

12/11/05 TT No.108: Steve King - Biddulph Victoria (Midland Alliance)

On Saturday 12th November I attended the Harvey World Travel Midland Alliance match between BIDDULPH VICTORIA and Alvechurch won 2-1 by the home club. Admission was £4.00 with an excellent 44-page programme available for £1.00 including a glossy colour cover in club colours of sky blue and maroon with plenty of content and stats etc. I travelled by train to Stoke-On-Trent and caught a bus into the city centre at Hanley before getting a regular bus service from the bus station to Biddulph (First Potteries 6a) which run every 15 mins journey time about 35-40 mins. Return fare was just £2.25. The town of Biddulph is fairly nondescript with a main high street running through it and a handful of uninspiring pubs although there is a good Wetherspoons pub there. The ground is just south of the town centre about 7 mins walk from the high street along Tunstall Road on the left-hand side. There is a nice clubhouse outside the ground which had *Ruddles County* on handpump, and behind the near goal is a large area of cover, slightly angled from the pitch, with the rest of the facilities nearby such as dressing rooms, toilets and tea-bar. All the goals were in the first half with the 2nd half fairly uneventful.

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