

TT No. 11: *Brian Buck* - Tuesday 6th August 2019; **Badshot Lea** v Frimley Green; Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division; Result: 5-0; Attendance: 210 approx.

With the M25 behaving properly we arrived here about an hour before kick-off, thanks once again to my trusty chauffeur. The ground is actually in Wrecclesham, which I'm told is a good half an hour's walk from Farnham railway station. On the way we passed a sign pointing to Badshot Lea, which I later discovered is an actual place. For one horrible moment I thought that the football club was named after a former player who wasn't very good at scoring goals!

Although this is a new football ground, it actually had a bit of a 'lived in' look about it. This is because it was the former home of Farnham Rugby Club and I'm guessing that the major change to make the ground suitable for Step 5 football was the provision of some perimeter fencing. But overall, this ground ticks all the required boxes and it is not exactly an unpleasant place to watch football.

Tonight, I sat next to the ref's Observer for the whole match and I found that we got on very well and we agreed on most things. In fact, I find that since they have stopped being called Assessor's I do get on better with most of them. Anyway, the ref did have a good game and at one point I saw him run faster backwards than I can forwards!

As for the match, after a slow start the hosts took the lead on 19 minutes, which they almost deserved. But soon Frimley Green were creating and missing a whole host of chances, which would eventually cost them dearly, even though their manager claimed that the goals would come as they walked off the pitch at the break. The Observer went off for his free cuppa and asked me to look after his seat. "I'll guard it with your life!" I told him. If there had been any doubt as to who was going to win this match in the first half then Badshot soon made sure that it was going to be them in the second half, as on 54 minutes they doubled their lead. Frimley had a couple of efforts either side of this goal, but none thereafter. Badshot got their third goal on 62 minutes, cue some entertaining acrobatics from the scorer and then two further goals in the last fifteen minutes, to bring to a close a great night for them and an enjoyable evening for us.