

**03/11/05 TT No.97: *Barry Neighbour* - Ashford Town (Ryman 1)**

Tuesday 1st November 2005; Ashford Town 5 Burnham 0; Errea Cup 2nd Round; Rating: 3\*; Programme: 12 Pages text inside 16-page adverts etc, £1. Ashford (Middlesex) have replaced the temporary stand they had on my last visit with a traditional brick built one; they also have two covered areas on the near side covering up to the half way line. Although not the biggest of grounds it is neat and tidy. With the big FA Cup match against Aldershot on Saturday Burnham fielded a reserve line up in this game. It showed as Ashford took a grip on the game from the early stages and spurned a great chance to take a 20th minute lead when they missed a penalty given (when the Burnham keeper brought down the home forward). They only had to wait another 5 minutes before taking a deserved lead. The game was sewn up in a devastating 11-minute spell either side of half-time with goals in the 39th, 41st, 47th and 50th minutes gave Ashford an unassailable 5-0 lead. After this it was damage limitation for the young Burnham side whose goalkeeper was excellent and was mainly responsible for keeping Ashford at bay as they peppered the visitor's goal to no avail.

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