-volley that went in off the post, giving the League's clean sheet leader Chris Mathers no chance. Indeed we defended so well that Muswell Hill only really managed one clear-cut chance in the First Half when they had a goal from a long throw themselves rightly disallowed for offside, but with them bringing on three substitutes for the start of the Second Half when we had none, it was obvious that our 10 men would find it much tougher kicking uphill and against the wind in trying to hold onto our lead, and indeed we had a lucky escape in the 53rd minute when one of those substitutes, Ezra Zebib, crashed a fierce drive against the underside of the bar with Josh Wakeford well beaten, but we continued to defend well after that, restricting Muswell Hill to hopeful shots from outside the area that either went straight at Josh or well wide. In fact we almost went 2-0 up in the 65th minute when an overhit cross from Harry Dorward in a rare attack rebounded off the far post, but Muswell Hill's pressure told in the end when they equalised in the 78th minute with substitute Antonio Trivino, a new signing for them, finishing well from Ardit Korbi's quality through ball. That was a good goal which we couldn't do much about, but their winner in the 87th minute was avoidable as we didn't deal with an inswinging corner to the back post with the ball appearing to hit Max Melandri on the knee and just crossing the line before Charlie Savage cleared it away. There was no coming back from that and we now somehow find ourselves second from bottom in the Division Two table and needing four points from our last three matches to avoid relegation to what will probably be the bottom division next season with numerous clubs having folded recently, yet we clearly have plenty of players who are good enough to actually win the title...if only they would all make an effort to play every week.