

Sunday 19th October 2003					
Mercury Waltham Sunday League (Division Four) Match at Albany Park (Pitch 4 ?)					
EDMONTON ROVERS RESERVES	0	ENFIELD ROSANERI	2	HT 0-2	
		Williams (20 mins.), Webber (37 mins.)			
Edmonton Rovers Reserves Line-Up (with Marks out of 10): Simon JACKSON (GK) (7½); Ali AHMED (7), Mark HOWLEY (7), Billy BURNHAM (7½), Terry DELLER (7½); Jerome HARRISON (7½), Paul REBAIRO (7½), Brian KAMUTEKU (7½), Nebi 'Lee' SIMSEK (7); Myron Mc,KAY (7), Daniel OMISORE (7½) Subs.: None					
Enfield Rosaneri's Line-Up: No Team Details					
Referee: Kevin HUGHES		Weather Conditions: Sunny, but Cold & Very Windy		Attendance: 8	
Report (By Reserve Team Manager Mark Howley...re-worded where necessary by Laurence Hughes !): Due mainly to a late First-Team call-up for Daniel Frasi and the non-appearance of Sheriff Alagan and Mashood Burahee (presumably due to both of them finding out how hard it is to get up on a Sunday morning after a hard night's clubbing ?), we had to start this match with only nine men...and that was despite the game kicking off half-an-hour late due to Referee Kevin Hughes finding all the goalposts at Albany Park (on all five pitches ?) being suitable for Youth Football only ! Thankfully though, he decided to put up with it on the second pitch we tried to put the nets up on (or rather Enfield Rosaneri tried to put the nets up on because Mark Howley had to abandon that job himself and get changed to play when he realised that Dave Bagnall was unable to stay for such a late kick-off as he had to baby-sit at 12.00.p.m. and that Gary Adamson and Scott Robertson had pulled out at the last minute due to work and/or family commitments). However, our problems didn't end there as Ali Ahmed somehow managed to forget his boots & shinpads, Myron Mc,Kay forgot the Club Rules and assumed that Mark would phone him to tell him if he was in the team or not, and worst of all Paul Rebaire actually forgot to bring the kit ! Of course we didn't have a Club Linesman either (for which we will be receiving our first fine by the League for about 5 years !), but at least we got the game underway and had a full compliment of eleven players by 11.08.p.m....eight minutes after the kick-off and 38 minutes after the originally intended kick-off ! Not surprisingly after such a shambolic preparation, we were a bit slow out of the blocks and came under some early pressure from an Enfield Rosaneri side who included a few players from their successful side of the late-90's that used to give our First Team a close game, but we gradually started to improve and get our passing going despite all the last-minute changes to our line-up, such as the inclusion of Billy Burnham for his debut...albeit as a central defender rather than the goalkeeper's role that he has been practicing at training. However, we found ourselves 1-0 down after approximately 20 minutes (it was a bit difficult trying to write down the exact times when everybody was playing !) as a header from Rosaneri forward Steve Williams rebounded off the unsuspecting Billy Burnham and was adjudged to have just crept over the line despite Simon Jackson's valiant attempt to keep it out. We continued to press on and play some good football though with everybody playing well, but especially Jerome Harrison and Brian Kamuteku in midfield. However, with only eight minutes to go before Half-Time, a ball behind our back four left Simon Jackson in a chase to clear it, only to see the attempt hit onrushing forward Jamie Webber and bounce straight into the empty net from outside the area. That saw us 2-0 down at Half-Time, but our heads didn't go down and we continued to play some good football in the Second Half but without really giving forwards Myron Mc,Kay and Daniel Omisore enough opportunities to get us back into the match. Unfortunately we still had to rely on Simon Jackson too much in order not to concede any more, but maybe that was to be expected with so many players missing. (We were also without the likes of Lee Osborn, Barry Matthews, Gary Odell and Russell Beeden, together with Lexton Harrison and Leon Mc,Kenzie-Mc,Kay, who are now having to play for the First Team more or less permanently). Bearing that in mind then, maybe only a 2-0 defeat is not too much of a bad result, but it was annoying to give two sloppy goals away and we will have to start cutting that out sooner or later and also create more goalscoring opportunities for ourselves.					