

**TT No.157: Brian Buck** - Saturday 18th May 2019; **Slough Heating Laurencians v FC Beaconsfield**; East Berks League Premier Division; Venue: played at the Polish Association; Result: 1-0; Attendance: 30 approx.

This was a cloudy day, with a hint of light rain around. I travelled to the match by train and then walked the two miles (approx.) to the ground, via the home of Singh Sabha Slough, who were putting up the goal nets as I walked by at 12.40pm. Ten minutes later and I had arrived at the Polish Association, although I had to be a bit nifty as the electronic gates to the car park were in the process of shutting. As promised, the clubhouse was open for food and drink and I was able to partake of both before the match started. The facilities here are very clean and tidy and the part where I ordered the food from looked very posh. The grounds were well kept as well.

There was a bit on the match today in that the winners had a chance of finishing second. But the better match was at Singh Sabha where visitors, Delaford Colts would win the league had they won. The problem with this game was the lack of goals. You couldn't fault either side for effort and in fact they seemed to be trying too hard. Halfway through the half the attendance was swelled by some wedding guests, who were attending a function here. It was good to see where their priorities lay. If you ask me it's always better to get married in the morning, as if it doesn't work out then at least you haven't wasted the whole day!

Anyway, after the break things started happening. Firstly, we had a bit of rain, which saw the wedding guests depart and then on 73 minutes we had the only real friction in the match when one of the away management team was sent off for making a racist comment. At first, he refused to go but after a long pause he finally did. Then four minutes later his side conceded a spot kick, which was converted, following a handball. The game then came to a natural conclusion. On *FA Full Time* it had the Singh Sabha game down as a 3pm kick off and so we set off to watch the second half. But on our arrival, there we found the game over, with Delaford winning the league. The ref told me that the game was in reality a 2pm kick off but even then, they had started 15 minutes early. So, we walked on back to the station instead.