

TT No.112: Steve Hardy - Saturday 9th March 2019; **Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves** v South Mersey; Liverpool Old Boys League Division One; Kick-Off: 1.00pm; Result: 1-5; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 2 (H/C)

With bad weather decimating football on grass pitches in Liverpool, I had planned another of my visits to one of the brand-new football hubs that have been built recently, as there were three 3G pitches there and games were scheduled for 1pm and 3.15pm.

The venue this time was the Heron Eccles sports ground in Allerton. It turned out to be identical to the last one I visited at the Simpsons sports ground, with several grass pitches as well as the 3 3G pitches I was relying on. There was also an excellent café on site too, where I was able to wait for the first match to start out of the howling wind outside. Honestly, standing in the cage with the wind blowing hard, sounded like a scene from Ice Station Zebra.

First match was Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves playing South Mersey in the Liverpool Old Boys league. South Mersey were one of the teams I watched at the Simpsons ground, and, once again, they showed what an excellent team they are. They were always in control of this match and took the lead on ten minutes when a wind assisted corner was headed in with aplomb. After that it was one-way traffic apart from a Mossley goal on 16 minutes, but Mersey led 4-1 at the break, and I was looking forward to a few more in the second half.

Sadly, it wasn't to be, and Mersey missed loads of chances whilst only taking one of them to eventually win 5-1.

At half time I received a text from my good Lady to tell me that my hoped for second match at Mossley Hill was actually still on, so at the end of my first match it was a very swift walk to Mossley Hill.