

**TT No. 150: *Brian Buck*** - Saturday 4th May 2019; **Alcester Town** v Enville Athletic; Total Motion Midland League Division 3; Result; 6-1; Attendance: 64.

Today once again I was very grateful to get a lift to this game, as I am starting to find that driving long distances is becoming a bit of a problem for me, although a round trip of 157 miles from my pick up point doesn't exactly constitute 'long distance'! Anyway, we arrived at the ground some 75 minutes before kick-off and with no 'proper' bar here we walked to the town centre, where we found more than enough pubs to satisfy our need. This 15-minute walk seemed a bit ambitious when we set off as the ground is in the middle of some countryside and there was no sight of any serious housing at all.

We were back in good time for the kick off though, time enough to study the substantial covered accommodation they have here, which actually constitutes a gigantic overhang from the clubhouse. In fact, in a previous life this place was a nine-hole golf course and the overhang used to be part of a driving range. The current clubhouse was opened a few years back now, but there is a plaque on a wall to reflect that it was opened by a local dignitary. However, most of them must have been on holiday that week as the lucky person selected was Robert Holdcroft from McDonalds! I'd been to an Alcester Town home game before, on Easter Monday morning 20 April 1992, when I saw them beat Highgate United 2-1 in an Influence Combination Premier Division game (attendance: 75 approx.) at their old Conway Playing Fields ground in St Faiths Road, but obviously this wasn't a 'real' game as of course as far as Sky are concerned football wasn't invented until the 1992/3 season!

As for the match it was an end of the season romp for the hosts. They'd just about won the league a few days earlier and the visitors were merely here to fulfil the fixture, which they did willingly. Alcester were 4-0 up at the break and they eased through the second half before being presented with their title winning trophy at the end of the game. Overall a decent, relaxing day out for me. Statistically though it broke an unimportant season long record, as today was the first Saturday I'd visited the same league twice for a new ground this season, having done somewhere around 30 different ones until today.