

**TT No.146: Steve Hardy** - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April; 2019; **Woolpack** v Seighford 'A'; Stafford Sunday League Premier Division; Kick-Off: 6.30pm; Result: 5-1; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 17 h/c

More midweek Sunday League footie fun for me yesterday in the beautiful village of Weston, just outside Stafford. This is the archetypal chocolate box country village for me. The players change in the village hall, cross the road past lovely old cottages with wisteria around the door, through the miasma of cannabis smokers, to the village green.

Tonight's match was billed as a championship decider, as top played second. In truth though it was nothing of the sort as Woolpack have won every game they have played in this season, and Seighford couldn't possibly have caught them even if they had won their last game this evening. They did give it a good go though, and took the lead on 20 minutes with a delicate lob over the advancing home keeper. Normal service was soon restored though with a keeper fumble giving Woolpack a simple tap in just 6 minutes later, and a second coming after 35 minutes.

The second half was very one sided as Woolpack scored a third just after the break, made it 4 with a thunderous shot from their right back from distance on 58 minutes and rounded things off with a 5<sup>th</sup> on the hour. Cue mass celebrations from the home faithful as the Championship was finally confirmed.

The Woolpack is a fine pub in Weston, and it manages to support two clubs in the Stafford Sunday league. Despite being bottom for long periods this season, the second club, Woolpack United, could still finish in second place. This is mainly because there only being seven clubs left in the Premier division, and shows the gulf between Woolpack and everyone else.

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