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SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2000  
 MERCURY HALTIAM SUNDAY LEAGUE (DIVISION 2) MATCH AT HOME TO SPORTING CLUB TROPIC  
 AT HAZELWOOD SPORTS GROUND  
 KICK OFF 10.30 AM.  
 SCORE: EDMONTON ROVERS 3 SPORTING CLUB TROPIC 6 HALF TIME: 2-2

TEAM	MARKS OUT OF 10	SCORERS
1. GK Stavros ELIA	6	
2. RB Robin PRYKE	7½	
3. LB Steve BEASLEY (CAPTAIN)	6½	
4. RMCF David HURST	7	
5. SW Paul REBARO	6½	
6. CH Kevin DEDMAN	7	
7. CM Tony SPELLER * (70 mins)	6½	
8. CM Derek DORWARD	6½	14 mins,
9. CF Lenton HARRISON	7½	41, 73 mins,
10. CM Stuart DORWARD	6½	
11. LM John BEASLEY	6½	
12. RM Treasure MACCARTHY * (70 mins)	5½	
14. — Russell BEEDEN	—	
15. —	—	
16. —	—	
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OPPONENTS GOAL TIMES: RUSSELL BEEDEN (19 mins), JUNIOR Mc GAW (44, 86 mins), TYRONE JONES (60, 96 mins), K. AHUDEFAJU (93 mins)  
 OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L. HUGHES, T. HUGHES, GARY SOUTHAM (MGR)  
 CROWD: 17  
 CLUB LINESMAN: RON BEASLEY REFEREE: BOB SWALLOWELL  
 BOOKINGS: RUSSELL BEEDEN (S.C.T.) (15 mins - FALLING DEL), PAUL REBARO (52 mins - PERISTENT MULTIPLE 'FALLING'), RUSSELL BEEDEN (88 mins) LOUING ON HAZELWOOD FOR A RULE  
 PENDING OFF: JUNIOR Mc GAW (S.C.T.) (88 mins - PUNCHING STEVE BEASLEY)  
 WEATHER CONDITIONS: - SUNNY AND DRY, BUT VERY COLD. SLIGHT BREEZE ACROSS PITCH  
 STATE OF PITCH: - QUITE FIRM, BUT BADLY CHURNED UP, ESPECIALLY DURING MINUS / RESULT LONG GRASS

**Report:** We knew we would really be up against it coming into this match as runaway Division 2 leaders Sporting Club Tropic turned up an hour before kick-off to do their pre-match warm-up, they were fielding a full-strength side and they'd won their previous seven matches while only letting in two goals in their last five! We therefore decided to play a 4-5-1 formation and it generally worked really well, but we still managed to concede 6 goals from only 8 shots on target because we were punished for virtually every mistake we made. Although our opponents were admittedly much fitter, stronger and quicker to the ball than us and deserved to win, we could easily have nicked a draw as David Hurst missed an open goal towards the end which would have made it 4-4 only for Sporting Club Tropic to immediately break away and make it 5-3 just 30 seconds later! However, even though they were down to 10 men by that time after having a man sent off for punching Steve Beasley (one for the 'Out-Takes'!) they were still too good for us and clearly our only chance of beating them in future matches (e.g. The Intermediate Cup Final?) is to stop making the sort of frustratingly annoying defensive mistakes that have really cost us dear all season.