

TT No.228: Paul Roth - Wednesday 18th April 2007; Kent County League Div. 2 East; **Guru Nanak** vs. Sutton Athletic; Result: 1-1; Attendance: 34; Programme: none issued.

After the delight that was Borden Village last night, it was down to Earth with a bit of a bump this evening as I travelled to Gravesend. Actually, I very much like the town, with the grim sounding name, but Dunkirk Avenue, where GN play their home matches is best described in one word - HIDEOUS.

A lot of the Council houses here are boarded up and the place has a dreadful run-down feel. I never actually saw anyone with a shooter this evening, but...Enclosed by steel fencing, the Henley AEI club consists of four football pitches, a bowls club and an impressive social hall. GN play on the near pitch here which is by the dressing rooms. There is no cover, the field is not roped off in any way and there aren't even dugouts!

Naturally no programmes are ever issued by the club.

Vying for runners up spot and therefore promotion along with the home side who are already league champions, Sutton Athletic, from Sutton-At-Hone, near Dartford, had the better of the match this evening and played the better football. hey fell behind to a penalty half way through the first period but levelled 10 minutes later with a very well worked goal. Much of the rest of the game was fought out in midfield as both sides cancelled each other out and, in the end, suppose a draw was a just result.

Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and the football club is run on the lines of his doctrine whereby fair play and justice should be uppermost in the players thoughts. UMM!

For all I have written so far in this article, lease don't be put off travelling to watch this interesting little club who will be playing in the 1st Division next season. I did enjoy myself this evening and the gritty game that ensued...honest!