

TT No.99: *Barry Neighbour* - Saturday 23rd December 2006; **Hayling United 1**
Fawley AFC 1; Wessex League Division 1 Att: 65; Rating: 3*; Programme: 20pp £1.

Hayling United have moved to Hayling College which has potential. It boasts floodlights and a plastic barrier around the pitch. Hardstanding has been laid on the near side but the rest is open fields containing two rugby pitches. Although there isn't a clubhouse or bar facilities the club operate a tea bar where hot food is served. We got around this by having a meal in the Wetherspoons pub at Havant and then going back to The Maypole Inn which is about a mile back down the road.

The crowd of about 65 was boosted by a number of 'hoppers including Gerry McGill, Dennis Woods, Alan Gulliford, Les Jewiss and Peter Franks. The game pitted league leaders Hayling United against 5th placed Fawley. As expected, the first half was a tight affair with the visitors shading it but it remained goalless at the interval. Fawley took the lead on the hour when a cross from the right was headed past the exposed keeper. Hayling pushed forward but did not look like getting the equalizer against a resolute Fawley defence. Having scored 16 goals in their previous two home games saved their unbeaten record eight minutes from time when a powerful shot from the edge of the area made it 1-1. Overall a fair reflection on the play with the second half opening up into a good game of football.