

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Mothers' Day)

**Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 3)**

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

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 3 AFC OAKWOOD ..... 2 **Half-Time:** 0-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-2-3-1 / 4-3-3 6)		GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	
12	RB	Jordan JORDANOU	
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU	
20	LCB	Frankie GEORGE	OFF (Inj.) 6
3	LB	Max FRANCIS	OFF 60
6	DCM/CM 6	Archie MADDEN-BRINE	
8	DCM/CM 6	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)	90 Mins.
17	RM/LM HT	Freddy GIBSON	87 Mins.
10	ACM/LCB 6	Max MELANDRI	
7	LM/RM HT	Christian ELLIS	
11	CF	Harry DORWARD	
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
4	CM	Tuerrae NORTEY	ON 6 47 Mins.
14	LB	David MARTINS	ON 60
9	Not Used	Samuel LARNER	

**OWN GOALS Scored For Us:**

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford

**CLUB LINESMAN:** Not required by Referee

**ATTENDANCE:** 20

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

**REFEREE:** Demetri Anastasiou

**BOOKINGS:** Nick Briggs (AFC Oakwood) (Foul...40 Mins.), Max Melandri (Foul...65 Mins.), Brady Ennin (AFC Oakwood) (Foul...83 Mins.)

**SENDING-OFFS:** Fernando Range (AFC Oakwood) (D.O.G.S.O....28 Mins.)

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Mainly cloudy with very strong wind across the pitch from corner to corner. (Against us in First Half).

**STATE OF PITCH:** Soft, but better than normal. Grass cut !

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (13 Players): Myreon Keane (Suspended), Marco Costi (No Show), Tobi Charles, Leo Panayiotou, Paddy Baynes, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Tom Gubb, Archie Gubb, Fergus Murray, Sam Pritchett, Charlie Redmond, Jack Vanvynck, Charlce Darko (All Other Commitments, including Mother's Day)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-3-3):** 1. Robbie Heatley (GK); 3. Brady Ennin (RB), 16. David Dyrma (LCB), 5. Fernando Range (RCB), 11. Max Jordan (LB); 2. Nick Briggs (RCM), 14. Darion Furlong (CM), 15. Adam Layfield (LCM); 77. James Lever (RW), 68. Jake Grant (CF...Captain), 22. Matthew Walsh (LW)

**Subs:** 20. Zemrik Duati (On after 30 Mins.), 7. 'Archie' (On after 32 Mins.), 6. Yacine Aiba (On after 56 Mins.)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Lever (64 Mins.), Aiba (66 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT...** We came into this match not having played for four weeks due to our remaining opponents all having Cup matches, a lack of players to enable us to arrange Friendlies, and having to concede our only League fixture that had been arranged during that time. That had subsequently left us in a mid-table position with no chance of winning the League title whereas our opponents AFC Oakwood were still in contention themselves and they turned up with a strong side including Cheshunt's Captain Darion Furlong and ex-Enfield Town striker Matthew Walsh, who had scored 13 goals in just four matches so far this season. However, despite it being Mothers Day...which traditionally rules out a number of our players...we were fielding a stronger side than normal ourselves with Christian Ellis, Archie Madden-Brine and Freddy Gibson all finally returning after long-term injuries and new signing David Martins, a Step 5 player with Athletic Newham, on the bench. With our Home pitch in much better condition since the last time we played on it thanks to Enfield Council actually cutting the grass, we were looking forward to passing the ball about on it, but we suffered a blow after only 6 minutes when Frankie George limped off with a groin injury, meaning Max Melandri had to play in defence, and with Myreon Keane serving the first of a two-match suspension, it left us a bit short of options up front. That saw the First Half end scoreless despite Oakwood going down to 10 men after 28 minutes when central defender Fernando Range stuck out a hand to stop Harry Dorward going clean through on goal from Max Melandri's through ball, but our midfielders clicked into gear just two minutes into the Second Half when Tuerrae Nortey side-footed in a first-time shot from Harry's excellent lay-off. However, Oakwood equalised after 64 minutes despite having a man less when a long throw from Darion Furlong was headed in at the second attempt by James Lever at the near post, then we fell behind just two minutes later from another set-piece when substitute Yacine Aiba hit a spectacular free-kick into the top corner, giving Josh Wakeford no chance. Oakwood's 10 men decided to defend after that and try and hit us on the break, but with David Martins impressing on his debut with his speed and strength, we looked really solid at the back and that allowed our midfielders to get forward. We had to wait until the 87<sup>th</sup> minute to make it 2-2 though when Freddy Gibson got on the end of a Tuerrae Nortey cross to tap in from close range after keeper Heatley had blocked his first shot, then not for the first time in the last two seasons we managed to find a winner with practically the last kick of the match when Charlie Savage finished off a six-man move with a close-range finish to ease any relegation fears we might have had.