

**TT No.26: Paul Roth** - Wednesday 13th September 2006; Kent League; **Faversham Town vs. Whitstable Town**; Res: 0-1; Att: 394; Entry: £6; Programme: 32 pages £1.

It is some years since I last visited Salters Lane, the home of Faversham Town, and it is great that this venue is once again back on the Kent League scene.

The pitch is in the same place but nearly everything else has changed and all for the better. In fact, the ground was in such a state of utter decay that I am amazed how good it is now. New and very powerful floodlights, new iron covering on the town end stand, an impressive and comfortable new clubhouse which replaced the decrepit and dangerous old one and a new catering van have all created a more than tidy arena. The old stand on the road side is as it was but there is new fencing all around.

After parking in the small car park, I paid the £6 admission fee and purchased the 32-page programme for £1, a disappointing effort this one in truth with too many adverts and committing the cardinal sin of not including an up to date league table. A quick pint of Master Brew in the new club and then out into the elements for the main attraction.

Tonight's visitors were Whitstable Town currently unbeaten in the league so far. Although this is of course a local derby, I was staggered at the attendance of 394 on such a wet and miserable evening and with a host of Champion's League football on offer to watch on the box, this was a great turn out by the football loving folk of this part of Kent.

The fixture was a tight affair with the visitors taking the honours in the first half and scoring the only goal during this period but the second certainly belonged to the homesters who did most things right except score.

A good, if somewhat wet evening out, and a real joy to see Faversham Town back in the Kent League.

FGIF rating 4\*.

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