

TT No.134: *Brian Buck* - Saturday 6th April 2019; **ZimStevenage** v London School of Theology; Herts & Borders Churches League Division 1; Venue: played at Tower Playing Fields, Wymondley; Kick-Off: 10.30am; Result: 1-2; Attendance: 4.

At kick off time the visitors were top of this league and assuming that both they and their main rivals, Ruislip Baptists, won today then deciding who would be league champions would go down to the wire when the two sides met each other two weeks later. We were made to feel most welcome by the hosts who told us that we could make our own tea and coffee if we wanted to.

The first half saw LST go in to an early lead, with what looked like an offside goal to us, but the home lino never raised his flag. LST then scored again on 18 minutes, this time with a well hit across the face of the keeper shot from near the edge of the area. For the remainder of the half they seemed to sit on this lead, thus allowing Zim back into the game.

At the break we did avail ourselves of the coffee and if the truth be known we could have got really pissed here as there were so many bottles of booze in crates that what was here would be clearly too much for the players to dispose of after the game. While we were drinking our coffee the overly rotund Zim number 16 passed us on the way into the dressing rooms. Minutes later a new slim line number 16 appeared, causing us to muse, 'whatever he's on, we want some of that!'

The second half saw Zim continue their improvement and on 47 minutes they pulled a goal back by way of a header from a corner. Thereafter they did enough to deserve a draw, but they couldn't get the vital goal. Then as we made our way to the car at the end the LST players started to roll all over the place with excitement. Ruislip Baptists had lost and they had won the league!