

## EDMONTON ROVERS KITS & SPONSORSHIPS OF THE PAST

1976

Our very first kit...which was supposed to be green, but the shirts faded in the wash. Bought from Elms Sports Shop in Enfield, presumably in a sale. They were all stuffed into that white kit bag that Kevin Johnson was holding in the first picture. I think we lost this kit after the second picture (right) was taken in March 1977, while the change kit of 'dark yellow' shirts (which we do not have a picture of) was last seen being used by 'Kit Manager' Gary Cooper to wash his car with after the season finished.



1977

With our previous kit going missing, we needed a new kit for our first season in the Edmonton Sunday League, so Gary Cooper tried Brigg Sports in Wood Green this time, but he mistakenly asked for the small numbers usually used for shorts to be put on the back of the shirts. We didn't half look silly. Whoever printed the numbers on the shirts surely should have queried it though! Not surprisingly, this kit only lasted one season as well.



1978

We changed our kit to White Shirts, Green Shorts & Green Socks for the 1978-1979 Season, and we continued with that kit into the following season (see picture right) as we won the Edmonton Sunday League Division 8 title.



1980

When we reached two Cup Finals in the Edmonton Sunday League at the end of the 1979-1980 Season, we had to change colours as our opponents River Plate wore an Argentina kit which clashed with our white shirts. We wore Red Shirts with Green Shorts & Green Socks for those Cup Finals (see picture left). Somebody (nobody will admit who !) then washed the white shirts during the Summer but had left grey dye in the machine, making them 'unwearable'. Demetrius Nurse's mother then tried to dye them green but didn't put enough dye in the machine. They came out lime green, so we gave them to our newly-formed Reserve Team for the 1980-1981 Season (see picture right) with the First Team continuing to wear the red shirts.



1981

Towards the end of the 1981-1982 Season, we bought a set of very broad-striped Red & Black Shirts with silky Black Shorts & Red Socks for our First Team. It appears as if we used this kit for the rest of our time in the Edmonton Sunday League until we left in early 1984. The photo on the right (taken on Tour in Holland in 1986) is of the same kit with Gordon Grose Sports as a sponsorship on the shirts, which was paid for in 1983 and the first time we had anything appearing on the front of the shirts. F.A. regulations did not allow it in Sunday League football before then.

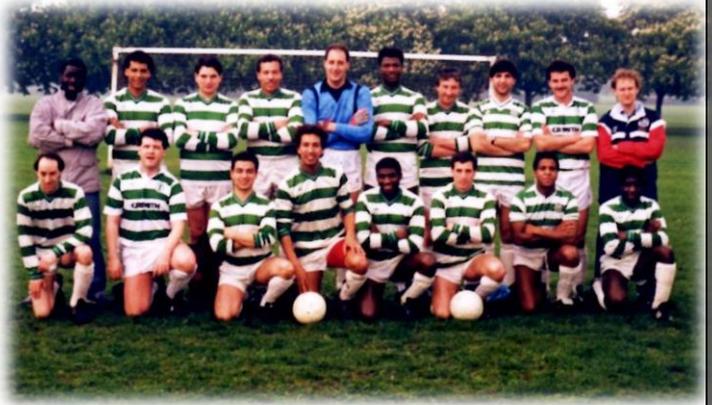


1983

Half-way through the 1982-1983 Season we bought a new kit for the Reserve Team as their dyed lime green shirts were actually over four years old by then. It was Green & White in the same style as the First Team's Red & Black...and I think made by Le Coq Sportif. We also bought a new kit for the First Team during this period which was an innovative Blue & Green Striped Shirts, Blue Shorts & Green Socks. This was when we made the mistake of thinking Medium would fit most of our players, with Large for those who were over six foot tall. We were only able to play one match in that kit (see below) as the shirts were all too tight !



**1985** When we joined the Haringey League in September 1984, we wore the Red & Black and the Green & White Striped kits for our first season, then when we folded the Reserve Team for our second season, our remaining (First) Team wore a grey short-sleeved Newcastle United Away kit which we had got on the cheap from Gordon Grose Sports to replace the Red & Black, which was starting to fall apart. For our last two seasons in the Haringey League in the mid/late-80's, we wore a Celtic kit...which saw us win the Division Two title in 1987-1988 with the Celtic (and Arsenal)-supporting Dave Ashton as Manager.



**1989** For our second season in the Waltham Sunday League (1989-1990) we decided to change our colours to Green & Black for the first time, mainly because there were too many other teams wearing a Celtic kit, but we wanted to go back to wearing the green that we had started the club with. This 'chess-board' kit (with Black & White Hooped Socks) was another fleecy-lined Le Coq Sportif job, sponsored by Savannah Landscaping, David Ashton's company at the time. Our new set of change shirts bought that season was the infamous 'nipple busters' made by Spall. These were white with green pin-stripes as seen below right in use for an Old Boys match.



**1993** Towards the end of the 1992-1993 Season we started wearing an all-Jade Umbro kit sponsored by ex-player Demetrius Nurse's company Nurse & Co. (Part of the Colonial Mutual Group). The team photo on the left was taken in 1985, so the kit lasted quite well. We rarely had to change colours as no other team wore jade.



1998

With the Umbro All Jade kit now worn out after six seasons' use, we secured a sponsorship from the Opera House nightclub for the start of Season 1998-1999. We had a professional team photo taken of our new All-Jade kit, which was from a little-known manufacturer called Sky Sportswear, who not surprisingly didn't last very long after our kit was found to be way too small for us, especially on the arms. Needless to say, we didn't wear this kit for too many seasons. The shirts for our Orange & Black change kit (as used by our Reserve Team in their 2004 Cup Final below) were massive though and we used that kit as an Away strip for nearly 20 years.



2000

At the turn of the millennium, we started drinking down On Broadway, a pub in Winchmore Hill after matches, and they sponsored a Prostar Jade & Black kit for nearly 10 years, the first incarnation seen on the left being worn by Lexton Harrison and the second version seen on the right in a team photo taken in 2009.



2013

In 2013, with us having left On Broadway as a post-match venue long ago, we ideally wanted another Jade & Black kit, but no manufacturers were making them any more. We therefore went back to plain Green & Black with Adidas, with the club paying for the kit initially for the 2013-2014 Season. New Manager James Hatchett then secured a sponsorship from Kingsland Builders for the start of the 2014-2015 Season which then saw their logo printed on the front of the shirts for the next three seasons. (See picture right).

