

**TT No.9: *Barry Neighbour*** - Saturday 12th August 2006; **Bowers & Pitsea 5**  
Beaumont Athletic 1; Essex Senior League; 36-page programme (22 pages adverts)  
£1; Rating 3\*.

Bowers entertained new boys Beaumont Athletic and strolled to a comfortable win. Beaumont have an Asian background and were in the Essex Business League last season. Played in driving rain throughout, it was the home side who dominated the game from the start and took the lead after 15 minutes when naive defending allowed the Bowers forward time to juggle the ball in the area before firing home. Bowers doubled their lead just before the break when a Beaumont player threw himself in front of a goal-bound shot. The ref decided that he handled the ball and produced the red card. Bowers slotted home the penalty for a 2-0 half-time lead.

The expected rout did not materialise until mid-way through the second half when the Bowers centre-forward was presented with an easy tap in to complete his hat-trick. Beaumont pulled a goal back with a vicious cross/shot that dipped over the keeper. Bowers were still dominating the match and got a 4th when a low cross was back heeled past the visitor's keeper. The scoring was completed with a header from a corner to make it 5-1. It would appear from this showing that Beaumont could have a long hard season ahead of them.

And finally, a couple of oddities for the Anorak: (1) - an unusual wooden door appears on the far side of the ground which is situated amongst some trees, apparently it leads to.... some more trees!??? (2) Beaumont brought on a substitute wearing the number 99. Has anyone witnessed a player with a higher number than this?