

21/09/05 TT No. 52: *Barry Neighbour* - Recent September Travels

Recent Games: Tuesday 13th September 2005; **Cove** 4 Ash United 3 Combined Counties Premier Cup 2nd Round; 24-page programme included in Admission Price. Att. 75; FGIF Rating: 4 Stars.

Cove raced into a surprise 3-0 lead in the first-half in a lively encounter. Ash got one back just before the break to reduce the deficit and incredibly pulled the score back to 3-3 in the second-half and looked the more likely side to grab a winner. But it was the home side who had the final sting in the tail, scoring the winner just before time to prevent the gallant Ash comeback. Cove have a new stand to replace the one that was burnt out. Unfortunately, I did not have my camera with me on the night to take a picture of it.

Saturday 17th September 2005; **Eastbourne United Association** 1 Mile Oak 3; FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round; 36 Page Programme: 50p; Attendance: about 50: FGIF Rating: 3 Stars.

2nd Division Mile Oak came from a goal behind to win 3-1 against their 1st Division Sussex League counterparts. This is a funny ground with a large old stand which is way over fifty metres from the pitch. It looks like the pitch has been moved at some time. Plans in the clubhouse seem to indicate that major development is to take place with the pitch being turned and a new stand and covered terracing built alongside it.

Tuesday 20th September 2005; **Horley Town** 4 Bookham 0; Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup 1st Round; 32 Page Programme Priced £1; Attendance: 45; FGIF Rating: 3 Stars.

Top of the table Horley took on 1st Division Bookham and soon made their class tell with a goal timed at just 37 seconds (ref confirmed) from fully 30 yards. They followed this with a second after 4 minutes when a left-wing cross was converted. Bookham started to compete a bit more but Horley's class was still evident in the 22nd Minute with a 3rd goal again hit from outside the area. here were no more goals in the opening half. The second half was really quite poor as Horley took the foot of the pedal and we had to wait until the 90th minute for their 4th when the winger cut inside before a delicate lob left the keeper stranded. This was my first visit to the New Defence and the set-up is certainly impressive with a clubhouse upstairs that looks out over the whole pitch. A seated stand is attached below the clubhouse, the other 3 sides are open.

Is the 37 second goal the fastest of the season? One for the Anoraks!