

TT No. 107: Keith Aslan - Tues November 29th 2011 (ko 19.47); Hampshire v Oxfordshire; Women's S E Co's League; Venue: Hants FA Ground; Result: 15(fifteen)-1(one); Admn and Prog: £3; Att: 19 (18 home, 0 away & 1 neutral).

The new home of the Hampshire FA, the Winklebury Complex, was opened in 2007 and is a terrific venue to watch your football. It has a stand with two tiers of seating, the top row providing a vantage point that would find favour with football fans and train spotters alike. The changing rooms are underneath and next to it is the all-important tea bar in which everything was 50p because I was told that makes it easier! Alongside are the FA offices.

The ground is a half hour walk from Basingstoke Station and although no team plays there regularly there are various rep. games taking place during the year. In April there are two or three cup finals a week, all of which I am informed produce at least a four-page accompaniment. Tonight's effort was considerably bulkier with a very effective colour action shot on the front page. The Hampshire FA have a reputation for being very programme orientated.

Oxfordshire are the whipping girls of this league; they lost the corresponding fixture 11-0 last season and their baffling tactic of turning up with only 10 players suggested they were looking to equal it tonight. It was 8-0 at half time, and having purchased my cuppa, I spent most of the break in the toilets. Not for the reason you are thinking, but it was the only place to get warm on what was a bitterly cold night.

Things went from worse to worser for the visitors when one of their players didn't make it out for the second half leaving just nine. Fair play to them they kept going in the right spirit, hardly a foul in the whole game, and although it sounds a ridiculous thing to say, given the obvious fact their players weren't as good as Hampshire. Despite the numerical disadvantage, they didn't play all that badly. The biggest cheer of the night came 15 minutes from the end (with the score at 13-0) when Oxford scored with not so much their only shot on goal, but the only time they crossed the halfway line!! There were wild celebrations on the pitch, but alas the comeback never materialised. I felt sorry for the two goalkeepers, Oxford's for obvious reasons, she wasn't at fault for any of the goals, but the Hampshire keeper deserves a mention as she must have been suffering from hypothermia by the end of the game.

I've never seen 16 goals in a match before, my previous record was 13-0 at Chelsea back in the days when there were still easy games in European football. Well done the Hampshire FA for a well organised evening, well done Oxfordshire for attitude and spirit and well done me for not succumbing to frostbite!!