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SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2001  
LONDON F.A. SUNDAY JUNIOR CUP, FIRST ROUND MATCH AT HOME TO ANTELOPE

AT HAZELWOOD SPORTS GROUND

KICK-OFF 10.35 AM

Score: **EDMONTON ROVERS 2 ANTELOPE 0** HALF-TIME: 0-0

| TEAM   | MARKS OUT OF 10 | SCORERS  |
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| 1. GK <sup>1</sup> Stavros ELIA                  | 6½              |          |
| 2. RB <sup>2</sup> Robin PRYKE                   | 7               |          |
| 3. LB <sup>10</sup> Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)      | 7½              |          |
| 4. RM <sup>8</sup> / LM <sup>19</sup> Lee OSBORN | 7½              | 75 mins, |
| 5. SW <sup>4</sup> Stuart DORWARD                | 7               |          |
| 6. CH <sup>3</sup> Paul WOOLSTON                 | 7               |          |
| 7. CM <sup>5</sup> Russell BEEDEN                | * (79 mins)     | 7        |
| 8. CM <sup>7</sup> Marco ELLERKER                | 7               |          |
| 9. CF/RM <sup>9</sup> Paul ELLERKER              | 8               | 83 mins, |
| 10. CF <sup>6</sup> Steve COKELL                 | 7               |          |
| 11. LM <sup>11</sup> John BEASLEY                | * (19 mins)     | 6½       |
| 12. CF <sup>15</sup> Paul GIBSON                 | * (19 mins)     | 7        |
| 14. CM <sup>14</sup> Scott ROBERTSON             | * (79 mins)     | 6        |
| 15. — Paul REBARO                                | —               | —        |
| 16. — Matt BOOTHBY                               | —               | —        |
| 17. — Dave BAGNALL                               | —               | —        |

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: —

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. MUGHES, T. MUGHES, T. BEEDEN, S. O'NEIL

CROWD: 12

CLUB LINESMAN: NOT REQUIRED BY REF

REFEREE: N. ADDY

REFEREE'S MARK (OUT OF 10): 9

WEATHER CONDITIONS: SUNNY AND DRY, BUT STIFF BREEZE ACROSS PITCH (FROM CORNER TO CORNER)

STATE OF PITCH: PERFECT

**Report:** Having been knocked out of the London F.A. Sunday Junior Cup in the First Round *last* season by inferior opposition, we were determined not to make the same mistake again. However, we spent most of this match trying too *hard* to score, although that was probably down to the fact that the majority of our players were desperate to avoid playing Extra Time because Spurs v. Chelsea was a 2.00.p.m. Kick-Off! Of course the absence of our current Top Scorer Derek Dorward (on holiday with his girlfriend) didn't help, but we still fielded a strong enough line-up to have won this match by a much bigger margin, despite Walthamstow-based Antelope having won their only match this season so far (in Division 3 of the Forest Sunday League) by a 7-2 scoreline. We did play some excellent possession football though on a 'bowling green' of a pitch (although it won't stay like that for long?!), but Antelope packed their defence and seemed to be playing for penalties as they failed to force Stavros Elia into a meaningful save all match. As they only had the bare eleven players though (and we were able to name five substitutes), we were always going to make a breakthrough in the end as their players tired from the non-stop pressure we inflicted on them which included Paul Ellerker hitting the bar twice, at least three vital blocks/clearances by their defenders in the 6-yard box with their keeper beaten, about 20 shots straight down their keeper's throat and about 30 shots that sailed 'miles' over the bar (mainly from Russell Beeden & Lee Osborn)! However, it was Osborn who finally broke the deadlock in the 75th minute with an 'uncharacteristically' cool finish from Steve Cokell's through ball before Paul Ellerker (who'd played most of the match in his more favoured Right-Midfield position after John Beasley limped off with an ankle injury early on) made the game safe in the 83rd minute with a close-range first-time shot at the far post from Cokell's low cross to cap his man-of-the-match performance .... which even the referee agreed with!

The good thing about this result though is that it was achieved with some players not playing to their full potential, namely Marco Ellerker, who admitted to being a bit 'rusty' having not played enough in Pre-Season and new signings Steve Cokell and Paul Gibson, who are still learning the names of their new team-mates and will need a few more matches to work on their partnership in attack, so when it all comes together there will be no stopping us !!?