Sunday 13th April 2025

Barnet Sunday League David Eager Trophy Quarter-Final at Oakhill Park (Pitch One)

Kick-Off: 10.40 a.m. *(Due to our players dropping out)*

Result: **AFC OAKWOOD..... 5 EDMONTON ROVERS ..... 0** ***Half-Time:*** 1-0

SHIRT NUMBER	*TEAM (4-2-3)*			*GOAL TIMES*
1	GK	**Josh WAKEFORD**		
18	RB	**Tobi CHARLES**		
10	RCB	**Max MELANDRI**		
20	LCB	**Frankie GEORGE**		
12	LB	**Max FRANCIS**		
6	CM	**Archie MADDEN-BRINE**		
8	CM	**Charlie SAVAGE** (Captain)		
9	RW	**Myreon KEANE**		
19	CF	**Leo PANAYIOTOU**	OFF (Inj.) 67	
7	LW	**Christian ELLIS**		
SUBSTITUTES				
OWN GOALS Scored For Us:				

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford ***CLUB LINESMEN:*** *Not required by Referee* ***ATTENDANCE:*** 25

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Harry Dorward, Bob Cleary, Keith Savage, David Ashton, Demitrius Nurse, Terry Moore

REFEREE: Andrew Chinn

BOOKINGS: None ***SENDING-OFFS***: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Mainly Sunny with stiff breeze across pitch from corner to corner. (Against us in First Half).

STATE OF PITCH: Bone dry and bumpy with bare patches. Sloping from end to end. (Against us in First Half).

UNAVAILABILITY: *(14 Players):* Tairique Harrison *(No Show),* Harry Dorward, Tuerrae Nortey, Ritchie Redgrave (GK), Renaldo Michael, Samuel Larner, Stuart Dorward *(All Injured),* Chris Jordanou *(Illness),* Jordan Jordanou *(Working),* Fergus Murray, Paddy Baynes, Jack Vanvynck, Sam Pritchett, Natan Pawlaczyk *(Other Commitments)*

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-3-1-2): 1. Charlie Fleetwood (GK); 22. Tobi Omotosho (RB), 4. Josh Fajobi (RCB), 20. Jack Cassen (LCB), 23. Tom Kennedy (LB); 11. Nick Briggs (RCM), 14. Kevin Mafuta (CM), 15. Tobi Akintimehin (LCM…Captain); 2. Paulie Schuster (ACM); 5. Billy Healey (CF), 10. Carl Mullings (CF)

Subs Used. 7. Lee Reynolds, 17. John Reynolds, 21. Lukie Kearney, 26. Chisom Diorgu *(All on after 53 Mins.)*

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Healey *(3, 51, 53 Mins.),* Mullings *(70 Mins.),* Diorgu *(87 Mins.)*

MATCH REPORT… *This was an additional Cup competition arranged by the League for the eight teams who had finished second in their groups in the Richard Martin Memorial Cup a couple of months back, with us being drawn Away to newly-crowned Championship Division winners AFC Oakwood in our particular Quarter-Final. With us playing against what was essentially a top Premier Division-quality team, we really needed to be fielding a full-strength side if we wanted to give them a decent game, but instead we had five players cry off on the morning of the match, including Tairique Harrison who wasn't answering his phone, leaving us with only 10 men for the whole game and with almost as many club members (or 'Greats Of The Past') on our touchline as we had players on the pitch. Thankfully though, Player-Manager Josh Wakeford had now recovered from injury to play the whole game in goal, and after AFC Oakwood had taken the lead after just 3 minutes through a suspiciously offside-looking Billy Healey, Josh kept us in the game with several excellent saves in the First Half as we struggled to get out of our own half against the wind and slope. We also defended well though, considering midfielders Max Melandri & Frankie George had to play as a new central defensive partnership with almost the whole of our regular back four missing, while Right-Back Tobi Charles hadn't played for a couple of months due to other commitments. However, once Healey put Oakwood 2-0 up just six minutes into the Second Half with a quality finish after an excellent move that we could do nothing about, mental and physical tiredness inevitably started to set in and we conceded again just two minutes later when Healey completed his hat-trick with a simple close-range header with two of our three attacking players still way up the pitch in the opposing half. We then had another blow when Leo Panayiotou had to come off with a groin strain in the 67th minute, leaving us down to just 9 men for the last 23 minutes, but we actually then started creating chances on the break for the first time in the match as Myreon Keane seemed to play better on his own up front as some of Oakwood's defenders pushed forward trying to get on the scoresheet. However, Josh then gave away a penalty in the 70th minute after being beaten to a through ball by Carl Mullings, who then easily made it 4-0 from the spot, but we continued to battle well and it took Oakwood until the 87th minute to score their fifth and final goal when substitute Chisom Diorgu fired in from close range after it appeared that Archie Madden-Brine had been fouled in the build-up. It was obvious right from the start that we were never going to win the game though, and some of our players who chose to give this one a miss might need to be replaced for next season if they only want to play when they feel like it.*