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TT No. 123: *Brian Buck* - Wednesday 18th April 2018; **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College** v Cranfield United; Bedfordshire County League Premier Division; Kick-Off: 6.15pm; Result: 3-1; Attendance: 30 approx.

This was my first visit to the hosts new Kingsfield ground and mighty impressive it is too. If you haven't been there and wonder what to expect then it's similar to a combination of Flitwick Town and Shefford Town & Campton's new grounds. There is plenty of scope to upgrade things here as well and the league is fortunate that they have these three Step 7 clubs who have been given the opportunity to move into these brand-new facilities.

The game tonight was keenly contested and it took Kempston just 11 minutes to take the lead. However, Cranfield were level seven minutes later. Then on 22 minutes there was a controversial incident when it appeared that Kempston scored, only for the ref to pull play back and give them a spot kick. I wasn't close enough to see what happened, but I suspect that the whistle was blown just before the shot took place. There was nearly more controversy when the resultant spot kick was almost saved after the keeper dived the right way. But the ball just slipped from his grasp. At the break a player from each side spoke to the ref together. I wasn't in earshot, but I did note that after the break he was much quieter. The defining goal came on 73 minutes, giving Courtney Boughton, his second goal of the evening. However, he missed a load more chances. Perhaps he needs to back to his former club, Potton United, to practice his shooting skills!

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