

TT No. 1: *Barry Neighbour* - Thursday 13th July 2006; **Ilfracombe Town 0 Brentford 6** (PS Friendly) and Saturday 15th July 2006; **Bideford AFC 0 Brentford 0** (PS Friendly).

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Ilfracombe entertained Brentford in this pre-season friendly. Ilfracombe's ground has a big slope from one end to the other and although it does not have seating it has cover behind one goal and at the side. It has a small clubhouse and the entrance to the ground is via several steps. On learning that I was disabled the official in the car park opened the back gate to allow access to the ground avoiding the steps. Full credit to the home officials here! The game itself went to form with Brentford's better fitness proving the difference between the two sides. Ilfracombe had chances in the first half but Brentford were two up at half time. The second half proved one-way traffic despite several changes to the line up and ran out comfortable 6-0 winners.

Saturday 15th July 2006; **Bideford AFC 0 Brentford 0**; 40-page programme £1; Rating 3*.

Two days later saw the second game of the Bees mini tour as they played at Bideford. The playing surface was first class as they held the league side to a goalless stalemate. An impressive clubhouse was matched by a small stand and covered terracing on the far side. Considering the lack of goals this was quite entertaining with Brentford going closest when new signing Joe Kouffour headed against the bar with the goal completely open.

All in all, a good couple of days away taking in two new grounds and several new pubs!

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