

**TT No.149:** *Brian Buck* - Tuesday 22nd May 2018; **Yelvertoft** v Harpole Reserves; Teamwork Sports & Trophy Centre Northants Combination Duston Garage Division 3; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 25 approx.

I picked out this match because I was told that there was something on it in that the hosts could secure promotion if they won this match and that the visitors could also get promotion if they got a draw. But looking at the league table when I got home, it seemed to me that it was all done and dusted, especially if finishing fourth would get Harpole there.

The game was played out on a flat well looked after pitch and it would have gone on longer without corner flags had we not pointed out this error to the hosts. Although it was sunny throughout the whole of this game it was a tad chilly with a cold wind blowing, a fact not noticed by one of my Groundhopping friends who was in beachwear-mode tonight. This turned out to be a decent encounter and the visitors, who were the better side in the first period, took the lead on 14 minutes. But Yelvertoft, playing uphill on this very long but narrow pitch, equalised on 27 minutes, undeservedly so in my opinion. Then on 41 minutes a Harpole player got injured. I wasn't quite sure if it was his head or ankle, but it took a bit of time to get him off the pitch. Once off it he effectively went to sleep for much of the remainder of the game, despite being tended to by a teenage girl, who even removed her jumper to help keep him warm. I think he knew what he was doing here! Anyway, in the second half the hosts up the 'anti' a bit and after some silliness crept in for a while, they deservedly scored the winner on 74 minutes with a diving header. This win took them top, but at the time of writing they could still be overtaken.

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