

TT No.200: Mark Farnell - Sat 12th March 2011; **Lutterworth Athletic** v Asfordby Amateurs (Leicestershire Senior League Prem); Result: 7-0; Admission: £2; Programme: 24pp, £1.

After the drama of Tuesday's cup match at Mansfield, Saturday saw Lucy and I travel to another Leicestershire Senior League game to watch Lutterworth Athletic play Asfordby Amateurs hoping to at least see our four goals a game average.

Travelling down the A444 and A5 on a pleasant mid-day journey our trip suddenly came to a halt when the road had been closed due to a road accident with all three emergency services in attendance. The nearest police officer told us the road would be blocked for some time and that we should drive by the road to our left through Ullesthorpe and then through the local villages to Lutterworth but it could take some time. We turned left as directed then took the first turning on the right which brought us back on the A5 about 100 metres further up the road past the accident and we arrived in Lutterworth about ten minutes later.

Following directions off the internet we reached the ground at about 2.30pm and paid the £2 admission and £1 for the programme and parked up in the rather small car park. A quick look at the programme and then inside the club house to get a couple of pin badges for our collection and a chat with the locals who were really friendly and welcoming and interested in the phenomenon of ground hopping. At that point other hoppers began to arrive who had heard the news that the club would be moving grounds at the end of the season and were eager to tick this one off their list.

Kick off was at 3.00pm and started as quite an evenly matched affair for the first half hour which was disappointing as I had hoped to see a few goals. However, on thirty-two minutes or thereabouts Lutterworth took the lead through Danny Laywood who was played through by a neat move and placed his shot wide of the keeper into the bottom left hand corner. Within ten minutes the hosts had doubled the lead with number nine Callum Wills allowed to score in space. The first half ended Lutterworth 2 Asfordby 0.

Half time and a trip back to the car for a jacket as the sunshine began to fade. With no refreshments on offer in the club back it was straight back out for the second half. The next forty-five minutes was really the Danny Laywood show as he scored his second goal on fifty-four minutes, third on sixty-five, fourth on eighty-five with still time for a fifth and sixth before the final whistle. It was a far more one-sided second half with Lutterworth moving the ball around well and crossing the ball into the box from wide positions for Laywood and Wills. The former latched on to from close range blasting the ball into the roof of the net. Final score Lutterworth Athletic 7 Asfordby Amateurs 0.

Just time to say farewell to the other hoppers before making our exit from the car park. We then made our way up the M1 and A50 to pick up my other daughter (from her riding lesson) and her mum.

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