SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2000 — * - SUBSTITUTED

MERCURY WALTHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE (DIVISION 2) MATCH AT HOME TO ENFIELD ROSANERI

KICK OFF 10.35 am. (STUART DORWARD LATE) — AT HAZELWOOD SPORTS GROUND

SCORE: EDMONTON ROVERS 1 ENFIELD ROSANERI 1 — HALF-TIME: 1-1

TEAM		MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK 1 Stavros ELIA		6½	
2. RB 17 Tony SPELLER		8	
3. LB 10 Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)		7	
4. RM 7 Paul REBAIRO		7	
5. SW 4 Dave DIETMAN		7½	
6. CH 3 Robin PRYKE		7	
7. HOLD CM 6 Russell BEEDEN		8	
8. CM/CF 5 28 mins Stuart DORWARD	8	7½	
9. CF/CM 9 28 mins Derek DORWARD		8½	34 mins,
10. CF 15 Paul ELLERKER	INJ. * (72 mins)	7	
11. LM 14 Lee OSBORN		7½	
12. CF 11 John BEASLEY (INJ.!)	* (72 mins)	7	
14. — 12 Dave BAGNALL		—	
15. —	—	—	
16. —	—	—	
17. —	—	—	

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: STEVE WILLIAMS (7 mins),

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. HUGHES, A. SPEARMAN

CROWD: - 10 — REFEREE: - BILL LABAN

CLUB LINESMAN: TIM BEEDEN — REFEREES' MARK (OUT OF 10): - 8

BOOKINGS: ANDY SHEPHERD (ENFIELD ROSANERI) - FOUL ON STUART (27 mins)

SENDING OFFS: —

WEATHER CONDITIONS: - DRY WITH OCCASIONAL SUNSHINE, BUT COLD. SLIGHT BREEZE DOWN PITCH (AGAINST US IN FIRST HALF)

STATE OF PITCH: - VERY SOFT AND MUDDY WITH LONG GRASS

Report: When key midfielder Marco Ellerker phoned up to say he was unavailable for this match because of a family commitment and then John Beasley pulled himself out of the starting line-up just before the kick-off because of a niggling injury, we really feared the worst (or at least I did !) against what was a full-strength and in-form Enfield Rosaneri side, but despite going a goal down after only seven minutes we managed to produce one of our best performances of the season so far as we shrugged off the disappointment of two successive defeats to gain a point and maintain our position at the top of the Division 2 table. However, we really ought to have taken all three points as we once again dominated possession and created twice as many clear-cut chances, but for the third week in a row we were guilty of poor finishing with Stuart Dorward the main culprit this time (although Paul Ellerker also missed an open goal from about 6 inches !?). Obviously the rumours that Enfield Council's groundsmen cannot fit a tractor with a heavy roller or some sort of grass-cutting equipment through the gates at Hazelwood played a part in some of these misses, but we still managed to pass the ball about well enough and indeed Derek Dorward's equaliser came from a six-man move which consisted of eight consecutive passes without Enfield Rosaneri touching the ball.

It was certainly encouraging to see Lee Osborn and Paul Rebairo come into midfield and do a good job though, especially as Marco Ellerker and John Beasley had arguably been our two best players so far this season coming *into* this match and it was because Lee and Paul made an improvement to the side defensively that Stavros Elia hardly had a save to make (apart from their goal).