

TT No.233: Bob Davies - Sat 12th April 2008; **Hundon** (1) 2 v Needingworth Utd (0) 1; Cambs Premier League; Admission: £1, Programme: £1, Coffee and Kit Kat only 60p! Attendance: EST 40 plus.

A Sunny afternoon in Suffolk and a promised visit to Hundon FC. The 45-mile journey was quite uneventful (which made a nice change) and we arrived in the village of Hundon at around 2pm.

The ground itself is next to the village hall and local shop that also doubles as the village post office. On arrival there were no programmes but all fears were gone when the editor arrived with a good number. After purchasing one it was down to the local hostelry for a pint before the game. The Rose and Crown (a club sponsor) is a friendly pub serving Greene King beer (not surprising being so near to Bury St Edmunds). I settled for a refreshing pint of Chariot. The games room at the pub has pictures around the wall of Hundon teams of the past and adverts for the club's casino night. I guess the pub probably doubles as a clubhouse after the game.

Back to ground and on to the game. An extended portacabin was used as changing rooms and tea was also served from hatchway in the middle of the complex. The pitch was roped off and has a noticeable slope with dugouts being situated over the far side to the dressing rooms. There is also a small covered standing area behind the goal at the dressing room end.

Visitors Needingworth were kicking down the slope in the first half and produced a good performance for a team one place off a relegation place. The only goal of the first period coming after 41 minutes from Matt Fulcher. Hundon needed to obtain maximum points in what is a very tight top of the table affair. Needingworth took advantage of a breakaway and equalised with Dan Turburville smashing home after outpacing the home defence. Hundon pushed for another goal but had to be wary of the visitors breaking away again. With four minutes remaining Matt Fulcher beat the keeper but hit the post, luckily, substitute Craig Smith was on hand to poke the ball home into an empty net for the winner to keep the title race wide open.

The programme, about which a lot has been written, is certainly a terrific effort and people singing its praises are not wrong. There are 28 pages of very colourful content and it is excellent for a team at this level. Well done to the editor.

All told a good day and a recommended visit if you haven't been already, the village of Hundon lies north east of Haverhill and can be accessed from the west on the A143 (Haverhill to Bury road) by turning right (signposted Barnardiston/Hundon). From the east the B1063 from Clare to Stradishall can be accessed by a left turn.

Website - not at the present time. FGIF Match Rating: 3* - good!

