

**TT No.135:** *Brian Buck* - Saturday 5th May 2018; **Ruislip Baptists** v London School of Theology; Hertfordshire & Borders Churches League Division 1; Kick-Off: 10.30am; Venue: played at Taylors Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 9.

This was a very warm day. Initially I struggled to find the entrance to this ground, but really, I should have taken more notice of the cars parked in the street as I drove past first time around, as there's no car park here. I walked up to the home team, who were getting ready by the side of the pitch and soon one of them came up to me and said "Hello Brian!" I suspect that this greeting had as much to do with my pre-match texts as it did with them having seen me at their games before. In fact, when I got home I realised that I had seen the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

Soon I moved to the shelter of a tree to get out of the sun. From here I could hear shouts from another game in this league, coming from Harefield Academy, across the road behind one goal, although I couldn't actually see it. The first half of 'my' game was fairly even although Ruislip seemed to create more chances than LST. By now the Ruislip 'manager' had arrived, who was actually the father of their keeper and it was partially down to him why the game became blighted after the break. As the half wore on so he started to dispute some of the aging ref's decisions and gradually so did both sides. Bearing in mind that this was a Churches League match I don't think that the 'ref in the sky' would have been too impressed! On 47 minutes LST took the lead with a header from a corner and then Ruislip equalised immediately when an intended cross ended up in the net. On 74 minutes it looked like LST had scored the winner, but the 'manager' claimed he already had his flag up for offside and the ref believed him. Then three minutes later Ruislip got the winner when the scorer decided to shoot rather than cross the ball.

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