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SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 1997

MERCURY WALTHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE (INTERMEDIATE CUP, SECOND ROUND) MATCH AT HOME TO OAKWOOD UNITED AT HAZELWOOD SPORTS GROUND

KICK OFF 10.35 AM. (STUART DORWARD SITTING ON THE BCG!) (AFTER EXTRA TIME) (0-0 AT FULL TIME) HALF-TIME 0-0

SCORE:- EDMONTON ROVERS 0 OAKWOOD UNITED 3

Team	NO. OF MIN.	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORES
1. GK ¹ Shaun O'NEILL	50	8½	
2. RB ⁴ Gary SOUTHAM	2	6	
3. LB ¹⁰ Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	50	6	
4. RM ⁶ Stuart DORWARD	PISSED (FULL TIME) *	6	
5. SW ⁵ Stuart GRAY - LAST GAME		7	
6. CM ³ Carlo CASALI	8	7½	
7. CM ¹² David ASHTON	SENT OFF 45 mins	6	
8. CM ⁷ Steve CURL - LAST GAME		6	
9. CF ⁸ Kevin DEDMAN	51	6½	
10. CF/LM ² Derek DORWARD	50	6	
11. LM ⁹ John BEASLEY	PISSED (76 mins) *	6	
12. CF ¹⁴ Phil DAVIS - LAST GAME	PISSED (76 mins) *	6½	
14. RM ¹¹ Paul REBARO	PISSED (FULL TIME) *	6	
15. - Stafford DIER		-	
16. - Leaton HARRISON		-	

OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES:- WARREN FURNEAUX (104 mins), SIMMY STEWART (PEN.) (114 mins), RUSSELL OMER (119 mins)

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:- L. Hughes, T. Hughes, R. Beeden, C. Beeden, K. Young.

CROWD:- 21

CLUB LINESMAN:- BON BEASLEY

REFREES:- NIGEL LORD

REFREES' MARK (OUT OF 10):- 9

BOOKINGS:- —

SENDING OFFS:- DAVID ASHTON (ROVERS) } 45 mins (FOR FIGHTING)
ANDY FARRELLY (OPPOSERS) } (FOR FIGHTING)

WEATHER CONDITIONS:- STRONG COLD WIND DOWN PITCH (AGAINST US 2ND HALF + 1ST PERIOD EXTRA TIME)
OCCASIONAL SUN, BUT MAINLY CLOUDY.

STATE OF PITCH:- PERFECT EXCEPT FOR SLIGHTLY LONG GRASS.

Report: Our interest in all three Cup competitions this season finally ended with what was our 4th defeat in our last 5 matches against an Oakwood United side who were too experienced for us with nearly all of them having played in the Premier Division in the last few seasons, mainly for the current champions, Arras. In fact we didn't manage a single shot on target until the 109th minute!, and we would have lost in normal time if it hadn't been for some outstanding saves by Shaun O'Neill. The main reason we couldn't compete with Oakwood's teamwork though was because we didn't have any, as Carlo Casali, Dave Ashton (who was playing his first game for 7 years) and Stuart Gray and Steve Curl (both playing their first games for 5 weeks) didn't know each others names and with several players unable to go training on Mondays or come to take time for all our new (or returning) players to form any sort of team spirit and understanding with the six or seven squad members who have been together for a few years. Meanwhile, the other talking points from this match were Dave Ashton's harsh sending off just before half time (with an opponent) for supposedly 'throwing a punch' and what Stuart Dorward had been eating/drinking to 'chunder up' such disgusting looking vomit (in front of the camera) on the Full-Time whistle (hence his substitution !)

