

TT No.137: *Brian Buck - Saturday 5th May 2018; Farley Boys v St Josephs; Luton District & South Beds League William Pease Cup Final; Venue: played at Creasey Park, Dunstable (aka Dunstable Town FC); Kick-Off: 5.15pm; Result: 1-0; Attendance: 100 approx.*

After the previous match had finished it was a leisurely 40-minute drive to my last match of the day. Not only was it my last match of the day, it was also the last ever game to come under the jurisdiction of the Luton District & South Beds League as the league has decided to call it a day and merge with the Beds County League, due to the fact that they have very few clubs wishing to continue next season. Anyway, after a good chat with their outgoing chairman it was time to get some real food, fish & chips for £2, which would have probably cost ten times that amount in the aforementioned pub. Then I made a big mistake. I ate them whilst watching the last knockings of the Premier League scores to come through on the TV. No sooner had I sat down then WBA scored to beat Spurs. Usually it is my policy to avoid finding out the result of Spurs away matches until their games are over. Otherwise, things like this happen. So, I take full responsibility for this defeat.

Meanwhile there was a match about to start and as it was the last game long serving committee member David Snaith was the fourth official, whose duties today included being the league photographer. The first half was not that exciting to watch and it was difficult to split the sides. The second half went much the same way, but with just a tinge of friction now. Finally, we got the only goal of the match, on 67 minutes, by way of a follow up from a blocked shot and probably Farley Boys did just enough to win the cup, thus bringing down the shutters on a league which was originally formed in 1898.

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