

TT No.106: Brian Buck - Friday 16th March 2018; Glinton & Northborough Veterans Reserves v Oundle Town Veterans; ChromaSport & Trophies Peterborough & District League Veterans Plate Quarter Final; Venue: played at Tresham College, Corby; Result: 6-5; Attendance: 4.

Even though I was to get a 'new' ground out of tonight's game, I wasn't particularly enthusiastic about visiting yet another uninspiring 3G pitch in a cage. Yes, you get a 'new' ground, but to me they are all rather bland, especially this sort, which had no designated spectator viewing facilities and therefore no stand either. This one is right next to Corby railway station, but had I come by train then because this was an 8pm kick off I would have missed the 21.43pm train back, although there was another one an hour later. I arrived at Tresham College with about seven minutes to spare and apart from the people here for the game the place was deserted. The attendance of four was made up by one bloke with a dog, one without one, a lady, two young children who weren't watching the match and me. The lady was a very interesting person to talk to and not just because she was a lady. She was the partner of one of the players and has been a season ticket holder and staunch supporter of Nottingham Forest since she met Brian Clough when she was six years old. In her pre-partner day's she often went out to watch football by herself, but now she goes with her 80- year old father and her two sons. She was at the Hillsborough 'Disaster' match and told me what really went on, most of which is what I suspected anyway.

As for match it was rather strange that it was played here at all. Oundle is a few miles south west of Peterborough and Glinton just outside the northern outskirts of Peterborough. But they wanted the game played and coming here was the best option. Glinton, always the better side going forward, seemed to try hard to throw this game away. They were a goal down on 3 minutes but were leading 3-1 by the 34th minute. However, by half time it was 3-3. By the 75th minute they were leading 5-3, but it was 5-5 five minutes later. However, three minutes after that they finally scored what would be the winning goal. Had their number 6 not scored their last four goals then I really don't know what would have happened!