

Sunday 22nd March 2009 (SECOND MATCH OF DOUBLE-HEADER...30 Minutes each way)

Mercury Waltham Sunday League Division One Match at Hazelwood Sports Ground

UNIQUES	0	EDMONTON ROVERS	1	HT 0-0
		Daley (38 mins.)		

UNIQUES LINE-UP: Dereck BROWN (GK); Muka MASON, Joel BURNETT, Kevin ANTOINE, Andy SIVI; Jamie HARRISON, Dwayne JONES, Darryl HANSON, Devon LEWIS; Courtney BLAKE, Tyrone PALMER
Subs.: Tarik HASSAN (On for Burnett 23 mins.), Orraine FISHER (On for Lewis at Half-Time)

EDMONTON ROVERS LINE-UP (with Marks out of 10): Darryl JOHNSON (GK) (7½); Terry MOORE (7½), Alan BARNARD (8), Martin LOVEDAY (7½); Tony KING (7), Rob BROWN (7½), Vernon NXUMALO (7), Jim ARROWSMITH (6½); Stuart DORWARD (6½); Daniel DALEY (7½), Steve COKELL (7) **Subs.:** Terry BROWN (7½) (On for Dorward 10 mins.), Gavin MARDELL (6½) (On for King 45 mins.)

Referee: John NOBLEMUNN

Weather Conditions: Sunny & Dry

Attendance: 16

Report (by Laurence Hughes): For this second match, stand-in Manager Stuart Dorward gave Daniel Daley a start up front alongside Steve Cokell, while putting Vernon 'Kizza' Nxumalo in the unusual position of centre midfield, such was our confidence after winning the first match so convincingly. However, when Stuart had to be carried off after just 10 minutes with an ankle injury, it not surprisingly resulted in the rest of the second match being much more evenly-contested, and we were forced to sit back and defend a lot more, especially in the Second Half.

After a goal-less First Half in which Uniques were probably fortunate not to have two players sent off for



professional fouls on Tony King and Daniel Daley (having now seen them on video !), we finally made the breakthrough in the 38th minute when Daley drilled home from just inside the area after running onto a clever pass inside from Terry Brown, but Uniques really put us under pressure after that and our back three and keeper Darryl Johnson really had their work cut out to earn us another three points. 'D.J.' only really had to make one difficult save though with a good stop low to his right from Tyrone Palmer, but he dealt much better with crosses and high balls into the area this time after his 'nightmare' against Enfield Royals the week before. Our forwards also did a good job defensively though by chasing back and dropping into midfield, and that saw us through in the end with a valuable six points to give us a great chance of avoiding relegation.

We also had all our players pay their subs to stand-in Treasurer Terry Moore, except for Daniel Daley, who wanted to pay by credit card, and although a lot of players had to shoot off straight on the final whistle (and not help clear up) because of Mothers' Day commitments, it was still a successful day, and Manager Hughes can now relax for the rest of the week in his Cyprus villa !