

TT No.84: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 27th January 2018; Alumni v East Villa; Liverpool Premier League Premier Division; Kick-Off: 1pm; Result: 1-3; Admission: Free; Programme: Free; Attendance: 11 (h/c)

Alumni play at the very impressive Wavertree Sports Park in Wellington Road, Wavertree. The Park is home to Liverpool Aquatics centre; Liverpool Tennis centre; a huge, floodlit-athletics track and the 4G pitch where this afternoon's fix took place. The players change at the athletics stadium, and then have a lengthy yomp over hill and dale to get to the football pitch, which is next to the enormous car park.

It hasn't been a very good season for Alumni on the pitch. Last week's win over MSB Woolton was their first win of the season which at least gave them some optimism for today's encounter with high flying East Villa. Sadly, they were never really in this game and even when they equalised after half an hour it was only to last 6 minutes as the Villa scored a really well worked goal to take a lead after which they never looked like losing.

Attendance at the game was just eleven. All of these were groundhoppers, from all over the UK, who had somehow spotted that Alumni had tweeted about their first ever programme being produced today. For a step 7 league, I find it strange that not a single club produces a regular programme. It is compulsory in other step 7 leagues like the CML or Middlesex League, but there appears to be no interest in Liverpool.

There is no designated spectator standing area in the 4G cage. No problem though as the referee said he was quite happy for us all to pile in, and in my case, wander round the pitch taking photos at my leisure.

Another top, if extremely soggy, day out.

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