

TT No.48: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 1st April 2017; **Knighton Town** v Bow Street; Mid Wales League Division One; Result: 1-0; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 31.

After the inner-city delights of Liverpool last Saturday, I really needed something more rural this week. What better than a trip to Mid Wales and the beautiful town of Knighton. Of course, most of Knighton is in Shropshire, but the football ground is in Powys, and that is good enough for me.

This match was a rearranged fixture following a nasty accident earlier in the season caused the game to be abandoned when one of the Bow Street players broke his leg in two places. Knighton decided not to charge anyone admission today, which I thought was a very nice gesture, and typical of the club as a whole from my experience.

The ground is council-owned, I was told, but the club have been there for ever and the council are very supportive. The floodlights shown in my photos are only training lights at present, although I understand they are coming down shortly to be replaced by proper match floodlights which are already on site and waiting to be erected. When money allows the changing room/social club is also going to be demolished and replaced by a more modern building as the club look to progress up the pyramid.

On the pitch the Welsh speaking visitors arrived in fourth place although with no chance of getting any higher. Mid-table Knighton will also stay where they are, but there was no sense that this was just an end of season game. Both sides gave it their all and it was only a lack of finishing power that prevented a high scoring game. Knighton eventually won it with an excellent run and finish from a tight angle just before half time.

No programme today. The club haven't issued at all this season, but I was kindly given a few back copies, showing they have issued spasmodically during the two preceding seasons. An excellent effort it is too.

A lovely welcoming club in a fabulously beautiful part of the world.

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