

TT No.14: Steve Hardy - Saturday 10th August 2019; **Charnock Richard** v Lower Breck; FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round; Kick-Off: 3.00pm; Result: 2-1; Admission: £3 OAP; Programme: £1; Attendance: 185

Match two today involved a simple 9-mile drive through a torrential downpour to the town of Charnock Richard. It was absolutely belting it down when I arrived at 1.30pm, but the friendly parking steward told me they rarely have games called off here, and it was game on.

The same chap told me they have big plans here at Mossie Park. At present they have a decent sized stand along one side of the pitch, with a covered standing area behind the goal nearest the entrance. They are looking to put another stand down the other side of the ground, and another area of cover behind the far goal too, which will make it a really impressive venue if they do.

Today's cup tie involved two teams from the NWCL. I normally try for games between teams from different leagues, but as I have a soft spot for Lower Breck this match was too inviting to miss. And what a cracker it turned out to be, as well. Breck started off really well, hitting the bar early on as they dominated. Charnock gradually started to take over though and their pressure told exactly on half-time as they took the lead. After the break Charnock doubled their lead on 62 minutes and it looked like game over, but credit to Breck who pulled one back on 81 minutes and then pressed for an equaliser in the last ten minutes, sadly to no avail.

So, another excellent day out in Lancashire despite the dreadful weather. For once even Sarah the *Satnav* girl behaved herself, and we managed to avoid drowning on the M6 into the bargain!