

TT No. 14: *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 25th August 2018; **Cheadle Heath Nomads** v New Mills; North West Counties League First Division South; Kick-Off: 3.00pm; Result: 2-3; Admission: £3 for an OAP; Programme: £1.50; Attendance: 76

Cheadle Heath Nomads are one of a number of new clubs in the expanded North West Counties League this season, and they are based about 4 miles from Stockport. I arrived at 2.15pm and was immediately spotted as being a groundhopper by the gateman, who told me they are really enjoying their new challenge this season. Strangely, nobody could tell me what had happened to the other half of their now demerged club, Linotype FC, though.

The visitors today were New Mills, who brought a fair, few supporters with them, resplendent in their yellow and black tops and scarves. According to the CHN twitter account, this was the proverbial game of two halves, and I have to agree. The first half was all CHN and they thoroughly deserved their 1-0 lead. After the break it was a complete turnaround with league leaders New Mills dominant from start to finish. They equalised on 50 minutes and then scored the two further goals in the last 10 minutes that their play had thoroughly deserved. An injury time penalty for the homesters made the score look a lot closer that it had been in reality.

The official attendance was announced as 76. Yeh, right! My headcount at kick off was 12, and whilst a few more turned up as the game went on, it didn't reach 50 by any stretch of the imagination.

So, overall, another splendid day out. When the only thing you can find to criticise is that the coffee at Stalybridge Celtic in the morning was too expensive and tasted like dish water, then you know you have had a really good day!