

TT No.89: *Brian Buck* - Wednesday 14th February 2018; **Cambridge University Falcons** v Bishop Grosseteste University; BUCS League Midland Division 3B; Venue: played at Queens & Robinson Sports Ground (aka King's & Selwyn College Sports Ground); Kick-Off: 2pm; Result:1-1; Attendance: 2.

With the remnants of the previous days bad weather still lingering around, it was good that this game got fitted in before the next band of bad weather arrived. So, after having confirmed late morning that the match was still on, I dropped Mrs. Buck off in Cambridge and then returned to ascertain which pitch this game was being played on. Then after donning my wellies I set off and found that it was the furthest one away from where I parked my car. In fact, it was in the King's & Selwyn part of the complex. Had I known this in advance I could have parked my car here. The confusion as to which part of the complex belongs to which college is made all the more confusing by the fact that it is all maintained by Queens & Robinson College, which was irrelevant to today's participants, but important for statistic 'nutters' like me.

Anyway, the bonus was that the match was played right next to the Kings & Selwyn dressing rooms, which were close to one corner of the pitch. Furthermore, I was able to watch the game from the balcony, thus out of the wind and potential rain, which fortunately never arrived during play, apart from a few spits. This was a match between the third-place hosts, still with a chance of winning this division, against their bottom of the table visitors who are based in Lincoln. It was they who had the wind advantage in the first half, but when they took the lead on 11 minutes it came from a wrongly given corner, right in front of me. The resultant kick was partially cleared, but straight to the scorer who lobbed the ball back into the box. But either he miskicked it or the wind carried the ball, but it went over the keeper and into the net. Up until this point the Falcons had been doing OK, but for the rest of the half their confidence was dented a bit. However, after the break and with the wind now behind them, they gradually got on top. As they piled on the pressure an unusual occurrence happened. The visitor's keeper complained to the ref that the Falcons subs were pushing spare balls onto the pitch as soon as one went out of play, especially after they noticed that he was time wasting. So, he in effect he was actually telling the ref that he should be allowed to time waste! Soon after this, on 77 minutes a 20 yarder from the Falcons deservedly brought the equalizer, but try as they did, they couldn't conjure up the winner.