

**19/12/05 TT No.137: *Barry Neighbour* - Evergreen (Herts Senior County League Premier Division)**

Saturday 17th December 2005, Evergreen 0 Codicote 1, Herts Senior County League Premier Division. Attendance: 16, Rating:3\*, 28-page programme cover price £1 but none seemed to be on general sale. I managed to get an odd copy left behind the bar but my two travelling companions Alan Gulliford and Peter Franks were reduced to begging in the changing room area for copies left out for the players!

Evergreen play at Abbots Langley and have their own clubhouse with a bar and tea bar which was serving burgers and hot drinks. The pitch is on open parkland with a plastic rail around the pitch. There was temporary cover at the far end where a large gazebo had been erected. In addition, tents were used as makeshift dug outs!

The game wasn't brilliant with the only goal coming in the first half. A static Evergreen defence allowed a cross to come in and, whilst waiting for an offside flag to go up, a Codicote forward stabbed the ball in at the far post. There was some interest for spectators when the Codicote full back got in a verbal confrontation with a spectator who was threatening to go onto the field to sort out their difference of opinion. Thankfully this never happened as Evergreen seem to have enough problems being rooted to the foot of the table.

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