

TT No.274: Mark Farnell - Sat 30th April 2011; **Corby Town** v Hyde; Conference North; Result: 1-2; Attendance: 404; Programme: 64pp, £3.

After a late finish on Thursday for the ladies' game at Boreham Wood it was an earlier finish for Saturday's match at the Rockingham Triangle as Corby Town played their last ever match there before moving to the new ground. In a quirk of fate, you actually enter the Triangle through the new ground's turnstiles, walk past the new pitch and then get your programme at the entrance to the running track that surrounds the pitch. The programme had been increased in size as a tribute to the occasion and retailed at £3, an increase of 50p.

We made our way past the travelling Hyde supporters (who were hoping to better Stafford Rangers result and avoid relegation) and sat down in the blazing sun to eat our sarnies and sausage rolls. Unfortunately, despite the sunshine there was a nippy breeze that left one feeling chilled. There were signs saying standing was not allowed on the embankment but we sprawled ourselves out on the floor and were soon joined by others with the same idea.

The game kicked off and it was soon obvious why the Corby side were moving to a new ground as the game was so far away it was easy to lose concentration. We were certainly distracted by food outlets nearby.

The teams failed to create many chances and I thought another low scoring or no scoring game was on the cards. But as half time approached Hyde managed to score an own goal as their no. 3 Lees headed past his own goalkeeper from an acute angle before Hyde equalised through Halford (a goal which I missed due to opening a bottle of cherry coke). Half time - Corby 1 Hyde 1.

At half time we polished off the grub and waited for the second half. Both sides seemed able to score a winner but, in the end, it was the visitors who went ahead through McNiven much to the delight of the travelling fans who had heard that Stafford were losing and would therefore stay in the Blue Square North next season.

Heading for the loo as full time approached, we made a quick exit past one of the home fans (a woman) who was attempting to whip up other Corby fans as Hyde's travelling supporters let show their feelings. And so home in time for Kath to go to work for the night as the season heads into the final straight for the 2010/11 season, at least for the men's game.