

TT No.131: *Richard Panter* - Tues 30th January 2007; **Barwell** v Loughborough Dynamo; Midland Football Alliance; Res: 6-0; Att.161; Programme 32 pages £1; Match rating 4 stars.

The Kirkby Road home of Barwell lies on the northern edge of the town. It has a good-sized cantilever stand and a decent area of standing cover on one side, the dug outs are opposite and it has full hard standing, neat and functional seem appropriate words of description.

The match was yet another Leicestershire MFA derby (Barwell's eighth out of ten this season), but as the score-line shows it was not a tense or close encounter. It seems somewhat contradictory to say that Loughborough did not play catastrophically badly, conversely the home side played well, but not as well as the winning margin would have you believe. Barwell were two up in twenty minutes and were consequently in control thanks to some excellent finishing and a tight hold on midfield. A third before the break increased their grip. I fancied a fight back from Dynamo and imagined they would score the fourth, well I was wrong. Shortly after the restart Barwell blasted a fourth and put the match to bed. From then on it was simply a matter of damage limitation for Loughborough and a comfortable period for their opponents. Two further strikes were the icing on the cake as it were.

It must be said that four of the goals were as good as I have seen this season, the others stemmed from a scramble in the box and a goal keeping error. From where we were standing Barwell were also denied a penalty. Finishing of the highest order from the Canaries who seem good outside bet for a tilt at a promotion spot.

Home manager, Bob Steel had a good night leaping further and further onto the playing area with each goal. Sweet revenge indeed for a 4 - 2 defeat in Loughborough earlier in the season. The two Barwell matches we have been at recently have yielded a whopping thirteen goals and six points for them, what price a goal less draw next time!