

**05/12/05 No.125: *Dave Reed* - Chalfont Wasps (Hellenic League Division 1 East) in Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup**

Friend Ken and I had a good day out on Saturday as we visited Chalfont Wasps who entertained Risborough Rangers in the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup. The ground is located at the end of Crossleys, off Bowstridge Lane and appears to be part of the village playing fields. There is a small clubhouse at the end of the car park and here we obtained a programme for £2 from behind the bar. This consisted of a 24-page shell (with the line ups on the back) and a 16 page insert which had all the relevant details including pen pictures of both sides. To reach the railed off pitch, you have to go around the tennis courts which proved to be a very muddy walk today! The pitch however was in good condition. There is an area of cover on the left-hand side which is raised above the dug outs which are situated in front.

We were treated to a highly entertaining afternoon's football where the home side, despite having much the better of possession throughout, struggled to overcome their visitors from the South Midlands League. Risborough took an early lead which Chalfont equalised after 34 minutes only to fall behind again three minutes later. The home side scored three times in the second half to look well in command with eight minutes to go but Risborough got a third two minutes later and then had two further chances to score, missing an open goal and hitting the bar.

We had a friendly welcome from a home official who knew what we were about as he offered to provide the team changes. One word of warning if you are intending to visit, the programmes appeared to be in short supply so get there early.

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