

**TT No.190: Rob Champion** - Saturday 28th March 2009; **Broughton Astley v Kingsway Rangers**; Leicester & District League Division 1; Score: 0-5; Admission/Programme: none; Att: approx. 10; Match rating: 2.

The Leicester & District League is a league that I would take an educated guess at it does not feature on the radar of many, if any groundhoppers. The clubs vary from having their own grounds to using school or park pitches. Today's game sees Broughton Astley who lie second bottom take on unbeaten division leaders Kingsway Rangers.

Broughton Astley is a large village nine miles south of Leicester and six miles east of Hinckley located between the B4114 and A426. The population is believed to be around the 10,000 mark which comprises of three historic settlements - Broughton Astley itself, Primethorpe and Sutton-in-Elms.

Broughton play at the Frolesworth Road Recreation Ground which also houses a children's play area, skate park and a cricket pitch. The pitch looked like it had seen better days and in need of a good roll. This along with a swirling wind made conditions difficult.

As I found out during the second half Kingsway needed to win today to be crowned division 1 champions. The game started (as expected) with the visitors making the early running and created a few chances in the first five minutes which forced the home keeper to produce comfortable saves. As the half wore on the game became scrappy with few chances being created, though just before half time the visitors had a goal disallowed for offside.

The second half saw Kingsway break the deadlock on 52 minutes with a shot from the edge of the area. The second then followed two minutes later when the number 9 scored from the penalty spot, and pretty much straight from kick-off the number 6 went through the visiting defence to slot

home number 3. The scoring was not finished as the number 9 scored with a header from eight yards on the hour mark. Four goals in an eight-minute spell ended the game as a contest and it was then a question of when Kingsway would score next. The answer came with ten minutes left when (I think) the number 11 scored with a cracking shot from outside the area.