

07/11/05 TT No.101: *Dave Reed* - Bushey Rangers (HSCL) in Herts Centenary Trophy

With travelling companion Ken, I visited Bushey Rangers on Saturday for their Herts Centenary Trophy game against Colney Heath. The game was packed with incident, the visitors taking the lead early on and then having their keeper sent off after eleven minutes with their central defender and captain taking over in goal. The home side then equalised through a monster own goal by the visitors' no 4 who under no pressure hit a great shot past the stand in keeper. Bushey then went ahead, a lead that they kept until the interval. During the break, Colney changed their keeper, putting their goal-scorer between the sticks and a very good job he did too. The no 4 redeemed his earlier mistake by scoring two goals to put his side back in front, including one shot from at least 45 yards after a poor clearance from the home keeper. A fourth, relatively straight forward goal saw the visitors through to the next round. Incidentally, the line ups for each side contained three brothers.

The ground is located within a public park and the pitch is railed off in quite pleasant surroundings. Certainly not the worst of its type. A twenty-page programme was available free of charge from the bar in the clubhouse but although many of the pages were blank, at least they issued. With no admission charge either it certainly was a 'value for money' afternoon!