

**TT No.267: Bob Davies** - Saturday Double: Sat 30th April 2011; **Stevenage Youth** v Southend United Youth; Football League Youth Alliance (at **Arlesey Town FC**) and **Eaton Socon** v Chatteris Town; Cambs. League Prem Division.

Match 1 - **Stevenage Youth** (0) 2, Southend United Youth (0) 1; Football League Youth Alliance (played at **Arlesey Town FC**); Admission/Programme (team sheet): None; Attendance: 50.

First game of the day was a trip over to Arlesey Town to see the nomadic Stevenage FC Youth play their Essex based counterparts.

The game was of good quality but both teams lacked in finishing which was more apparent in the goal less first half. United scored early in the second period and looked the better side but again finishing let them down to extend the lead. They were made to pay for this late in the game as Stevenage scored an equaliser from distance with just over 10 minutes remaining. Three minutes later and the Stevenage substitute evaded the United defence to poach what proved to be the winning goal. Next season I'm hoping that this team can find a more permanent base for their fixtures preferably in Stevenage!

Match 2 - **Eaton Socon** (2) 4, Chatteris Town (3) 3; Kershaw Cambridgeshire League Premier Division; Admission/Prog: None; Attendance: 30 -40.

A quick drive up the A1 (well, except the approach to the Black Cat roundabout) to visit a new venue for me. The football club are situated down River Road and are part of the large bowling complex on the site. The pitch is fully railed off and two metal uncovered benches are situated inside this for the teams. Refreshments were available from inside the changing room complex with a bar serving hot and cold drinks. The game was a cracker as Chatteris took a 3-1 lead and were looking good value for adding to it. Eaton Socon pulled another goal just before the break to get themselves back into the game. A change of formation and a very early second half equaliser proved the foundation for the late winning goal for the home side. It was a very open game and made a change from some of lack lustre end of season games that I have seen previously. Next weekend I will be visiting Over Sports in this League, the visitors, Chatteris Town, I'm hoping for the same type of game again!

After the game it was back to Stevenage and then onto Rye House for the Speedway as Hackney Hawks were very fortunate to beat the visiting Belle Vue Colts.