

Sunday 12th April 2009 (Easter Day) (FIRST MATCH OF DOUBLE-HEADER...30 Minutes each way)

Mercury Waltham Sunday League Division One Match at Hazelwood Sports Ground

EDMONTON ROVERS	4	CHESHUNT (SUNDAY)	0	HT 2-0
Mc,Govern (19, 29 (Pen.), 51 mins.), Daley (42 mins.)				

EDMONTON ROVERS LINE-UP (with Marks out of 10): Darryl JOHNSON (GK) (7); Terry MOORE (8), Alan BARNARD (7), Martin LOVEDAY (7); Tem ADIL (7), Clark WILLIAMS (7), Danny HAGAN (7½), Steve COKELL (7); Vernon NXUMALO (7); Conor Mc,GOVERN (8), Daniel DALEY (7) **Subs.:** Ramel PALMER (4½) (On for Adil 41 mins.), Kris SPYROU (6½) (On for Williams 41 mins.), Gavin MARDELL (6) (On for Nxumalo 50 mins.)

CHESHUNT (SUNDAY'S) LINE-UP (10 Men only): Adam MARSH (GK); Sam ROSE, Tony WEBB (Off injured after 29 mins.), Andy AGAPIAU, Justin DICKINSON; Danny HOLDING, Robert DEARIE, Graeme DEARIE, Jay HANSELL; Adam HANSELL **Subs.:** None

Referee: Russell HOWES

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Attendance: 20

Report (by Laurence Hughes):

Cheshunt (Sunday) came into this fixture, our third 'Double-Header' of the season, having just reached the Final of the League Senior Cup and lying well above us in the table (as usual) with games in hand. They were also under new management this season and included several good new players, but we are a bit of a jinx team for them, and unlike most of our opponents (who invariably turn up with a full-strength side because they want to get on video), they turned up for this Easter Day fixture with only 10 men, including several players carrying niggling injuries.



We weren't exactly at full-strength ourselves though, as Stuart Dorward, Rob Brown, Tony King, Terry Brown, Jamie Martin, Jim Arrowsmith, Paul Woolston & Danny Green were all unavailable because of injuries or Easter holiday commitments, so we therefore had to call up Kris Spyrou and Ramel Palmer from our list of 41 registered players to ensure we had a squad of 14 to last the two hours, these two being the 34th and 35th players we have used so far this season ! Thankfully though, with Clark Williams volunteering to play through the pain barrier again after his foot operation and Danny Hagan and Alan Barnard both returning after missing the 2-0 defeat to Enfield Royals through social commitments, we were still fielding a pretty strong starting line-up, but Cheshunt (Sunday)'s 10 men were also good-quality players with no real weak links and this first match was actually quite an even contest until Conor Mc,Govern put us ahead in the 19th minute with a left-footed shot into the bottom corner after good battling by his strike partner Daniel Daley.

Cheshunt then understandably collapsed after that and Clark Williams really should have put us 2-0 up in the 27th minute but produced the miss of the season by side-footing a shot against the bar from only 6 yards out with keeper Adam Marsh grounded having just saved from Daniel Daley. However, we increased our lead two minutes later anyway when Mc,Govern blasted a very confident-looking spot-kick past Marsh after he himself had been brought down in the area by defender Tony Webb, who then immediately limped off injured, leaving his side down to 9 men for the rest of the match. In fact, Cheshunt were nearly left with only 8 men a minute later after Martin Loveday was booked for a clattering challenge on Adam Hansell on the far touchline, but thankfully Hansell managed to play on for the rest of the first match...just about.

Cheshunt therefore started the Second Half with 9 men, but with two of them clearly struggling with injuries, so it was just a case of how many more goals we would get in the 30 minutes, as we were always going to win the match. We ended up with only two more though, as Daniel Daley put us 3-0 up in the 42nd minute with a close-range tap-in from Danny Hagan's square ball, then Mc,Govern completed his hat-trick in the 51st minute with a good low drive under keeper Marsh after good battling by Terry Moore to win possession, but we were guilty of getting caught offside too much and our three substitutes Ramel Palmer, Kris Spyrou and Gavin Mardell didn't really do much when they came on, with Ramel not passing the ball and trying to dribble past too many players all the time as if it was a kick-about over the park. However, it was a good opportunity to see what he is like when we don't have training any more, and with a second match to come, there was time for our more experienced players to give him advice during the break.

In the meantime, a very worried Stuart Dorward was on the phone from his villa in Spain to be told by Manager

Trevor Hughes that Conor had just drawn level with him on goals scored so far this season after his first match hat-trick...they were both now on 10 apiece...and that there was another easy match to come !
[Click here for Cheshunt \(Sunday's\) website.](#)

TREVOR HUGHES'S MANAGER'S REPORT

We faced Cheshunt (Sunday) in our third 'double header' of the season knowing that six points would move us into mid table in Division One. We still had several players missing through injury but called up Ramel Palmer and Kris Spyrou as cover. Vernon 'Kizza' Nxumalo set a club record by travelling direct from South Africa and even arrived on time so we were able to start the first match with a squad of 14. Our opponents could only field a team of 10 on Easter Sunday although they had about 10 supporters to boost the crowd. We passed the ball well in the early stages and took a deserved lead through Conor McGovern who finished well after good work by Daniel Daley. Just before half time, Clark Williams hit the crossbar from only 6 yards out but fortunately we still doubled our lead shortly afterwards when Conor converted from the penalty spot after he had been fouled. Cheshunt started the second half with 9 men due to an injury and further goals from Daniel Daley and Conor to complete his hat trick gave us a comfortable 4-0 win.