

TT No.30: *Mike Latham* - Saturday 1 November 2014: Scottish Sun Lowland Football League; **Edinburgh University** 0-2 Broomhill Sports Club Glasgow; Attendance: 60 (h/c).

I wouldn't usually write a Travellers Tale on a game at which I arrived at half-time but as few readers of this site will have been to Edinburgh University's new ground, I thought it would be worthwhile, if only for information purposes.

On a glorious autumnal Saturday morning I had been to the magnificent Peffermill Sports Grounds to watch the U19s Rugby League international between Scotland and England which kicked-off at 11am.

The facility is amazing with many excellent grass and artificial pitches catering for many different sports.

The main sports club building has a two-sided grandstand and while the rugby match was taking place on one pitch a hockey game was underway on the other side.

In the far distance beyond several football pitches and a cricket square is a newly-constructed ground that has become the home for Edinburgh University's main team on their entry into the Lowland League.

It is an eye-catching ground and I walked across to have a look during half-time in the rugby match.

A neat wooden fence surrounds the ground, there is a club house and one of those neat main stands that adorn so many new grounds these days. There is a white pitch barrier and some hard standing and excellent floodlights. The playing pitch looks immaculate.

My curiosity getting the better of me I called back at the ground after my afternoon game at Musselburgh (2pm kick-off) had finished. There was plenty of parking on the main road or on the car park allocated to this ground.

The visitors, also newcomers to the Lowland League this season were 1-0 up at half-time. The second half was a fast and fluid affair with chances at both ends. I was impressed with the quality of the football on view. The visitors sealed the game with a second goal six minutes from time.

By now darkness had descended and the views across to Arthur's Seat and other iconic landmarks of Edinburgh had largely disappeared.