

Sunday 5th October 2003

Mercury Waltham Sunday League (Division Four) Match at Albany Park (Pitch 4 ?)

EDMONTON ROVERS RESERVES	1	OAKWOOD UNITED	2	HT 1-0
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Mc,Govern (23 mins.)

Hoskins (63 mins.),
Blackman (68 mins.)

Edmonton Rovers Reserves Line-Up (with Marks out of 10): Simon JACKSON (GK) (8); Brian KAMUTEKU (6½), Gary ADAMSON (6½), Scott ROBERTSON (5), Terry DELLER (7); Gary ODELL (6½), Paul REBAIRO (7), Conor Mc,GOVERN (7), Jerome HARRISON (7½); Myron Mc,KAY (6½), Sheriff ALAGAN (6½) **Subs.:** Dave BAGNALL (6½), Daniel FRASI (6½)

Oakwood United's Line-Up: No Team Details

Referee: Lee ADDISON

Weather Conditions: Sunny, but Cold & Windy

Attendance: 15

Report (By Reserve Team Manager Mark Howley): Our fourth League game this season saw us playing at another Home Pitch, but the non-arrival of the Groundswoman to open up the changing rooms meant we kicked off late at 10.38 a.m. with Referee Addison putting it on his Report Card as *our* fault (according to skipper Paul Rebaire), which seemed a bit harsh ! Both teams started off by creating some early shooting chances, but we suffered a blow after only 13 minutes when central defender Scott Robertson went off with a knee injury to be replaced by 'converted goalkeeper' Dave Bagnall. However, Bagnall once again had a sound game, despite claiming to be a forward nowadays and after some good football from us we finally scored our first goal for 2½ matches when a long throw-in from Paul Rebaire was met with a great flick-on by Myron Mc,Kay which found Conor Mc,Govern, who held off his marker to turn and fire the ball into the top right-hand corner from close range. Both teams then continued to push forward with Myron missing a great chance for us when faced with a one-on-one with the keeper, while Oakwood's useful winger (Blackman) roasted stand-in right-back Brian Kamuteku (who was deputising for the injured Ali Ahmed) on our right-hand side and fired a great shot which was matched by a spectacular save from our man-of-the-match Simon Jackson.

We therefore came off at Half-Time 1-0 up, but it was a fairly even half overall.

However, in the Second Half, Oakwood came out and played like they wanted to win more than us and because of that they had several chances but failed to finish them until the 63rd minute when a scrappy corner was headed in by Hoskins low down to Simon's right. Within five minutes it was 2-1 when a quick break from the back resulted in a good cross behind our defence which caught out Brian Kamuteku and that let in Blackman again to fire it into the bottom right hand corner.

Oakwood really should have finished us off after that, but we fought back, although creating few chances for our front men. After 75 minutes new signing Daniel Frasi was brought on for his Reserve Team debut in place of Sheriff Alagan and he worked hard up front as we pushed for an equaliser, with our best chance falling to Gary Odell when a good passing move led to him having a shot which went just wide.

Overall though, our standards dropped in the Second Half, which was very disappointing and we therefore ended up suffering our third defeat in a row.