

Sunday 8th February 2004

Mercury Waltham Sunday League (Division Four) Match at Albany Park (Pitch ?)

EDMONTON ROVERS RESERVES	1	I.M.L. RED COW	2	HT 0-1
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Mc,Kay (65 mins.)

Jerrom (20 mins.),
Chapman (75 mins.)

Edmonton Rovers Reserves Line-Up (with Marks out of 10): Darryl JOHNSON (GK) (7); Foysol AHMED (7), Lee OSBORN (8), Scott ROBERTSON (7), Terry DELLER (7); Jerome HARRISON (6½), Brian KAMUTEKU (7), Peter MURPHY (7), Barry MATTHEWS (6½); Russell BEEDEN (7), Mashood BURAAHEE (6½) **Subs.:** Myron Mc,KAY (7), Lexton HARRISON (6)

I.M.L. Red Cow's Line-Up: No Team Details

Referee: Russell HOWES

Weather Conditions: Cold & Very Windy

Attendance: 12

Report: Reserve Team Manager Mark Howley had quite a few last-minute problems to deal with in picking a side for this particular match, as skipper Paul Rebairo had already dropped out after making a drunken phone call to Assistant Manager Russell Beeden at 2.00.a.m., while Billy Burnham decided not to bother as he had been working all night again and thought he would 'let the lads down' if he played...which he did in a way anyway by not phoning to let us know, and Ali Ahmed decided to just stay in bed (without phoning), presumably because he thought he would be an unused substitute for this match after his comical performance against I.M.L. Red Cow last time.

However, I.M.L. Red Cow were fielding an understrength team themselves with 'some old bald bloke' coming on as a substitute for them at one stage, but we also had two other key players missing from the starting line-up because they decided to turn up after the kick-off, namely Myron Mc,Kay (due to a Party the night before ?) and Lexton Harrison (because he decided to go 'shopping' at 10.00.a.m. to buy a pair of shinpads, despite us having plenty of spare pairs in the kit bag for such emergencies !). That saw Russell Beeden start a rare match up front alongside the ever-improving Mashood Burahee, while Foysol Ahmed was given a chance in the starting line-up at right back and the experienced Peter Murphy returned after being out for four months with broken ribs.

Despite all these changes though, we produced a hugely encouraging performance by all accounts with the performances of Foysol Ahmed and Peter Murphy being a real bonus, but as nobody has yet had time to do a proper match report and our usual 'correspondent' Billy Burnham was not at the game, I have no idea how the goals were scored or whether anything else interesting happened in the match...so that's probably it for this one !?