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TT No.82: Leon Gladwell - Thurs 20th December 2012; **Norwich City** v Dereham Tn; Norfolk Senior Cup Rd 4 Replay; Venue: FDC, Bowthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk; Result: 2-1; Att: 114; Admission: £5; T/S: Free; FGIF Ground Rating: 3/5.

A truly woeful game of football, played in swirling rain throughout on a good surface which had held up well after a couple of days rain.

I had previously had a gander at the set up here whilst in Norwich but in the evening, it comes alive with the excellent 5-a-side pitches all occupied, the bar lively and tonight a reasonable turn out for this cup replay on the main pitch.

'Welcome to the Field of Dreams' reads the sign on the wooden pay hut at the entrance where admission was a fiver and the kindly chap let my son in for 'nowt'. Facilities are all down the near side; an *Atcost* stand which was pretty full tonight, a small tea bar at one end and a tunnel in the corner for the players to make their entrance from. Railed behind both goals which were inaccessible and dug outs on the far side behind which is the Chapelbreak industrial Park.

Met up with my old mate John, a Canary Stroker from Cambridge, who like I was reasonably impressed with the set up. The game was dreary with the young City side failing miserably in front of goal despite almost total domination throughout. The only bright spot for them was Cameron King in midfield who looked a class above. Jacob Murphy scored midway through the first half and again right on the final whistle to the audible relief of all. Dereham levelled on 71 following a corner. Unlike last night's similar tie at Aylesbury, was glad to see this one finish and get home.

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