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SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2001

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY MATCH (TONY SCOTTES MEMORIAL TROPHY) AT 'HOME' TO EVEREST

AT THE TESCO COUNTRY CLUB, CHESHUNT

KICK-OFF 10.35 AM.

SCORE: EDMONTON ROVERS 1 EVEREST 3

HALF-TIME: 1-1

TEAM	MINUTES OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK Dave BAGNALL	7½	
2. RB Tony SPELLER	6½	
3. LB Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	6	
4. RM/CM Lee OSBORN	6	
5. SW Dave DIETMAN	6	
6. CH Robin PRYKE	6½	
7. CM Paul WOOLSTON	6	
8. CM Stuart DORWARD	6½	21 (PEN.) mins,
9. CF Gary ODELL	5	
10. CF Derek DORWARD	6	
11. LM John BEASLEY	6	
12. RM/CM/SW Paul REBAIRO	6	
14. CF Anuj BHARDWAS	6	
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17. —		

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: DEAN BATES (6 mins), RICHARD BATES (89 mins), DAVE BAGNALL SHOT GOAL (90 mins)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. HUGHES, T. BREEDEN, R. BEASLEY

CROWD: 30

CLUB LINESMAN: TREVER HUGHES

REFEREE: STEVE WILKINSON

REFEREE'S MARK (OUT OF 10): 8

WEATHER CONDITIONS: - CONSTANT LIGHT RAIN AND FAIRLY COOL - NO WIND

STATE OF PITCH: - PERFECT (FLAT AND GRASS CUT), BUT NOT VERY WIDE!

Report: We managed to obtain the excellent facilities at the Tesco Country Club for this match thanks to Paul Rebaire's family connections there, but we were given little opportunity to pass the ball around on the 'bowling green' type pitch because newly-promoted Division Three side Everest were a lot better than us on the day and could easily have doubled their tally had it not been for Dave Bagnall's Man-Of-The-Match performance in goal. Unfortunately Dave didn't quite manage an 8 out of 10 because he fumbled/punched/palmed the ball into his own net for Everest's third goal, although most of our players had already given up by then even before Richard Bates belatedly but inevitably put Everest 2-1 up in the 89th minute (after they had just missed about five open goals in the space of three minutes !?).

Stuart Dorward's 'All Night' ? Birthday Party a few hours earlier did the damage for us though, although Stuart did equalise for us by beating his work colleague Mark Dyer from the penalty spot before limping off with an ankle injury, but Dave Dietman then did likewise in the 74th minute after pulling something ?, while John Beasley came off 'knackered' towards the end, presumably because he'd done an extra half-hour of his usual 'On-pitch pre-match warm-up routine' because Paul Rebaire mistakenly told 'Junior's' 'chauffeur' Laurence Hughes to get to the venue at 9.30 a.m. instead of 10.00 a.m. to put the nets up (when the groundsman had already done so !).

Once again though, the absence of Marco & Paul Ellerker (Family Commitments & 'Pissed' respectively) meant a lack of ideas from an attacking viewpoint and Paul Woolston seemed to be getting increasingly frustrated in midfield (having played in the Ryman League for a number of years). However, to his credit he admitted afterwards that he didn't play that well either because he was almost as pissed himself and he even signed a registration form afterwards without us having to persuade him to do so !