

**TT No.263: *Richard Panter*** - Tues 15th May 2007; Czech Republic v Holland; UEFA U19 European Championship Elite Grp; Venue: **Burton Albion FC**; Result: 0-2; Attendance: 125 (est.); Entry: Free; Tournament programme: £2, 36 pages; Match rating: 3\*.

Back at Burton Albions' Pirelli Stadium some sixteen hours after leaving there last night, I live only eighteen miles away. This time there were barely one hundred in attendance to see the cream of Dutch and Czech under nineteen talent.

Two goals midway through the first half from Liverpool forward Jordy Brouwer were enough to secure the points for the Dutch. The noticeable thing which separated the players from their British counterparts was a will to go backwards and sideways with the ball at their feet. They were patient and more importantly comfortable in possession of the ball, rather than aiming to launch it high and forward at every opportunity.

An over-zealous chief official showed yellow cards like confetti; Czech striker Lukas Vacha was particularly unlucky as he saw the jaundice coloured notelet twice in nine minutes to get into the bath on the hour. The second half was better fare as both teams found their passing range and were it not for wayward finishing and the ball hitting the Dutch woodwork twice there should have been more goals, still you can't have everything can you...free parking and free entry to the main stand, a decent programme and team sheets for both sides.