

**TT No.74:** *Brian Buck* - Monday 10th December 2018; **Haringey Borough** v Bishop's Stortford; Bostik League Premier Division; Result: 3-1; Attendance: 296.

With my being informed early enough that my chosen youth game tonight was off, because the opposition couldn't raise a side, I re-routed to Coles Park, where I am a season ticket holder. Thus, admission to league matches here is free for me and many others! In fact, the club encourage people to take up their offer and they kind of get some of their money back through people buying programmes and refreshments and seemingly some merchandise as well.

Anyway, it seems to be working and with the team moving up to second place in the league after tonight's win, the fans are flocking in and there was an excellent atmosphere here. It reminded me of Monday nights at Dagenham in the 1970's when many Groundhoppers would assemble, not only to watch the matches but in pre-internet days to swap fixtures as well. Tonight, Borough got off to a good start when on 10 minutes they took the lead after the ball was stabbed home from close range. After this under the leadership of the legend that is player manager Jamie Cureton, Stortford grew into the match, creating several chances. But in truth the game faded a bit. But the second half was much more-lively, and, on 49 minutes a trip inside the box saw Borough double the lead from the spot. Then three minutes later a well-placed header saw Stortford reduce the arrears. But on 66 minutes Borough restored their two-goal advantage with a shot which went through the keeper's legs. This set off some chanting from the home fans, both in the stand and behind the goal, the main one being, "We're just a bus stop in Tottenham!" It's a big step forward from the days, not so long ago, when they were watched by two men and a dog, especially after the dog died!

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