

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Barnet Sunday League Invitational Cup Group A Match at Clowes Sports Ground (Pitch 3)**

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

**Result:** EDMONTON ROVERS..... 2 EAST FINCHLEY ..... 9 *Half-Time:* 1-5

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 Diamond / 4-3-3 HT)			GOAL TIMES
1/16	GK/CM 86	Samuel LARNER	OFF HT/BACK ON 86	
15	RB	Renaldo MICHAEL	OFF (Inj.) 28	
19	RCB	Leo PANAYIOTOU		
2	LCB	Chris JORDANOU		
12	LB	Max FRANCIS		
4	DCM	Tuerrae NORTEY	OFF (Inj.) 86	
8	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
10	CM	Max MELANDRI		
6	ACM/RB 28	Archie MADDEN-BRINE		
9	CF	Myreon KEANE		79 Mins.
20	CF/ACM 28/LW HT	Frankie GEORGE		
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>				
7	CF/RW HT	Christian ELLIS	ON 28	
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD	ON HT	
<b>OWN GOALS Scored For Us:</b> Jonas Stockfleth (44 Mins.)				

**PLAYER-MANAGER:** Josh Wakeford

**CLUB LINESMEN:** Not required by Referee

**ATTENDANCE:** 20

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurence Hughes, Harry Dorward, Mike Jordanou, Bob Cleary, Sarah Bartlett

**REFEREE:** Arkont Berisha

**BOOKINGS:** None

**SENDING-OFFS:** None

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Sunny with cold wind across pitch.

**STATE OF PITCH:** Bone dry and bumpy, but grass cut.

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (8 Players): Harry Dorward (Injured), Fergus Murray, Jordan Jordanou, Paddy Baynes, Tairique Harrison, Jack Vanvynck, Sam Pritchett, Tobi Charles (Other Commitments)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):** 1. Kevin Lukau (GK); 7. Kessua Baxe (RB), 10. Yamo Hucanovic (RCB), 5. Ahmed Ibrahim (LCB), 12. Jonas Stockfleth (LB); 14. Victor Bright (RM), 17. Emmanuel Luke (CM), 4. Rueben Whyte (CM), 23. Sonny Fincham (LM); 9. Ayanda Masuku (CF), 8. Matia Djurasinovic (CF)

**Subs Used.** 3. Jordan Bolasingh, 36. Andi Tahiri, 15. Jack Rigg, 20. Khalil Ukuasi, 99. Ish Cetin

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** Djurasinovic (2, 12, 39, 66, 71 Mins.), Fincham (24, 37 Mins.), Cetin (76 Mins.), Luke (86 Mins.)

**MATCH REPORT...** We came into this final group match of three in the League Invitational Cup knowing that we couldn't realistically finish top and qualify for the knockout Semi-Final stage after gaining only one point from our first two matches, so with Player-Manager and regular goalkeeper Josh Wakeford still out injured with a bruised pelvis, we once again decided to start the game with outfield player Samuel Lerner in goal despite him letting in five in our Junior Cup Semi-Final defeat to NLR a couple of weeks ago. It therefore gave all our regular outfield players the chance to play 90 minutes outfield without the threat of having to don the gloves hanging over their heads as it had done the week before when Max Melandri got lumbered, but unfortunately Samuel let the first shot he faced squirm straight through his legs to gift East Finchley the lead after just 90 seconds and they then scored another four in the First Half at regular intervals from every shot they managed on target including another bizarre one for their third goal in the 24th minute when Samuel attempted to kick a shot away but only succeeded in slicing it backwards through his legs again and into the net. Although we did pull a goal back right on the stroke of Half-Time when Myreon Keane's corner was headed into his own net by East Finchley defender Jonas Stockfleth at the near post, Josh decided to bring himself on in goal for the Second Half even though it risked putting him out of the following week's potentially more important match in another proposed Cup competition if he aggravated the injury. However, although we had created just as many chances ourselves which were saved by a big tall keeper or went narrowly wide, we found ourselves 6-1 down in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute when one of East Finchley's five super-fit substitutes caught Leo Panayiotou in possession to tee up skipper Matia Djurasinovic for his fourth goal of the game already and our heads then dropped when we realised we couldn't compete with that with half our players choosing to stay at home and do other things, leaving only replaced goalie Lerner as our lone substitute. Despite us now having Josh in goal, East Finchley then went and scored again at regular intervals for the rest of the Second Half the same as they had in the First Half with Djurasinovic bagging five in total and Josh letting in a couple of others that he would have normally saved if he was fit. As in the First Half we grabbed another consolation goal in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute when Myreon Keane's hopeful long-range shot went through keeper Lukau's hands to make it 8-2 before another late goal made the final score 9-2 with East Finchley scoring from nine of their 10 shots on target and ourselves having the same number of shots as them in total and also having five corners to their two. This is what happens in Sunday League football when teams do not have a proper/fit goalkeeper.