

TT No. 139: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 12th May 2018; **Poynton** v Greenalls Padgate St Oswalds; Cheshire League Premier Division; Result: 1-2; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 45 h/c

Every so often in this hobby of ours, you get a day where everything goes wrong. This trip to Poynton was one of those days for me. I won't bore you with the full details but suffice to say my journey there and back involved two buses and 4 trains, in theory, but somehow, all six of them managed to be late which meant connecting trains were missed and I missed the first 10 minutes of the match! Luckily, I didn't miss any real action on the pitch though.

Poynton fancies itself as being a very posh town in Cheshire. The centre is full of artisan bakeries, and cafes which sell home-made goat's cheese and radish quiches. The sports club is about a mile from the station, and a pretty impressive set up it is too. The football club share with the cricket team and also a bowling green, with all three sports at in action today.

On the pitch, the game today was a bit of a relegation 6 pointer, with both teams very near the foot of the table. Only one team looked up to the challenge though, and that was the visitors, who showed no signs of nerves in the first half where they strolled to a well-deserved 2-0 half time lead. In the second half Poynton still didn't look like getting back in to the game as they huffed and puffed with no end product to show for their efforts. Finally, they pulled one back near the end, but it was too little too late.

The result leaves the two teams 3rd and 4th from bottom, with only a couple of games left to save themselves. On this showing, Poynton look the more likely side to go down.