

TT No. 128: *Dean McClean* - Saturday 27th January 2007. United Counties League Premier Division: **Boston Town** v Long Buckby. Res: 4-1; Att: 83; Admission: £4; 32pp-Programme: £1; FGIF Match Rating 3*.

Standing in the food queue at Morrison's supermarket on a Wednesday tea time attempting to place my order I was rudely interrupted by an unwanted 'phone call. What an inconvenient time to call I thought! Thankfully I decided to answer, as the friendly voice on the other end enquired, "do you fancy a trip to Boston Town on Saturday?" A trip to Boston? Why not.

Fellow Ground enthusiast Mike Latham wrote a fair and insightful piece on his trip to Boston Town last season (see *05/06: TT No. 142*) and there is not much more I can add to his comments apart from a continuing nod of agreement.

My driver being an avid Blackburn Rovers fan, it was an early departure so as to be in a Boston pub by 12:30 to catch their FA Cup match at Luton. A super little pub and Captain Cod's Fish & Chips later, we were inside the ground for 2:40.

With the hosts sitting in 3rd and their visitors in a lowly position of 21st out of 22 we expected a rather one-sided affair. The score-line would suggest such, but that tells only part of story. As Town race into a 3-0 lead at half-time, scores of 6 and 7-0 were predicted. However Long Buckby played some superb football in the 2nd half, pulled a goal back and had numerous chances to further reduce the deficit. Though Boston won by 3 goals, this victory was less than clear cut.

In club captain Gary Bull, Town have a formidable goal-scorer in their ranks, 36 already, including FOUR hat-tricks. Although he didn't score today his all-round game was excellent and surely, he can play at a higher level.

Travelling from the West on the A52 toward Boston, turn left onto the A1137, then right crossing over the River Whitham. After this turn sharp right onto Tattershall Road and after about half a mile the ground is on your left.

A very enjoyable day all round.