

**TT No.80:** *Brian Buck* - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017; **Horspath** v Garsington; Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Division; Venue: Horspath Athletics Track - back pitch; Kick-Off: 2pm; Result: 6-2; Attendance: 15 approx; Admission: Free; Programme: No

It didn't take that long to get to my next game and I was there about an hour before kick-off. My directory said that the venue was the athletics track itself, but on my arrival, it clearly wasn't, as unsurprisingly an athletics meeting was going on! But they did sell food and drinks here, which I partook off. If you ask me athletics is a dangerous sport. I saw this group of girls standing on the track over the far side. Then some nasty man frightened the hell out of them by firing a gun behind their backs causing them to run for their lives to get away from this madman! This gun kept going on all afternoon and I can't understand why the police weren't called! Then I found the pitch which was behind and to the north of the athletics track. Here I learned that in effect Horspath groundshare with Headington Amateurs of the Hellenic League, but have to move to a nearby pitch if both sides are at home on the same day. I was allowed to sit in the home dugout, where I heard the ref tell the players before the start, "No loose tackles, no fighting or peeing in the hedge (athletics again!). I will send you off if you do!" Luckily my bladder behaved itself today! There was nothing on this game, so this was a rather enjoyable romp. It was 1-1 at the break with the visitors looking the better side to me. But the ref still wasn't happy and he spoke to the Horspath manager before the restart. Fair enough if he was getting abused. But sitting with the players and talking to them, it was hard to believe that they were causing him any problems. The second half turned out to be a goal feast and some of them were good ones as well.