

TT No.31: Steve Hardy - Saturday 22nd September 2018; **Brendon Bees v George**; Manchester Saturday Morning League Division Two; Kick-Off: 10.15am; Result: 1-7; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 8 h/c

Two matches in rainy Manchester for me today, at opposite ends of the football hierarchy. Starting at 10.15am in Droylsden for another chance to watch my favourite MSML side, George. It must be said here straight away that I follow George simply because they are terrible, and you are always guaranteed a hat full of goals when they play. They are the Denso of the MSML if you like.

New club Brendon Bees are based at Droylsden Academy. Sports-wise, the Academy has several grass-laid, football pitches, and two 3G pitches in cages which were in constant use this morning by umpteen junior clubs. George came in to the game in their usual bottom position in the table, with the Bees third bottom. It took the Bees just 14 minutes to open the scoring, and I sat back and waited for the inevitable deluge of goals. Well, they came alright, but not even the most optimistic of their supporters would have predicted that they would all come from George. They scored three quick goals in five minutes from the 26th minute, and the Bees just simply couldn't believe it. Four more followed in the second half, and George were actually showboating by the end after recording an amazing 7-1 win.

A word of praise for the Referee too. Despite arriving 30 minutes late he managed the game splendidly. There were a couple of bouts of handbags and several nasty fouls, but he never brandished a card once, preferring to talk to the offenders instead. Very sensible.

With my bus stop right outside the ground, I watched the last five minutes from there as I waited for my number 231 bus to take me to match number two, just five stops down the line.