

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011

ORC Sports Waltham (Sunday) Football League Division One Match at Hazelwood Sports Ground

Kick-Off: 10.36.a.m. (Referee taking his time)

**Result: EDMONTON ROVERS.....4 ST. MARY'S (EDMONTON).....0** Half-Time: 2-0

SHIRT NUMBER	TEAM (3-1-4-2)			MARKS OUT OF 10	GOAL TIMES
1	GK	Simon JACKSON		7	
5	RCH	Alan BARNARD		8	74 Mins.
3	SW	Terry MOORE		8	
17	LCH	Darryl JOHNSON		7	
4	Hold CM	Yianni KYRIACOUC		8	
7	RM	Terry BROWN		7	
8	CM	Danny HAGAN		8	
9	CM	Stuart DORWARD (Captain)		8	53 Mins.
2	LM	Lee KING	OFF (Ill) 24	7	
10	CF	Conor McGOVERN		7½	30, 32 Mins.
6	CF	John SCOULLER		7	
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>					
12	LCH	Colin BESTER	ON 24	6½	

OWN GOALS Scored For Us:

MANAGER: Trevor Hughes

ATTENDANCE: 16

OPPONENTS' FAIR PLAY MARK (Out of 10): 8

REFEREE: Steve Murless

BOOKINGS: None

SENDING-OFFS: None

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy

CLUB LINESMAN: Trevor Hughes

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: L.Hughes, D.Smith (Inj.)

OUR FAIR PLAY MARK (Given by Opponents): TBA

REFEREE'S MARK (Out of 100): CONFIDENTIAL

STATE OF PITCH: Bone Dry but flat

**UNAVAILABILITY:** (6 Players) Danny Smith (Ankle Injury)

Saturday/Sunday Drop-Outs: Rob Brown (No Car), Martin Worthington (Neck Injury), Lexton Harrison (Family Commitments), Vernon 'Kizza' Nxumalo (Put his clock back instead of forward), Dean Assiamah (Asleep/No Show)

**OPPONENTS' LINE-UP (4-4-2):**

1. Andrew Quinn (GK); 2. Alan Shea (RB), 5. ? (CH), 6. Mark Batt (CH), 3. Liam Jennings (LB);  
15. Bradley Jennings (RM), 14. Jamie O'Donoghue (CM), 18. Alex Benjamin (Captain...CM), 9. Ben White (LM);  
7. James Faulkner (CF), 10. Micky Southam (CF)

Subs. 8. Daniel Shiels (on for No.5...32 Mins.), 11. Andre Cooper (on for O'Donoghue 60 Mins.)

**OPPONENTS' GOALSCORERS:** None

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

At the beginning of the week we had every player in our squad available so I delayed naming a squad until Wednesday when I named 16 players. Danny Smith dropped out through injury on Friday, Rob Brown dropped out due to a problem with his car on Saturday and Martin Worthington dropped out through injury on Sunday morning. As I knew that Darryl Johnson was coming with his kit that still left a strong squad of 14. However, at 10.15 BST I was missing Lexton Harrison, Dean Assiamah and Vernon 'Kizza' Nxumalo. Lexton answered his phone and informed me that he was unavailable and thought he had told 'someone' at training on Wednesday. There was no answer from Dean or Kizza. Colin Bester was roused from his bed and after having breakfast he made his way to the ground to be our only substitute with Darryl starting at centre back for the first time since he played there against us for The Beehive many years ago. This did enable me to move Stuart Dorward into midfield forming a very strong central midfield with Danny Hagan and Yann Kyriacou. We started the game well although it was a very closely fought game against our local rivals St Mary's. Lee King looked to be continuing his recent good form but suddenly announced that he was feeling sick and had to come off. I warned Darryl that the substitution would mean that he had to play the full 90 minutes and he took a deep breath. Conor McGovern scored the crucial first goal after 30 minutes with a good finish from Danny Hagan's through ball. Conor then doubled our lead just two minutes later when he took advantage of a defensive mistake to round the keeper and score. We had defended excellently with Terry Moore and Alan Barnard outstanding and Darryl looking comfortable and improving throughout the game. The next goal was to prove decisive as Conor turned provider by passing to Stuart Dorward who slid the ball past the keeper. Shortly afterwards at 11.51 BST I received a text from Kizza saying 'Sorry lads, I put my clock an hour back instead of an hour forward and woke up late.' Laurence had, of course, correctly predicted that it would be Kizza who did this. Fortunately, we had the game won by this point and an excellent breakaway from a corner saw Alan Barnard make a rare appearance in the opposition half and he scored his first goal for Rovers from Stuart's cross.

A 4-0 win was an excellent result and confirms that we are now safe from relegation.