

TT No. 16: *Brian Buck* - Tuesday 28th August 2018; **Great Shelford** v Cambridge City Reserves; Kershaw Premier League; Kick-Off: 6.15pm; Result: 0-0; Attendance: 65 approx.

This is getting beyond a joke! Last week I went to see a match at Needingworth United because I hadn't been there for a few years and I got a nil-nil draw. Tonight, not having been to Shelford for six years, I did the same and it was another nil-nil draw. I don't think I'll bother anymore! Since my previous visit Shelford have built, or completed, building an impressive looking sports pavilion, which has a generous overhang so you can keep dry, if you want to, when it rains. They also served refreshments and hot food at half time. In fact, as recreation grounds go in this area, it's one of the better ones. I wasn't sure if I was watching Cambridge City Reserves or Cambridge City Development, as it says 'Reserves' on the league table and 'Development' on the fixtures list! So being an old traditionalist, I've gone with the former.

I thought that this match might turn out to be a challenging one for the ref as on 16 minutes a City player put in a very hard challenge for the ball. The ref deemed, rightly in my opinion, that the tackler got the ball. This opinion wasn't shared by the Shelford people and everyone bundled in. Ultimately only City centre half was booked, for bundling in from a distance. The ref from my Monday match would have surely got his red card out for this! He showed 12 yellows in the match I saw at Royston Town! The remainder of the match passed without any further problems. Shelford, sometimes referred to locally as the Manchester United of this league, weren't at their best. City looked as good as them, which was more than I was expecting, given that their first team had played on the previous day. So, a draw was about the right result. It was also a good night for dogs and I stroked several!

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