

Sunday 9th November 2003

Mercury Waltham Sunday League Premier Division Match at Grundy Park, Cheshunt

ROSEMILL RESERVES

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Ahmed (Own Goal !) (46 mins),
Brimmell (60 mins)

Murphy (10, 88 mins.)

Rosemill Reserves Line-Up: No Team Details

Edmonton Rovers Reserves Line-Up (with Marks out of 10): Billy BURNHAM (GK) (6½); Ali AHMED (6½), Lee OSBORN (8), Dave BAGNALL (7), Terry DELLER (7); Gary ODELL (6½), Shamus McGOVERN (7), Brian KAMUTEKU (7½), Peter MURPHY (7½); Myron Mc,KAY (7½), Mashood BURAAHEE (6½) Subs.: None !

Referee: Melvyn PATEMAN

Weather Conditions: Cold & Cloudy

Attendance: 1 ?

Report (By Reserve Team Manager Mark Howley...with additional wording by Laurence Hughes !): Due to numerous players being unavailable because of various Social Commitments, injuries & First Team call-ups (or simply having left the club ?), our Reserve Team line-up for this match included only five survivors from the previous week's debacle against Northmet Reserves, and with Mashood Burahee and Shamus McGovern having to somehow play a full match with no substitutes available to replace them, there was always a possibility of another heavy defeat, even though Rosemill Reserves were bottom of the table and without a win so far.

However, we made a good start when Lee Osborn's 39-year-old work colleague Peter Murphy scored on his debut after just 10 minutes with a well-struck shot from outside the area, and it was the experience of Murphy in midfield together with another 39-year-old in Shamus McGovern which helped to give Myron McKay more service up front than he had seen all season so far. That saw Myron a lot more motivated for this match and therefore able to ignore the niggling knee injury he had been carrying for several weeks and go on to play a full game. The First Half was fairly even, but we managed to come off at Half-Time 1-0 up.

However, just a minute into the Second Half, a cross from the right-hand side of midfield into our 6-yard box saw Ali Ahmed sweep the ball into his own net after appearing to forget we had changed ends at Half-Time ?, and that obviously saw our heads drop for a while. We then started to get too casual with our passing and ended up giving away a corner in the 60th minute from which Rosemill took the lead as Barry Brimmell was left with a free header from 6 yards.

We then got back into the game but failed to really test the Rosemill keeper with a soft shot from the otherwise impressive Brian Kamuteku and a free-kick from skipper for the day Lee Osborn which flew over the bar being our best efforts. With 10 minutes to go though, we took a chance by pushing Shamus McGovern up front which really put the Rosemill defence under pressure and we gained our reward when Peter Murphy stepped up to curl an excellent free-kick into the top corner to make it 2-2 in the 88th minute, and that turned out to be the final scoreline.

Although we really needed a win against the bottom team to get out of the relegation places, this was a good performance considering the players we had unavailable and more importantly the team spirit was excellent with nobody walking off this time or throwing a tantrum. Skipper Lee Osborn was named as man of the match as he has been one of the culprits in the past for moaning at some of the younger players, but he set a great example in this match with his tackling and commitment at the back and with his encouragement to others.