

TT No. 137: *Bob Davies* - Sat 7th January 2012; **Thetford Town (1) 2, Wroxham (1) 1**; Norfolk Senior Cup Q/F; Att: 70; Admn: £5/£3, including programme (24 pages): Cup of tea: 60p including free biscuits! Match rating: #####.

My first venture into this competition and this Quarter Final tie put the Ridgeon League Division One leaders Thetford up against the Ridgeon League Premier Division leaders Wroxham. These two teams had only lost 4 games between them in 38 games this season.

The first half saw the home side more than compete with their higher-level opponents. While we waited for the goals to come, they eventually turned up like waiting for buses, within a minute of each other! Thetford taking the lead through leading scorer Matt Dixon, his 24th of the current season. Wroxham suddenly woke up and within a minute had pulled level with Ross Durrant scoring from close range. At the break it was all square and on first half performances anybody's game.

With five minutes of the second half Thetford regained the lead when Tom Cusack's free kick took a deflection and looped up over into the far corner of the net. From then on, the game became a real cup tie with both teams being involved in a lot of goal mouth action. Wroxham hit the woodwork and had chances to equalise, on another day they probably would have gone in but not today. Thetford exploited the gaps left at the back as Wroxham pushed up but despite several chances couldn't grab the goal that would probably have seen them safely through to the semi-final. The action continued until the final whistle when the referee brought an end to a pulsating second half. It ended a very entertaining afternoon with the small but vocal crowd adding to the atmosphere.

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