

TT No.142: *Brian Buck* - Tuesday 8th May 2018; **FC Peterborough** v Eye United; ChromaSport Peterborough & District League Division 2; Venue: played at Fullbridge Road Recreation Ground, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough; Result: 1-2; Attendance: 20 approx.

After forcing my way through the Peterborough rush hour traffic, I arrived here with about ten minutes to spare before kick-off, only to find that they were in no hurry to start, because the ref hadn't arrived. In fact, he never did! Whether this was down to the ref himself or the home club not confirming the fixture with him is not known. So eventually the game started with an Eye United official doing the first half with a home official then taking over for the remainder of the match. Both of them did good jobs although at one point one of them did threaten a player who started to have a go at him!

Eye United are a reformed club after the original version became Peterborough Northern Star quite a few years back now. Tonight, they needed the points as they were still in with a chance of winning the league. I watched the match from one of the two benches they have here, probably meant for the officials of each side, but not used by either tonight. Soon after the match started so an FC Peterborough official brought round a cardboard box containing five hot drinks and asked the three of us on the bench if we wanted one. We all accepted the offer. But then one of the other three continued his consuming and he spent the whole match eating chocolate bars, washing it down with coca cola. How he wasn't sick I don't know. 7

The game turned out to be a good one, even though Eye didn't seem to have their eye in! In fact, they looked rather lethargic throughout. But on 19 minutes a long cross saw one of their players guide the ball home first time to give them the lead. However, on 41 minutes FC Peterborough were level, deservedly so. But within a minute Eye had restored their lead with a close-range tap in. No more goals but after the break the hosts really cranked up the pressure and were unlucky not to get, at the very least, a share of the points.