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TT No.70: Steve Hardy - Wednesday 5th December 2018; **Shrewsbury School** v Millfield School; ISFA U18s Cup Quarter Final; Kick-Off: 1.30pm; Result: 0-0 AET (7-8 on penalties); Admission: Free; Programme: Free; Attendance: 250+

Well, what a cracking way to spend a Wednesday afternoon. There may have been no goals, but there was no lack of effort from both sides who entertained us regally for the whole 100 minutes. In the end it came down to penalties, and after both sides missed early on, we got to 7-7 before the home keeper missed his effort. The Millfield player overcame his obvious nerves to bang home the winner, and that was that.

The action took place at the beautiful Shrewsbury School which has a couple of grass football pitches, a floodlit 3G pitch where a ladies' hockey match was under way this afternoon, and an immaculate cricket square where, I was told, Shropshire CCC play some of their Minor Counties games. Despite the heavy rain throughout, the pitch was superb, and only began to cut up near the end of extra time.

A final comment has to be made about the crowd. The main pitch has a few bleacher type benches along one side and these were occupied from the start by the Shrewsbury Ultras, who sang, chanted, cheered the home team and booed the visitors throughout. By the final whistle there were nearly 300 of them cheering away, and the atmosphere they created was fabulous.

Absolutely top afternoon out.

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