

TT No. 126: Steve Hardy - Sunday 31st March 2019; **Southampton Saints Girls & Ladies** v Cheltenham Town Ladies; FA Women's National League Division One SW; Kick-Off: 2.00pm; Result: 0-2; Admission charge incl. programme: £2; Attendance: 26 h/c

The action today, took place at Sholing FC, a ground I last visited in 1992, when they were still known as Vosper Thorneycroft. I have no recollection of that visit, so they might even be playing at a different venue by now, for all I know. I think not though, as there is still a sign on the side of the clubhouse wall welcoming you to VTFC.

Today's game saw third place Cheltenham Town Ladies visiting, and a good few, very vociferous, fans they brought with them too. It's a fair old journey from Cheltenham to Sholing, so well done them I say.

I normally enjoy watching Women's footie, and taking into account the level I was watching today, it wasn't too bad a game at all. Cheltenham were always the better side, and the home supporters were saying at the end that they didn't think Saints had had a single shot on goal all game. Cheltenham had several and they won today with 2 second half goals. The first on 61 minutes was a far post header from a lass who went on to collide with the post itself. Luckily after a prolonged spell of treatment she was able to carry on, and continued to cause havoc in the Saints defence. The second on 85 minutes came from a delicate chip over the advancing keeper and it was no more than Cheltenham deserved.

So, with a chance to keep in touch with my feminine side, duly taken, my holiday in Southampton came to an end.

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