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SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2000

MERCURY HATFIELD SUNDAY LEAGUE (DIVISION 2) MATCH AT HOME TO THE BEEHIVE AT

KICK OFF 10.35 AM (REFEREE LATE) HAZELWOOD SEATS GROUND

SCORE: EDMONTON ROVERS 5 BEEHIVE 2 HALF-TIME: 2-2

TEAM	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK ¹ STANIS ELIA	6½	
2. RB ⁸ Tony SPEUER	7	
3. LB ¹⁰ Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	7	
4. RM ¹⁶ Gary ODELL	5½	
5. SW ³ Stuart DORWARD	8	51 mins,
6. CF ⁵ Paul REBAIRO	6	
7. CM ^{10/17} Russell BEEDEN	7	
8. CM ⁶ Marco ELLERKER	7	
9. CF/RM ^{11/14} Derek DORWARD	7	4 mins,
10. CF ¹⁵ Paul ELLERKER	7½	44, 72, 81 mins,
11. LM ⁹ John BEASLEY	7	
12. CF ¹⁷ Lexton HARRISON	6½	
14. — Lee OSBORN	—	
15. — —	—	
16. — —	—	
17. — —	—	

OPONENTS GOAL TIMES: GERRY FULLER (10 mins), STEVE COKEIL (40 mins)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. HUGHES, 'DEROME'

CROWD: 16 REFEREE: MARK MILLS-BISHOP

CLUB LINEUPMAN: TIM BEEDEN REFEREES' MARK (OUT OF 10): 6

BOOKINGS: DEREK DORWARD (32 mins - DISSENT), JOHN BEASLEY (71 mins - DISSENT)

SENDING OFF: —

WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY AND SUNNY, 'COLD' BREEZE ACROSS PITCH FROM CORNER TO CORNER (AGAINST US 200 HOURS)

STATE OF PITCH: QUITE SOFT (FOR TIME OF YEAR) AND WET ON TOP (DEN), BUT GRASS CUT.

Report: We managed to take over at the top of the Division 2 table after this result, which was not entirely unexpected with The Beehive having conceded 16 goals in their three League & Cup matches so far this season. However, their forwards and attacking midfield players certainly caused us a few problems although the absence of key defenders Robin Pryke (Flu), Dave Dietman (Work Commitments) and Paul Fursse (Holiday) didn't help as we had to rely on one or two players who were still suffering from recent injury problems and were not 100% fit. In fact we were a bit of a shambles early on in the match due to Lexton Harrison turning up late because he'd overslept after watching his 'brother' (i.e. namesake & 'hairstyle lookalike') Audley win an Olympic Gold Medal, whilst Stuart Dorward also disrupted Manager Trevor Hughes's Pre-Match Team Talk by turning up only five minutes before Kick-Off after forgetting his asthma inhaler and having to return home to get it. However, when Beehive keeper Darryl Johnson dropped a clanger in the 44th minute to present Paul Ellerker with the first of his three goals it settled us down a bit and with Audley Lexton coming on at half-time for the flu-ridden Gary Odell, we were able to cope better with the numerous late physical challenges which went unpunished by a very lenient referee (albeit at the cost of bookings for Derek Dorward & John Beasley for dissent).

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Report: This was our first defeat in our last five meetings with our regular Pre-Season opponents Trojans, but with key players Stuart Dorward & Russell Beeden *missing* that was no real *surprise*. However, we actually dominated possession and had more shots at goal than Trojans, but none of them came from our two forwards Lexton Harrison & Daniel Mc,Intyre as they were both easily marked out of the game by Trojans experienced defenders, with *one* of them, Andy Yeats, even finding time to come up and score both goals, albeit with rather fortunate headers. At least we were given a boost by the performance of Marco Ellerker on his debut, while defensively we looked quite solid again, but it's clear that we badly need an experienced forward who can put the ball in the back of the net and take the pressure off.