

**TT No.12: *Paul Roth*** - Saturday 19th August 2006; Herts. Sen League: **Knebworth vs. Elliott Star**; Res: 2-2; Att: 50ish; Entry: Free! Programme: £1, 16 pages.

Not wanting to venture too far today, I plumped for newly promoted Knebworth in the Herts. Sen. League, for their match versus Elliott Star. Their home ground, the "Rec", is located in Watton Road, almost in the centre of the small town, if one is driving that is. There is also a pedestrian entrance on the main Stevenage Road. The "Rec" is precisely named and the football club share their home with tennis, bowls and other footballing areas, but is partially enclosed by metal railings on both flanks, whilst the town end has makeshift road work-esque type screening. The new changing rooms house the small tea area where cakes, crisps, chocolate bars and hot drinks can be bought. The 16-page programme, a bright orange shell enclosing 12 pages of relevant info, can also be purchased here.

The game itself was the best I have witnessed so far this term with both teams going all out to get that vital first win of the season. An even first half saw Knebworth go in one up at the interval, but after the break Elliott Star upped the ante to deservedly equalise, only to fall behind once again to the goal of the game, a superb dipping effort that clipped the underside of the bar and bounced just over the line. Star equalised with an almost equally good effort soon after and should have gone on to win the match if it had not been for the home keepers' heroics and slightly wasteful finishing on the part of the visitor's forwards.

This league has always produced entertaining football whenever I have delved into it and today was no exception. A thoroughly enjoyable day out, enhanced by meeting fellow 'Hopper Keith (sorry I don't know your surname) with whom I much enjoyed chatting. Once a year our paths always seem to cross.

FGIF Rating 4\*.

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