

TT No.153: *Brian Buck* - Saturday 11th May 2019; **Linby Colliery Welfare v Welbeck Lions**; Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Black Dragon South; Kick-Off: 11am; Result: 0-2; Attendance: 95 approx.

My chauffer from the previous Saturday kindly consented to cart me around again today, so I must have behaved myself! Part of the deal was that we had to get there early, but while I waited in the clubhouse, I was allowed to devour my un-freshly made sandwiches I'd brought with me and was able to wash this down with a cup of coffee, which was freshly made. Rather quirkily, bearing in mind that I live about 100 miles from this ground, this was my third visit here, the last coming on 17th May 2003 when I saw Linby lose 4-0 to Keyworth United in a Notts Alliance Senior Division match (attendance: 60 approx.).

Since then the place has been spruced up and given a lick of paint. Furthermore, the pitch has been moved closer to the clubhouse. This was the bottom of the table visitors last ever game as we were told that they were to fold. Perhaps I should have watched them more often as when I visited them in August, they drew 1-1 with Mickleover RBL and they should have won that. The game today kicked off precisely at the time the nearby church bells struck 11 o'clock, but we didn't really get the 'ding- dong' match we would like to have got. But the players were a bit silly from time to time. What's the point at this level lads? Anyway on 41 minutes a Welbeck player suddenly hit a 30 yarder to put them 1-0 up and then on 50 minutes a quick one two passing movement saw them score again. Then 6 minutes after that there was a punch up which saw both sides having a player red carded. Welbeck had no subs but they easily saw the game out, leaving us to wonder why they are quitting the league.

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