

TT No.18: Barry Neighbour - Mon 28th August 2006; **Weston Super Mare 2** Bedford Town 1; Nationwide Conference South - 40-page prog £1.50 Att: 294 Rating: 3* and Wed 30th August 2006; **Bitton 1** Calne Town 2; Western League Premier Division; 20- page programme £1; Attendance - 110 Rating: 4*.

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This is Weston's 3rd season at their new ground but it seems as if they could be on the move again as a developer has bought the land behind the stadium and is interested in acquiring Weston's ground for housing. They currently have a stand down one side and large covered terracing behind one goal but nothing of note on the other two sides. They do have a large clubhouse and a club shop which was happy to exchange programmes. Bedford had the better of the first-half and took a 38th minute lead into the half-time break. Within 5 minutes of the second-half starting Weston were level when a snap shot from 20 yards caught the visitors' keeper off guard. This goal gave Weston confidence and they had the better of the second half although Bedford still looked dangerous on the break. Weston's winner was an excellent individual goal as the forward controlled a high ball before volleying past the despairing dive from the Bedford keeper.

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Bitton have a small stand on the far side and covered standing area for 150 fans on the near side. They also have a new dressing room complex built in 2004 and funded by The Lottery. The game was an exciting end to end affair with Bitton taking the lead midway through the first-half when their centre forward finished superbly at the near post. Unfortunately, this was his only worthwhile contribution as despite having the physique he did not seem to have the skill or ability to win the ball for the rest of the match. The lead was short-lived as Calne scored an excellent equalizer 5 minutes later with a rasping shot from 25 yards. The second half was a lively affair with both benches getting more than a little excited as the referee brandished a number of yellow cards! Calne pulled off the win late in the game as the forward raced through on a one on one with the keeper and tried to lob the ball over him but was way off target; fortunately it fell nicely and turned into an excellent pass for the Calne substitute to run onto and sweep the ball into the empty net. An excellent game to finish a busy week of football.