

**TT No. 154: *Brian Buck*** - Tuesday 14th May 2019; **West Winch** v Marshland Saints; UK Van Solutions Norfolk West Norfolk League Charlie Day Cup Semi Final; Result: 2-3; Attendance: 35 approx.

This was one of shall I go or not evenings, but as the ground, a mile or so south of King's Lynn was within my radar area for evening games, I decided to give it a go, leaving home at 4.30pm. Things went well apart from the section between the A14 and Ely, where it was one long crawl. However, I still arrived at the ground some 20 minutes before kick-off, the last part being along Watering Lane, a narrow one-way road which actually had a puddle in it half way along. I was soon joined by my friend from Norwich who spent most of the first half devouring the contents of his lunch box, which judging by the time he took to eat his food must have been made by the makers of Doctor Who's Tardis!

The ground was bounded on two sides by roads and behind the bench we watched the match from what was open countryside, but not open enough to see the railway line which passed nearby. There was a high dog count here tonight and for no particular reason I now wish that I had recorded just how many there were. Both of the teams tonight were well supported and passionate about their respective sides and on a bright and warm sunny evening, until the sun went down, they provided us with an entertaining game. In the first half, the visitors, third from bottom in Division 2 of this league were the better side, save for a short while in the middle of the half, when the Division 3 title winners got into it. Marshland took the lead on 30 minutes, but goals on 60 and 62 minutes saw West Winch go into the lead. Ironically, they were down to ten men when they scored these goals as one of their players was in the sin bin at the time. However, after he came back on, Marshland regained the lead and they snatched the winner on 79 minutes and this sent their fans wild, well as wild as they get in these parts!

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