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TT No.43: *Steve Hardy* – Saturday 5th October 2019; **Lichfield City U21s** v Wyrley Titans; Staffordshire Challenge Cup 2nd Round; Kick-Off: 10.30am; Result: 3-2; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 17 h/c

Just what the doctor ordered this one. A 10.30am start not that far from home and a chance for a simple double if the wretched rain would just hold off for a while.

The match was played on the main 3G pitch at Lichfield City and turned out to be the most one-sided one goal victory I have ever seen. Wyrley Titans are the reserve side of Wyrley United and play in the Staffs County League, whereas the home team are in the U21 division west of the Midland League.

It is difficult to stress just how superior Lichfield were on the day, and massive credit must go to the Titans who just never gave up, despite being completely outclassed. Lichfield bossed the first half and scored goals on the 13th and 28th minutes (the second being a penalty), before Titans pulled one back on 32 minutes with their only shot on target.

The second half was much the same with Lichfield missing umpteen chances before slotting home a third on 76 minutes to wrap proceedings up I thought. I was wrong. Titans had a good spell of pressure towards the end of the game and scored a second on 88 minutes to give the result a very flattering appearance indeed.

I then sat in my car briefly to decide where to go next, and a quick check of any positive replies I had received to say 'game on' led me up the A38 to Chesterfield.

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