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SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2001

LONDON F.A. SUNDAY JUNIOR CUP SECOND ROUND MATCH AWAY TO FORD ZETEC AT

KICK OFF 10.40 AM (FORWARDS USE (DORWARD USE AND THE REF.)) THE FORD SPORTS GROUND, RUSH GREEN, ROMFORD

SCORE: FORD ZETEC 1 EDMONTON ROVERS 8

HAUF-TIME: 1-3

TEAM	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK Stavros ELIA	6½	
2. RB Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN) * (69 mins)	6½	
3. LB Lee OSBORN	7½	
4. RM Derek DORWARD * (57 mins)	7	
5. SW Tony SPELLER	7½	
6. CH Robin PRYKE	7	
7. CM Scott ROBERTSON * (57 mins)	7	
8. CM Marco ELLERKER	8	54, 83 mins,
9. CF Steve COKELL	8	21, 31, 49 (PEN.) mins,
10. CM Stuart DORWARD	7	40, 57 mins,
11. LM John BEASLEY	8	51 mins,
12. CM Paul REBARO * (57 mins)	7	
14. RM Paul ELLERKER * (57 mins)	6½	
15. CM Russell BEEDEN * (69 mins)	7	
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17. -	-	

STRANGELY GOAL TIMES: STEVE TAYLOR (41 mins)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. BEEDEN, P. WOOLSTON (no.)

CLUB: IS

CLUB LINESMAN: TREVOR HUGHES

REFEREE: ROBERT BERRY

REFEREE: MARK (OUT OF 10): 9

WEATHER CONDITIONS: MAINLY CLOUDY. NO WIND - QUITE COLD

STATE OF PITCH: PERFECT

Report: We had an appalling record coming into this game of only four wins in our last 25 matches, including a recent run of five defeats in our last six games in which we had conceded an average of four goals a match!

With Central Defender Paul Woolston (our best player in recent matches) missing due to the head injury he suffered against Upshire Coach & Horses the week before, we were therefore not particularly confident when the game got under way, especially with the Dorward brothers turning up just two minutes before kick-off to ruin any planned team-talk by Manager Trevor Hughes that might have sorted out some of our recent defensive problems.

With Ford Zetec being a 'typical Sunday League team playing in a Cup Match' (i.e. 100% effort for the first half-an-hour before they all start getting knackered !?), it therefore resulted in a scrappy start to the game in which we made numerous mistakes at the back (especially positionally) which would have been punished by teams in Division One of the Mercury Waltham Sunday League, but with Ford Zetec's Centre-Forward Terry Carpenter pulling a muscle after only 10 seconds they didn't seem to have anyone else who could threaten our defence sufficiently enough to capitalise, despite their apparent record of having only lost three matches in the last two years!

That allowed our more creative players to relax a lot more in front of goal without the usual worry of having to score enough goals to offset the numerous ones we normally let in, and with the pitch being like a bowling green compared to Hazelwood it wasn't long before Marco Ellerker & John Beasley conjured up a neat passing move to set up Steve Cokell for our first goal. Further goals from Cokell and Stuart Dorward then put us 3-0 up only for keeper Stavros Elia to make another comical mistake, this time with an attempted 'flying chest-high half-volleyed clearance' on the edge of his area which he missed completely to let Ford Zetec pull a goal back before Half-Time which unnecessarily fired them up again when they were looking dead and buried. However, a devastating spell of four goals in eight minutes early in the Second Half killed off the match as a contest, with Steve Cokell completing his hat-trick from the penalty spot and John Beasley & Marco Ellerker both scoring Goal of the Season contenders, although Marco's brilliant solo effort could not be chosen as our Video Clip of the Week on the website because he kept possession of the ball for so long and beat so many players that it would take about five hours to download the clip !!

Our fourth goal in that eight-minute spell was scored by the seriously drunken Stuart Dorward (this being the reason why he was so late for the match), but Trevor Hughes then went and substituted his 'completely sober' brother Derek 'by mistake?' in order to give Paul Ellerker a run-out and that was one of the main reasons why we were only able to add one further goal to our tally as Ellerker missed several good chances and Dorward (Stuart) just kept falling over and staggering about, influencing others (e.g. Osborn) to do likewise! As usual in the London Junior Cup though, it was a case of coming up against opposition who were nowhere near as organised as teams we face in the Mercury Waltham League, so it was hard to tell if we really had improved as much as the final scoreline suggested. However, it was good to get a big win under our belts (our biggest win for five years in fact!) and it made the 'nightmare' journey home through the roadworks on the North Circular not as bad as it would have been if we had lost!