

TT No.35: *Ian Hill* - Mon 29th August 2011; **Colwyn Bay v Workington Reds**; Blue Square Bet North; Score: 1-0; Admn: £5.00; Programme: £1.50; Attendance: 125; Match Rating: 2.

Well done to the Blue Square Bet North fixture planners for sending Workington to Colwyn Bay on a Bank Holiday Monday. According to the AA Route Planner it's a journey of 194.5 miles with an estimated journey time of 3 hours 33 minutes. Take into account the Bank Holiday traffic - it was a very long journey.

The Red Lions Food Stadium

This was my first visit to Colwyn Bay FC. Initially there was a bit of banter between the Workington supporters regarding this fixture as it was our chance to see "The Reds" play in Europe for quite a while. I've got to say that when I entered the ground, I was very underwhelmed by the whole place. The main feature of the ground is an uncovered terrace that runs the length of the pitch. The opposite side has a very shallow covered seated stand which looks like it was previously a terrace that has been converted. Behind one goal is a very low roofed standing area with some box seats at the back and the other end has open flat standing. A large portacabin type building is behind the open end and it contains the club bar. Nearby is a snack bar and behind that is a club shop.

Programme

Not the best programme as it could do with a little more content but for the price of £1.50 it was value for money. Printed on glossy paper it consists of 32 A5 pages. The front and back covers are coloured with the inside black and white. The programme is on sale inside the turnstiles.

The Game

Workington have invested quite a bit of money in their squad this season which is quite unusual. They also have in, Stuart Green, their first full time professional footballer in over 30 years. Expectations were high this season but they have got off to a very bad start. This was a game that Workington should have had won by half time but as the old saying goes, that's if "you don't take your chances". Overall, 0-0 score would have been a fair result but Colwyn finished the game stronger and sneaked a 1-0 win.

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