

TT No.7: *Barry Neighbour* - Tuesday 7th August 2007; **Ascot United** v Chalfont St Peter; Pre-Season Friendly; Result: 0-3; Attendance: 20; Programme: No; FGIF Rating: 4*.

Hellenic League newcomers Ascot United have an attractive ground set in the corner of Ascot Racecourse. A new rail around the pitch and new fencing have pulled the ground up to Hellenic standards. There are also plans to replace the existing wooden buildings with a brick-built clubhouse to encompass new changing facilities and install a new all-weather surface as well as new floodlights on the main pitch.

The match itself was a pulsating affair which should have produced a goal feast but the first half ended goalless despite Chalfont having a goal disallowed and hitting the Ascot woodwork on no less than three occasions. They did not have it all their own way as Ascot also created a number of chances which they failed to convert. The second half was only a minute old when Chalfont opened the scoring - a through ball caught the Ascot defence square and the forward tucked the ball past the outgoing keeper. Both sides continued to squander their chances until midway through the second half when Chalfont doubled their tally when another through ball split the Ascot defence but the Chalfont player crashed a powerful shot against the post only to see it rebound back off the chest of his colleague to make it 2-0. The game continued in the same vein with both sides wasting good opportunities until Chalfont made it 3-0 in the last minute. A corner swung in from the left was met with a looping header that eluded the keeper and was knocked over the line by the defender on the line.

All in all, a good night out. Ascot are worth a visit and will hopefully be issuing programmes when their league programme begins next week.