

TT No.245: *Paul Roth* - Mon 5th May 2008; Mid Sussex League Premier Division;
Jarvis Brook vs. Old Varndeanians; Res: 1-1; Att: 50 (?); Programme and Entry:
 N/A; Weather: Warm and sunny.

Mid Sussex League - FINAL TABLE

Top 2

LINDFIELD - PL24	W15	D6	L3	PTS51	GF93	GA41	GD+52
OLD V'S - PL24	W15	D6	L3	PTS51	GF56	GA30	GD+26

From the sublime to the ridiculous!

The wondrous pitch at Falmer on Saturday afternoon, at Old Varndeanians, was replaced this morning by a playing surface that would have even had the great Sherlock Holmes and his side kick Watson pondering where to turn next for a solution to it.

Jarvis brook is adjoined to the town of Crowborough, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's birthplace, and the football club is located out in the sticks, on Palesgate Lane. A car park and changing room block are all that's there and the pitch is a further 100 yards distant down the lane.

Dandelion and daisy strewn, undulating, sloping, rock hard and ruched with drainage scars hardly describes the surface properly.

A shame, as OV's had to win to be certain of the league title this morning and they just couldn't ever come to terms with it, not unsurprisingly. A dour, goalless first half was followed by a better second period and when OV's scored from a penalty it looked as though the title was heading South. That was not to be, as JB deservedly equalised some fifteen minutes later, and with Lindfield winning 5-1 at Hassocks III the title had been lost, on goal difference, to them.

Near the end, OV's had scored a perfectly good goal, but this had been ruled out for offside by a rather too biased home club linesman. I was right in line with the action and the scorer was not only onside, but the pass to him was a backward one. On such decisions, championships are won and lost.

Really, though, the only winner today was that dreadful pitch!

FGIF Rating: 2*.

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