

01/12/05 TT No.121: *Barry Neighbour* - Brentwood Town (Essex Senior League)

Saturday 26th November 2005 Brentwood Town 0 AFC Hornchurch 3 Essex Senior League 3 * 28 Page Programme £1 - Mostly Match reports.

I caught the train to Brentwood via London and apart from being evacuated at Bank and having to fork out £1.20 for a bus to Liverpool Street it was a pleasant journey. Having sought refreshments at Murphys Sports Bar just outside the station we proceeded to Brentwood Leisure Centre, opting to take a taxi for the estimated 1-mile trip. What a mistake as we were charged £5.40 for the trip, a bus back stopped outside the station and cost £1.10 - travellers beware.

Brentwood's ground is by the Leisure Centre and is open on 3 sides; they have a small stand with 4 rows of seats but the front two were rendered useless on the day as a larger than normal crowd congregated in front of the seats making it impossible to see whilst sitting in the front two rows. Table toppers AFC Hornchurch scored with their first attack when ace marksman Billy Holland unleashed an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area. The predicted hammering never materialised however as Brentwood put up a spirited display to claw their way back into the game. Hornchurch eventually increased their lead 15 minutes from time when the full back sprang the Brentwood offside trap to beat the keeper with a well taken finish. The game was wrapped up in the closing minutes when a short back pass forced the Brentwood keeper to make a hasty clearance only to see the ball fall to the deadly feet of Billy Holland who rolled the ball into an empty net from fully 40 yards for his 2nd of the match. Brentwood have a number of ground improvements including a new stand in the pipeline which will only go to enhance the status of a friendly club.