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SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2000

MERCURY HALTHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE (DIVISION 2) MATCH AWAY TO BROXBORNE RANGERS

KICK OFF 10.35 AM (REFEREE TAKING HIS TIME)

AT FLAMSTEAD END PLAYING FIELDS

SCORE: **BROXBORNE RANGERS 1** **EDMONTON ROVERS 4** HALF-TIME: 0-1

TEAM	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK ¹ STAVROS ELIA	7	
2. RB ¹⁶ TONY SPELLER	7	
3. LB ¹⁰ STEVE BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	7½	
4. RM ⁷ PAUL REBARD	* (67 mins)	7
5. SW ⁸ STUART DORWARD	7½	
6. CH ³ ROBIN PRYKE	7½	
7. CM ¹¹ RUSSELL BEEDEN	7½	
8. CM ⁶ MARCO ELLERKER	8	40, 79 mins,
9. CF ¹⁷ LEXTON HARRISON	* (82 mins)	7
10. CF ⁹ DEREK DORWARD	7	90 mins,
11. LM ⁴ JOHN BEASLEY	7½	75 mins,
12. RM ¹⁵ LEE OSBORN	* (67 mins)	7
14. CF ¹² PAUL ELLERKER	* (82 mins)	6
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16. —		
17. —		

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: VAUGHAN AFFONSO (60 mins),

OPVIG CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. HUGHES

CROWD: 26

CLUB LINESMAN: TIM BEEDEN

BOOKINGS: —

SENDING OFFS: —

REFEREE: BOB SHALWELL

REFEREE'S MARK (OUT OF 10): 6

WEATHER CONDITIONS: MAINLY SUNNY, DRY - NO WIND

STATE OF PITCH: MUDDY WITH LONG GRASS - BADLY WATERLOGGED IN BOTH GOALMOUTHS (PENALTY AREAS) (POORLY MAINTAINED)

Report: Although we were able to field a strong line-up on paper with only Dave Dietman *missing* (Godfather at a Christening!), we could have been forgiven for approaching this match with some concern after almost a month without a game, especially as the majority of our players had 'refused' to do any sort of physical exercise whatsoever in that time (apart from lifting several glasses of lager with their right arm!). Of course Broxbourne Rangers had been lucky enough to play the week *before*, beating Division One side St. Josephs 5-3 in the process, so the odds were stacked against us as we knew they were a good side after our 1-1 draw with them at Hazelwood back in December. However, everyone really pulled together (presumably because they were annoyed at the pessimism of a certain Edmonton Rovers Club Secretary, Cameraman & website editor) to produce arguably our best performance of the season so far with total 100% commitment and a determination to go through the 'pain barrier' with no sign of anyone asking Trevor Hughes to bring them *off* because they were 'knackered' (as is *normally* the case after several weeks without a match!). In fact we *also* managed to pass the ball about superbly at times, despite the dreadful state of the pitch which had ankle-deep mud in both penalty areas and long grass down the wings and indeed it was the churned-up penalty spot which presumably thwarted Marco Ellerker with his *initial* effort from the spot in the First Half which just trickled slowly straight at keeper Chris Elliott. However, Marco managed to tap the ball in from the rebound to put us ahead at half-time, but Broxbourne Rangers then had a good spell just before and *after* half-time which saw them equalise with a deflected shot after 60 minutes and we looked in a bit of trouble. However, that was when we really 'upped a gear' with 'Junior', 'Del' and Marco (again) all getting on the scoresheet in the last 15 minutes whilst Lexton Harrison somehow *failed* to...scooping a 'shot' over the bar from on the goal-line for an even *worse* miss than Paul Ellerker's in our *last* match (the one that's been our 'Clip of the Week' for the last four weeks...and will *now* be replaced by Lexton's 'howler'!).