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TT No.76: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 13th May 2017; **BRNESC U18** v Rosemont U18; Liverpool County Premier League U18 Division; Result: 3-1; Kick-Off: 9.45am start; Admission: Free; Programme/team sheet: No; Attendance: 10.

The British Railwayman's North End Social club is based on the Melling Road, in Aintree, right opposite the famous Aintree racecourse. This was my third attempt at seeing a game here following two previous matches that were called off just after I arrived. When you set off at 6.30am to get there in time, that can be very frustrating, I can tell you!

Today's game was a basement battle in the truest sense. Bottom of the table BRNESC had just one win to their name all season, with visitors Rosemont next to bottom with two wins. As with all youth team games that I have seen, however, confidence seemed really high in both camps during the warm up, and what followed turned out to be one of the best games of football I have seen this season.

Rosemont started really well but found themselves 1-0 down after about 15 minutes. More Rosemont pressure followed before they conceded again to go 2-0 down against the run of play, and it looked like game over. Rosemont kept playing the better football, though, and were rewarded when a defensive mix-up allowed them to pull a goal back just before half time.

What we needed after the break was a Rosemont equaliser, but the wind was taken out of their sails in the 50th minute when they conceded a penalty which was converted for a 3-1 lead. After that it was end to end stuff but neither side could find the net and the game finished with a mass brawl, which I thought the referee managed very well with just two bookings the result.

After the game, it was a number 63 bus to Fazakerley for me, to watch my next game.

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