

TT No.155: Brian Buck - Wednesday 15th May 2019; **CS Rovers** v Houghton Athletic; Bedfordshire County League Division 2; Venue: played at Chalk Hills Academy, Leagrave, Luton; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 10 approx.

This was easier to get to than we expected. But having parked up close to the 3G cage the game was played in, it took some of us some time to negotiate getting into it. This necessitated walking the length of the car park to find the entrance to the Academy and then having to walk down endless corridors until we found an entrance to the sporting part. Fortunately, we were assisted by a couple of late arriving players.

Like the previous night the pitch was bounded on two sides by roads, but unlike the previous night there were no dogs to view. I can't work out why the Academy is called Chalk Hill. Perhaps it was built before computers were invented! There was an interesting statistic tonight in that CS Rovers paid £110 to hire this venue and of course £30 to the ref, which was pretty decent of them considering that there was nothing on the game!

Things didn't start off too well for them either as they were a goal down on 21 minutes. But just before the break CS Rovers equalised and then got the winner on 56 minutes. There were just two concerns. Firstly, would they have enough balls to complete the match? They did but no one seemed to be retrieving the ones kicked out of the cage. Secondly, would the boots on one particular player last until the end of the game? The mouth of one boot had completely opened up and he had to put a load of *Sellotape* round it so he could play on, which he did. Overall a decent game because both sides just wanted to play.

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