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TT No.143: *Brian Buck* - Thursday 10th May 2018; **Somersham Town Reserves v Burwell Tigers**; Cambs County League Mead Plant & Grab Division 3B; Venue: played at Millennium Sports Facility, The Trundle, Somersham; Result: 0-2; Attendance: 30 approx.

It's not often that I get a 'new' ground in the Cambs League these days and so I was pleased to tick this one off, especially as it is usually the home ground for the club's 'A' side only. I arrived a tad late after having to re-route following a horrendous traffic jam in St Ives. After passing another recreation ground, also in The Trundle and seeing nothing going on my heart sank, but it got going again when I saw the correct venue out the corner of my eye a bit further on and on my arrival, I just managed to see the ball roll into the net for Burwell's first goal, which I timed at about 8 minutes. This was a pleasant venue for football. I watched the match from my garden chair which I placed on some hard-standing up against the main building. From here there were pleasant views to be had across the fields in the distance. The home fans were congregated near me, whilst the away fans, mainly women, were on the other side of the pitch. I knew the ref tonight, not one of the best in this league and any chance of me getting some sleep here were put to one side because he blew his whistle so loudly! To be fair to him tonight he wasn't helped by the lino's of both sides, who were either biased or in 'can't be asked' mood. Shame really as generally speaking it was a good season for club lino's in the games I saw. Anyway, the second goal, on 30 minutes, also went Burwell's way and that's the way things stayed. Overall Burwell looked more comfortable on the ball and Somersham proved why sometimes reserve sides are called The Stiffs!

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