

Sunday 11th April 2004 (Easter Day)

MATCH POSTPONED (Non-Fulfilment of Fixture...by us !!)

Mercury Waltham Sunday League (Division Four) Match at Presdales, Ware

HODDESDON SNOOKER CLUB

v.

EDMONTON ROVERS

Report: The League had allowed teams to be released from their fixtures for Easter Day only if they gave them 28 days notice...which we did **not** because virtually all of our players (for both our First & Reserve Teams) were available to play on this date at that stage !

We therefore ended up with matches being arranged for both sides, but then had a ridiculous total of something like 20 players suddenly declare themselves unavailable since that 28-day deadline, therefore resulting in us only being able to field one team ([Click here](#) for the First Team's Match Report for this date) and being guilty of a non-fulfilment of fixture for only the second time in our 28-year history, although there was always a risk of this happening when we decided to form a Reserve Team this season.

As we called this game off (and conceded the three points) on the Thursday before the fixture was due to take place, we ended up being fined only £15.00 rather than the maximum £25.00, but our opponents Hoddesdon Snooker Club were no doubt none too pleased as they had suffered from a non-fulfilment by Oakwood United in their previous fixture and really needed to play both matches so that they could boost their goal difference in going for the Division Four title. (They now only get two '0-0 wins' instead !).

Obviously in hindsight we have now learnt our lesson and will not be having both teams playing on Easter Day in future ...the main cause of the problems appearing to be wives & girlfriends deciding to go away for Easter at short notice, together with other 'last-minute' family commitments.

For the record then, here is a list of all 36 registered players who were unable to play on this date: (For you to make your own minds up regarding the 'excuses' !). 'Regulars' are highlighted in yellow.

Ali AHMED.....Didn't turn up to go Sub for the First Team, so was presumably unavailable anyway ?

Mashood BURAHHEE.....Didn't turn up to go Sub for the First Team, so was presumably unavailable anyway ?

Dave BAGNALL.....Injured Knee (Out for the rest of the season)

John BEASLEY.....Still Injured ? (No reason given on the [Forum](#))

Steve BEASLEY.....Back Injury (Out for rest of season)

Chris 'Nugget' BEEDEN.....Achilles Injury / Away with girlfriend for Easter anyway ?

Billy BURNHAM.....Wanted to play as a central midfielder and had the hump that we wouldn't let him !?

Daniel CASCOE.....Can't get out of bed on Sunday mornings after a hard night's clubbing

Gary COKELL.....Hamstring Injury (Suffered playing for Old Minchendenians the day before)

Steve COKELL.....Ski-ing

Terry DELLER.....Away with Family for Easter

Derek DORWARD.....Attending girlfriend's brother's Wedding

Stuart DORWARD....'Family Commitments' (Going away for Easter ?)

Marco ELLERKER....Ski-ing

Paul ELLERKER.....Away with girlfriend for Easter

Simon JACKSON (GK)...Injured Knee (Out for rest of season)

Darryl JOHNSON (GK).....Trying to find somewhere to live !

Barry MATTHEWS....Gone away for Easter

Shamus McGOVERN...Injured / D.I.Y. / Golf / Away for Easter ?!!!

Myron Mc,KAY.....Injured after playing in the League Reserve Cup Final / Up in Birmingham anyway

Peter MURPHY.....Away with family for Easter

Gary ODELL.....Cough & Sore Throat

Robin PRYKE.....Neck Injury (Out for rest of season)

Paul REBAIRO.....Back Injury ?

Scott ROBERTSON....Ski-ing

Tony SPELLER.....Away with girlfriend for Easter

Matt STEELL.....Ankle Injury (Suffered during the Cup Final)

Mark HOWLEY....Bad Back

Tim BEEDEN....Too tired ?

Laurence HUGHES...Too old & unfit

Sheriff ALAGAN.....Now works on Sundays

Lee BAZZONI.....No longer interested

Treasure MacCARTHY.....Always asleep & owes too much subs

Adam SPEAKMAN.....No longer interested

Nebi 'Lee' SIMSEK & DANIEL OMISORE.....Have both left the club