

Sunday 21st September 2003

Mercury Waltham Sunday League (Division Four) Match at Cheshunt School

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| <b>FLAMSTEAD END</b>      | <b>1</b> | <b>EDMONTON ROVERS<br/>RESERVES</b> | <b>0</b> | HT 1-0 |
| <i>J.Baker (10 mins.)</i> |          |                                     |          |        |

**Flamstead End's Line-Up:** Mark HEBDON (GK); Jamie THOMAS, Lewis BAKER, Nic COPPOLA, Gavin LIVERMORE, Paul PANNELL, Dave KENNEY, Glen CARTER, Tim DANBURY, Martin COVALL, Jordan BAKER  
**Subs.:** Paul PICKARD, Paul KENNEY, Danny ADAMS

**Edmonton Rovers Reserves Line-Up (with Marks out of 10):** Simon JACKSON (GK) ( 7 ); Ali AHMED ( 6½ ), Gary ADAMSON ( 7 ), Russell BEEDEN ( 7 ), Lee OSBORN ( 7½ ); Nebi 'Lee' SIMSEK ( 6 ), Paul REBAIRO ( 7 ), Conor McGOVERN ( 7 ), Jerome HARRISON ( 6 ); Myron Mc,KAY ( 6½ ), Mashood BURAAHEE ( 5½ ) **Sub.:** Dave BAGNALL ( 7 )

**Referee:** Chris TURNER

**Weather Conditions:** Hot & Sunny

**Attendance:** 18

**Report (From information supplied by Reserve Team Manager Mark Howley):** Mark has been too busy with work commitments to e-mail a report of this match through, so I will just give a few details of what happened as far as I know...even though I wasn't there myself !  
The game actually kicked off 30 minutes late and was reduced to just 35 minutes each way, but that was *not* due to Brian Kamuteku and Sheriff Alagan both failing to turn up (after suddenly finding out what it's like trying to get up to play Sunday League football after being out 'on the piss' all night !). The reason for the delay was because referee Chris Turner had spotted that the goalposts had sunk into the ground too much and that the crossbar was only an inch above Simon Jackson's head ! Of course that would have suited us with the seriously depleted side we were fielding (due to First Team call-ups, Terry Deller's hamstring injury, Gary Odell & Daniel Omisore both being on holiday *and* the afore-mentioned absence of 'messers' Kamuteku & Alagan), but once the goalposts were 'repaired' we soon found ourselves a goal down after just 10 minutes when Jordan Baker (whose father Garry made 10 appearances for us in the late-70's) raced onto a long ball over our defence and beat Simon in a one-on-one.  
We then had a further setback when one of our four experienced former First Team players (Russell Beeden) had to go off with a cut eye after only 30 minutes to be replaced by converted goalkeeper Dave Bagnall, who was our only substitute with Manager Mark Howley having to run the line. I'm not sure if Bagnall played centre-half or centre-midfield (*can somebody tell me please ?*), but apparently he played really well and we improved after that.  
However, we had a few lucky escapes in the Second Half when Flamstead End hit the post twice and missed other chances, but we had a few ourselves with Myron Mc,Kay missing the best one which could have given us a late equaliser. Our biggest problem was the continual poor fitness of forward Mashood Burahee though, as he was unable to give Myron enough support up front while our midfield couldn't help as First Teamer Conor Mc,Govern was playing his first game for 8 months after an ankle operation and was understandably rusty (although he still played well) while Nebi 'Lee' Simsek needs to gain more experience and tactical awareness before becoming a regular in the side.  
However, although this was the Reserve Team's second defeat in a row, there are certainly a large number of players performing better than expected and considering the number of intended regulars they have missing at the moment, things are looking quite promising for the future.  
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