

TT No. 146: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 19th May 2018; **Canley Sports & Social** v AFC Woods United; Coventry Alliance Division One; Result: 5-2; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 32 h/c

Up to last Thursday evening, this match looked to have a lot riding on it, at both ends of the Division One table. Then, on Thursday, 3rd place Canley lost their match in hand, and suddenly promotion wasn't possible any more. Luckily, AFC Woods still had plenty to play for, as they are struggling at the bottom of the table and the respective performances reflected the desire both teams had, or didn't have.

Canley play at the Coventry Technical rugby club, on Mitchell Avenue in Coventry. This is a rather large rugby facility with several pitches spread out over the full length of Mitchell Avenue. The football club play on the pitch nearest the excellent clubhouse, where football goals are merely wheeled on to the pitch and placed in front of the rugby posts.

In blazing heat, Woods were in control for the whole match really scoring three times in the first 40 minutes, before Canley finally responded with a header from a corner on the stroke of half time. It was much the same in the second half with two very tired teams struggling in the heat, until Canley scored a second on 70 minutes. Game on? Not a bit of it, as Woods scored a blatantly offside 4th on 75 minutes, and a superb 5th on 78 to finish Canley off.

Woods should now be safe from relegation, and Canley can reflect on what might have been, during the summer. Canley seemed a really friendly club to me and made my last match of the season an absolute delight.

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