

Sunday 25th January 2026

Barnet Sunday League Division Two Match at Enfield Playing Fields (Pitch 2)

Kick-Off: 10.45 a.m. (Opponents' Goalkeeper late)

Result: NORTH EAST LIONS 5 EDMONTON ROVERS 3 *Half-Time:* 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (5-3-2)			GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Josh WAKEFORD		
14	RWB/LCB 84	Samuel LARNER	OFF HT / BACK ON 84	
2	RCB	Chris JORDANOU		86 Mins.
5	SW	Tom GUBB		
6	LCB	Daniel SCHWARTZ-GEE	OFF (Inj.) 84	
3	LWB	Max FRANCIS		
11	CM/RWB HT/CM 61	Harry DORWARD		
4	CM	Tuerrae NORTEY		48 Mins.
8	CM	Charlie SAVAGE (Captain)		
9	CF/LW 61	Myreon KEANE		
20	CF	Frankie GEORGE		26 Mins.
SUBSTITUTES				
12	CM/RWB 61	Archie GUBB	ON HT	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

PLAYER-MANAGER: Josh Wakeford

CLUB LINESMAN: Not Required by Referee

ATTENDANCE: 15

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurence Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Stuart Dorward, Bob Cleary, Mike Jordanou, Tim Wakeford, Sarah Bartlett

REFEREE: Simon Crowley

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy & Cold with Light Rain & Drizzle (blowing across the pitch into the camera !)

STATE OF PITCH: Soft and muddy. Churned up by the end.

UNAVAILABILITY: (15 Players): Christian Ellis, Freddy Gibson, Archie Madden-Brine (All Injured), Max Melandri, Fergus Murray, Jordan Jordanou, Leo Panayiotou, Sam Pritchett, Tobi Charles, Paddy Baynes, Rashawn Bennett-Dyer, Charlice Darko, Charlie Redmond, Jack Vanvynck (All Other Commitments), Marco Costi (Away)

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-1-4-1): 55. Florea Sergei (GK); 21. Poku Domfeh (RB), 5. Shane Johnson (RCB...Capt.), 28. Nnamdi Efobi (LCB), 89. Dominique Njoya (LB); 7. Patryk Bozych (DCM); 12. Romelle Pile (RM), 45. Tashan Benjamin (CM), 38. Daniel Carbonara (CM), 11. Omani Green (LM); 10. Collin Maringa (CF)

Subs: 23. Umut Koc (On for Green after 76 Mins.), 69. Amariah Williams (Not Used ?), -. Tyreece Cornwall-Pile (Not Used ?)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: Green (53, 66 Mins.), Maringa (61 Mins.), Benjamin (89 (Pen.), 90+3 Mins.)

MATCH REPORT... Although we were knocked out of the London FA Sunday Junior Cup the week before, we looked on this match as another chance to win silverware this season with the Division Two title still being up for grabs even though we were in the bottom half of the table. Unfortunately though, even more players chose to do other things this time and we ended up fielding the weakest side we had put out so far this season with Myreon Keane our only forward available, Samuel Lerner having to start the game as a wing-back and Daniel Schwartz-Gee being the latest to be called up to help out in defence when he hadn't played for over a year. The 5-3-2 formation we had been playing for the previous two matches worked well again in the First Half though with Josh Wakeford dealing with any shots on target fairly comfortably while we even managed to take a 1-0 lead after 26 minutes with our first effort at goal of the match when Frankie George capitalised on a defensive mix-up from a Max Francis long ball to sidefoot into an empty net. When Tuerrae Nortey then made it 2-0 just three minutes into the Second Half with a good finish after running onto Chris Jordanou's headed through ball it looked like we would see out the win with our defence looking strong, but we let in a poor goal just five minutes later when our defenders all allowed a right-wing cross to evade them, leaving Omani Green with a free shot into the bottom corner to make it 2-1. We then missed a couple of good chances to restore our two-goal advantage when we hit low crosses straight at Lions keeper Sergei with players unmarked in the middle before Collin Maringa made it 2-2 in the 61st minute from close range after we left loads of space on our right for Lions players to create the chance unchallenged, then we fell behind five minutes later when our Left Wing-Back Max Francis allowed Romelle Pile to get in behind him to cross for our Right Wing-Back (at the time) Archie Gubb to let Green get in front of him to score his second of the game at the far post. We then suffered another blow when Daniel Schwartz-Gee had to be carried off with a serious-looking knee injury in the 84th minute with Samuel Lerner having to come back on to replace him in a left-sided position in the back three, but one of our other defenders Chris Jordanou then scored a rare goal in the 86th minute with a chip into the roof of the net to make it 3-3 and at that stage it looked like our understrength side might nick an unlikely draw and even go on to win the game with Max Francis blazing a great chance over the bar shortly afterwards. However, returning substitute Lerner then gave away a silly penalty with a rash challenge in the 89th minute, allowing Tashan Benjamin to make it 4-3 to Lions from the spot, then Benjamin scored again direct from a free-kick with the last kick of the match for a 5-3 victory and another demoralising defeat for ourselves.