

Sunday 16th September 2012

London F.A. Sunday Junior Cup First Round Match at Victoria Park, Hackney (Pitch 5)

Kick-Off: 10.30.a.m.

Result: **LORD MORPETH**.....0 **EDMONTON ROVERS**.....2 Half-Time: 0-1

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (4-4-2 _{Start} /4-3-3 ₆₂)		MARKS OUT OF 10	GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON	6	
2	RB	Gavin MARDELL	7	
4	SW	Alan BARNARD	8	
5	CH	Lexton HARRISON	7	
3	LB	Tony KING	5½	
7	RM	Martin CRUICKSHANK	OFF 62	6
8	CM	Danny HAGAN (Captain)	6	
6	CM	Riaz DANIELS	7	38 Mins.
10	LM/CF ₆₂	Rafiel JOHNSON	OFF 76	6½
9	CF	Daniel DALEY	7	80 Mins.
11	CF	Ben KEATING	6½	

SUBSTITUTES

16	CM	Daniel CASCOE	ON 62	6½	
15	CF	Krishan SINGH	ON 76	6½	
14	Not Used	Terry MOORE	Not Used	-	
12	Not Used	Ali SOWE	Not Used	-	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Terry Moore

ATTENDANCE: 22

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): 7

REFEREE: Phil Miles

BOOKINGS: Jack Wright (Lord Morpeth) (Foul - 56 Mins.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with cold wind down pitch (against us in Second Half)

STATE OF PITCH: Hard, but flat with grass cut

CLUB LINESMAN: Krishan Singh (First Half)/Ali Sowe (Second Half)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): N/A

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): CONFIDENTIAL

SENDING-OFFS: None

UNAVAILABILITY: (4 Players) Trevor Hughes (Manager) (Holiday), Ivan Bass (Family Commitments/Unfit), Jack Bangs (Not registered in time), Martin Loveday (Family Commitments)

Saturday/Sunday Drop-Outs: Frankie Karemo ('Unavailable')

OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2): 1 Steve Scott (GK...Off injured after 7 Mins.); 2. John Abela (RB), 6. Tommy Brace (RCH), 15. Aaron Bellot (LCH... Off injured after 25 Mins.), 3. Paul-Jay Wellington (LB); 8. Tom Crosby (RM/CM₅₂), 16. Aaron Phillips (CM/GK 2nd Half), 4. Darren Borg (CM...Captain), 12. Luke Barter (LM/GK from 7th to 45th Minute); 9. Luke Mason (CF...Off injured in 60th Min.), 10. Barry Brown (CF)

Subs Used: 13. Tyler Brown (LM...On for GK 7 Mins.), 5. Shane Da Silva (LCH...On for No.15 after 25 Mins.), 11. Jack Wright (RM...On for No.10 after 52 Mins.)

OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT

As usual for the First Round of the London Cup in September, Manager Trevor Hughes was away on holiday in Cyprus so it was left to myself and Terry Moore to organise things. This year the London FA had put us in the Sunday Junior Cup instead of the Intermediate because we are supposedly a 'weak' Division One side in our League instead of 'good' ones like Enfield Crusaders and FC Alpha ! We therefore should have had an easy game compared to normal, but instead we faced a very well-run new club who were undefeated in Pre-Season and had signed various new players with Premier Division experience from the very strong Hackney & Leyton Sunday League and others from Semi-Pro Saturday football. Fortunately though we were able to field a strong squad of 15 ourselves with Krishan Singh and Ali 'TJ' Sowe making themselves available at the last minute, but we did have to make a late change to the intended starting line-up when Daniel Cascoe got lost trying to find the ground. Everybody else was there well before 10.00.a.m. though, but thanks to the groundsman not turning up to open the changing rooms, the pitch being almost a mile away from the car park, and the Referee insisting on us kicking-off dead on 10.30.a.m., we didn't have time for a proper warm-up and we were therefore at risk of making our usual slow start. Fortunately though it was Lord Morpeth who had problems early on when their goalkeeper had to go off injured after only 7 minutes and they then lost a defender to a hamstring injury later in the half. We found it hard to create clear-cut chances though against a very fit and competitive side, and it wasn't until the 38th minute that we managed to take the lead when Riaz Daniels headed in a Gavin Mardell cross from close range. The Second Half saw Lord Morpeth put another outfield player in goal but they then lost two more players to injury, leaving them down to 10 men from the 60th minute onwards. They still matched us for fitness though and nearly equalised after 75 minutes but an excellent last-ditch challenge from Alan Barnard kept us in front. Meanwhile up the other end we had missed several good chances by over-elaborating, but Daniel Daley made the game safe in the 80th minute with a clever finish after a quality move involving Riaz Daniels and substitutes Krishan Singh & Daniel Cascoe. We were a bit fortunate that Lord Morpeth had a goal disallowed for offside in the 87th minute, but we were well worth our win.

LAURENCE HUGHES