

**TT No.87:** *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018; **FC Cavaliers** v Awsworth Villa; Nottinghamshire Senior League Premier Division; Result: 0-3; Admission: £2 including programme; Attendance: 13 h/c

3G to the rescue again. My fifth game on the plastic in a row, although it has to be said that knowing your game will definitely go ahead takes away all the stress of Saturday mornings scouring through your list of preferred games as each one falls to the weather!

So, an easy drive to Nottingham and the Forest Sports Zone on Gregory Boulevard. There are two 3G pitches here with one being used for a ladies' hockey match when I arrived, and the other behind the changing room block, being used for football. My game was a 2pm scheduled start, but when I arrived at 1.30pm there was a youth team game just starting on the pitch. Turned out that KO had been put back to 3.00pm to accommodate this youth team game, but nobody had bothered to update the Fulltime website!

On the pitch it was 3<sup>rd</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> in what was effectively the 2<sup>nd</sup> place decider. In the end it was a bit of a damp squib, with Awsworth much the better side and controlling the game from start to finish. They were helped by the Cavs keeper, who palmed a cross in to his own net for the opener on 14 minutes. To his credit though, he made several excellent saves after that, before being beaten again just before the break for a 2-0 halftime lead for the Villa.

More of the same in the second half, with every Cavs threat being handled easily by the Villa defence. Playing mostly on the counter attack, Villa had several other chances to increase their lead but, in the end, just added a 3<sup>rd</sup> for a well-deserved victory.

Spectators are not allowed inside the cage, but are restricted to one designated viewing area along one side of the pitch. Admission was £2 and the club printed just 5 copies of their programme which were very quickly snapped up by the other groundhoppers present.