

* - SUBSTITUTES

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER 1999

MERCURY WALTHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE (ROY BAILEY CHALLENGE CUP, SECOND ROUND) MATCH AT HOME TO

LEA VALLEY ROYALS AT HAZELWOOD SPORTS GROUND

KICK OFF 10.30 AM.

SCORE: **EDMONTON ROVERS 1** **LEA VALLEY ROYALS 0** (AFTER EXTRA TIME) H-T: 0-0 F-T: 0-0

TEAM	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORES
1. GK Stavros ELIA	7½	
2. RB Tony SPELLER * (90 mins)	6	
3. LB Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	7	
4. RM Treasure MacCARTHY	7	
5. SW Stuart DORWARD	7½	
6. CH Gary SOUTHAM	7½	
7. CM Russell BEEDEX	7½	
8. CM Derek DORWARD * (90 mins)	7	
9. CF Kevin DEDMAN	6½	
10. CF David HURST * (72 mins)	6	
11. LM CM John BEASLEY	6½	
12. CF Lexton HARRISON * (72 mins)	7½	
14. LM Dave DIETMAN * (90 mins)	7	111 mins,
15. RB Robin PRYKE * (90 mins)	7	
16. — Paul REBAIRO (PLAYER-MANAGER!)	—	
17. —	—	

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: —

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. BEEDEX, M. HOLLEY, K. YOUNG, I. BUCKLEY (LATER)

CROWD: 19

CLUB LINESMAN: RON BEASLEY

REFEREE: MARTIN DE LA FUENTE

BOOKINGS: STAVROS ELIA (37 min - DISSENT), KEVIN DEDMAN (64 min - LIFE CHALLENGE ON KEEPER!)

REFEREE'S MARK (OUT OF 10): 7

SENDING OFFS: —

WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY AND SUNNY, BUT QUITE COOL. SLIGHT WIND DOWN PITCH (FRONT CORNER TO CORNER - AGAINST US)

STATE OF PITCH: QUITE FIRM. A BIT BUMPIER THAN USUAL AND GRASS A BIT LONG DOWN WINGS. A LOT ON TOP.

Report: Although Lea Valley Royals were only a Division 4 side, we were a bit more prepared for a tough match *this* time as our opponents had won eight out of their nine matches played, with their only defeat being a contentious one. However, we certainly didn't expect them to be by far the best side we'd faced so far this season and we were therefore lucky that we were fielding near enough a full-strength side ourselves with only one player (John Dyer) missing. With Manager Trevor Hughes on holiday in Atlantic City though, we could have been in big trouble, but stand-in Manager Paul Rebairo actually made what turned out to be the right decision in bringing Lexton Harrison on late in the second half to replace the irate David Hurst, who 'threw a wobbly' as usual because unlike the rest of our players he'd rather stay on, give 100% effort and commitment for 90 minutes and pay the full £5.00 a match than deliberately ask to come off so that £2.00 of 'subs' can be saved to spend on an extra pint of lager afterwards. However, after riding our luck a bit until then, Lex's extra pace and strength swung the match in our favour, and with two more inspired substitutions being made by Rebairo for the start of Extra-Time it was one of them, Dave Dietman, who proved to be the match-winner with a far post header from Treasure MacCarthy's cross in the 111th minute to see us get over a really tough hurdle and keep us in all three cup competitions.

